

Dedicated to Preserving Special Places

In 1969 Belmont citizens formed the Historical Society to continue accomplishments that year of the community's 100th founding anniversary.

For four decades, Belmont Historical Society members and friends have volunteered energy, time and talent to preserve our special places and stories. Saving and adapting the Belmont Mill for a new community life is just one difference the Belmont Historical Society has made.

Although Belmont has much to preserve, in and out of the National Register eligible "Factory Village District" – the society-owned *Province Road Meeting House*, built in 1792, remains a priority. Recent progress has included a successful application for a New Hampshire LCHIP (Land Conservation Heritage Investment Program) grant, and completion of building assessment plans and architectural drawings.

2009 Program & Events

January 23 Workshop: Founding members Wallace Rhodes and Suzanne Roberts share early organizational tales - *Belmont Mill 7PM*

March 27 Community Preservation Workshop: The N.H. Division of Historical Resources and N.H. Preservation Alliance sponsor this special educational program. Belmont project architect Christopher Williams, "Save the Mill" leader Wallace Rhodes are opening speakers, followed by preservation experts, and a supper-discussion at the Lakes Region Community College "Food for Thought Café", at the Belmont Mill prepared by Student Hospitality Club. Registration and details at www.nhpreservation.org - *Belmont Mill and the Corner Meeting House 3PM-7PM. (All-inclusive fee \$15.)*



Village -1920s Postcard

May 15: UNH Professor David E. Watters, Director of the New England Center for Culture explores "**New Hampshire Gravestones**", supported by a N.H. Humanities Council grant and community partners, South Road Cemetery Association and Belmont Cemetery Trustees – *Corner Meeting House 7 PM*

July 17: Province Road Meeting House - Work Day and Open House (10AM – 3PM) and member potluck supper (5PM-7PM) at the *Route 107 site*

August 8: Belmont Old Home Day celebrates the local farming tradition with activities, displays, food and a fireworks finale. See www.belmontnh.org for detailed schedule and volunteer opportunities

September 18: Songwriter, musician and former Portsmouth Poet Laureate, John Perrault, presents "**The Ballad Lives! Singing the Roots of Narrative Art**", supported by a New Hampshire Humanities Council grant, sponsored by the Belmont Heritage Commission. *Corner Meeting House 7PM*

October 3: The iconic Belmont Bandstand marks its Centennial year. Stay tuned for information on a fall musical concert. *Community Sponsors at brochure press time include Belmont Heritage Commission, Belmont Rotary and the John M. Sargent Trust Fund.*

Town Bandstand - Built 1908



October 24: Help us again on "**Make A Difference Day**" to continue Province Road Meeting House landscaping improvements. Donations of daffodils are most welcome. *Route 107-Province Road, 9:30AM – 12noon*

November 20: Annual meeting, election *Belmont Mill 7PM*

Holiday Season: Deck the Village and brighten Christmas in our Town – with the Historical Society, Heritage Commission, Library friends, Belmont Rotary and other community organizations in this new tradition - *date TBA*

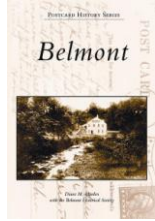


Celebrating Community
Pride

The **Belmont Historical Society** is a 501 C3 organization, gifts to which are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Donations of historic artifacts, photographs and other Belmont memorabilia are welcome.

For further information, please telephone 603 524-2543 or email Belmonthistory@gmail.com



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Mill Tower

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www.historicalsocietiesnh.org/belmont

Belmont Historical Society

Membership Information 2009 Events Program



Celebrating our 40th year

**Join us to share, learn and preserve our
special community heritage!**

Annual membership dues:

- Individual \$10
- Family & Organization \$15
- Other enclosed donation: _____
- A "Belmont NH Postcard" book at \$24.99

Please send checks payable to:

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180 Dutile Road, Belmont NH 03220

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

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Thank You!



Province Road Meeting House – Built 1792



Bandstand & Mill – Brenda Paquette Photo