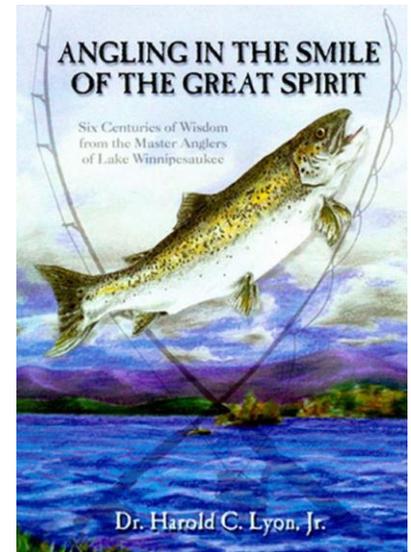


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## Belmont Historical Society Programs

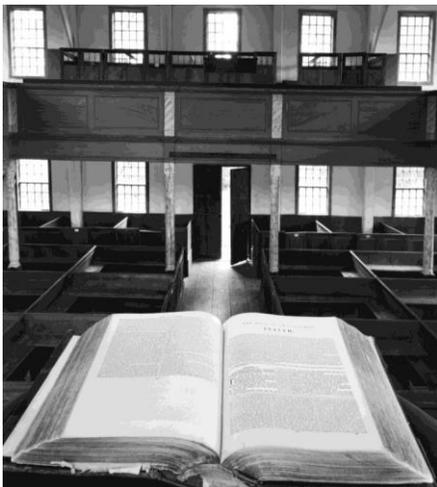
In May and again in September, the Historical Society, with funding from the NH Humanities Council, will be hosting two interesting and informative Humanities-to-Go Programs!

First, on **May 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 7 PM at the Corner Meeting House in Belmont, **Hal Lyon** will present "Angling in the Smile of the Great Spirit". Anyone who ever posted a Gone Fishin' sign on the door during business hours will appreciate this native fisherman's glimpse into the habits, rituals, and lore of some of the more colorful members/fishermen of the not-so-exclusive "Liars' Club." Hal Lyon shares tales, secrets, folklore, and history of fishing in New Hampshire's big lakes -- especially Lake Winnepesaukee which translates into "Smile of the Great Spirit." The book has become a bible for Lakes Region fishermen, "...cutting their learning curve in half." The book is in its third printing and was named the "Best Book of the Year" by the New England Outdoor Writers Association."



He's the author of 7 books and over 150 articles on eclectic subjects including military strategy, leadership, education, multimedia, psychology, research, hunting, and fishing. He's a speaker in the "Humanities To Go" Program. His book, *Angling in the Smile of the Great Spirit* (deepwaterspress.com) won the New England Outdoor Writers Association "Best Book of the Year Award." ***The presentation is free and open to the public.*** (For additional information call Chris at 524-8268)

Second, on **September 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 7 PM, **Paul Wainwright** will discuss "New England's Colonial Meeting Houses and Their Impact on American Society" at the Corner Meeting House in Belmont, NH. New England's colonial meetinghouses embody an important yet little-known chapter in American history. Built mostly with tax money, they served as both places of worship and places for town meetings, and were the centers of life in colonial New England communities. Using photographs of the few surviving "mint condition" meetinghouses as illustrations, Paul Wainwright tells the story of the society that built and used them, and the lasting impact they have had on American culture.



In colonial New England, there was little distinction between faith and community. Meetinghouses were built by the communities, usually but not always through taxation, and these were used for both religious worship and town business. They were the central focus of the community, and were an important point of contact for all.

While most colonial meetinghouses that are still standing have been extensively renovated to meet the needs of their owners and the styles of the times, a few have not been substantially changed at all, and are fascinating glimpses into our history. ***The presentation is free and open to the public.*** (For additional information on both programs call Chris at 524-8268)