

Belmont Bandstand “Quotables” – 2003-2009

“...The bandstand was built on the land of the local mill, but was moved farther back from Main Street to its current site when the library was built in 1927...The Belmont bandstand is one of the best surviving Victorian bandstands in the state, an ornate octagonal structure with a high latticework base, turned posts with sawn brackets, a frieze of turned balusters, and a tall wooden shingled roof with flared eaves...”

🌀 **Foster’s Sunday Citizen** article by David Ruell, “Area’s Bandstands Worthy of Note.” (A two part series on the history of the Lakes Region’s outdoor bandstands); September 14, 2003

“The new Belmont Heritage Commission will build on the success of the Belmont Mill and Bandstand revitalization projects ...”

🌀 **New Hampshire Preservation Alliance News**, Spring 2004

“Belmont Heritage Commission honored the village’s historic bandstand on October 3 at an extraordinary celebration complete with flags and bunting, patriotic observances, speeches and greetings, two band concerts, exhibits, a display of historic photographs, tents stocked with art materials so kids of all ages could make pictures of the bandstand, and local foods ...”

🌀 **The Old Stone Wall e-newsletter** of the NH Division of Historical Resources; Fall 2009 – Volume I, Issue 4

“...The historic Bandstand in Belmont Village marks its centennial year as a reminder of community care and heritage. This beautiful structure, in its setting near the Tioga River and the Belmont Mill, remains a symbol of identity and pride in the very fabric of your town ...”

🌀 **Congratulatory letter from the Honorable John H. Lynch, Governor** – presented and read by First District Executive Councilor Raymond S. Burton; October 3, 2009

“...It’s special not just because it is a bandstand but a big billboard in Victorian gingerbread that says Belmont cares about its heritage ...”

🌀 Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Linda Ray Wilson; **Sunday Citizen of Laconia, an edition of Foster’s Sunday Citizen**; October 4, 2009

“...Jaylene Bengtson, a leader of CARE (Community Arts Resources for Education and Belmont Middle School teacher) thought it would be a fun way to celebrate the occasion. I just thought it would be kind of cool, to let people make their own artistic impressions of the bandstand ...”

🌀 **Winnisquam Echo – Salmon Press**; October 8, 2009