

# Heritage Commission News

## Community Salutes Belmont Bandstand Restoration – September 28, 2014

Foremost American painter Norman Rockwell might have chosen Belmont Village and its landmark, historic Bandstand, Library and Mill for a *Saturday Evening Magazine* cover --- as a picture perfect Indian summer day framed the salute. The family-friendly event, organized by the Belmont Heritage Commission with other volunteers, featured history, music and seasonal refreshments. Reflections on local preservation success stories were made by Dr. James Garvin of Plymouth State University, who aided 2008 Bandstand research during his tenure as State Architectural Historian. Also participating were New Hampshire Preservation Alliance Executive Director Jennifer Goodman and Land and Community Heritage Investment Program historical resources coordinator Amy Dixon – also representing the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources.



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**2014 Town Historian Wallace Rhodes, who led the 1990s effort to save the Belmont Mill, rang its 1833 bell, officially opening ceremonies.**

Regional press was generous with event coverage including *The Citizen*, *Laconia Daily Sun* and *Winnisquam Echo* – among other media attendees. *Lakes Region Public Access Television* (LRPA-TV) documented the day and will air during October 19-25 which is New Hampshire History Week.

The Heritage Commission is grateful for each and every contribution that made a very special day possible. Please visit [www.historicbelmontbandstand](http://www.historicbelmontbandstand) for a complete report, more photo memories of the inspiring day, and other news.

We are grateful to citizens and friends for their continued care about Belmont heritage, special places and traditions.

Linda Frawley, for the Heritage Commission

**Wallace Rhodes, Vice Chairman - Priscilla Annis, Secretary – Shayne Duggan – Alyce Jewell-Vicki Donovan-Ron Cormier, representing Selectmen**



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**Belmont Boy and Girl Scout leaders Timothy and Judy Hayes, and Diane Cleveland participated along with youth members. Vice Chairman Jon Pike of the Board of Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance during their Presentation of the Colors.**

**COMMUNITY SALUTE PARTNERS & COMMITTEE**  
 Belknap County Restorative Justice Program, Belknap Mill Society, Belmont Library, Laconia Historical Museum & Society, Lakes Region Community College Culinary Arts Program, LRPA-TV – and the Belmont Fire, Police, Public Works and Recreation departments

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