

2025 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

April 15, 6 pm (Note Change of Time)

When was the last time you visited our Historical Society Museum? Or maybe you never have. We are having an Open House at the museum. We have many Alton artifacts, exhibits, posters, photos and postcard albums from Alton's past. So stop by, browse our collection and help us celebrate our 75th year of collecting and preserving Alton's history. Light refreshments will be served.

May 20

Paul LaRochelle and Jason Leavitt, volunteer managers, will speak about our famous Alton Bay Seaplane Base and Ice Runway B18. The airport is owned, operated, and managed by the State of NH, Dept. of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics. Paul and Jason assist pilots (seaplane, ski, and conventional) flying into the bay and also plow the ice runway, parallel taxiway, and parking area according to a specific plan set and GPS coordinates in the winter. The ice runway attracts several hundred pilots during its 4-8 week season and it can be one of the busiest airports in the state on winter weekends.

June 17

Historian Glen Knoblock traces the brewing of beer and ale in New Hampshire from its home and tavern-based Colonial days to today's modern breweries and brew pubs. He will show rare photos and ads including the famous Frank Jones and the only woman owned and operated brewery in NH. This NH Humanities program will be enjoyed by adults of all ages.

July 15

Well known New England historian Matthew E. Thomas will present an exciting illustrated slide lecture presentation titled "The New England Image" which will feature a variety of famous and little-known iconic landmarks that dot the historic New England countryside such as majestic old meeting houses, town pounds, taverns & inns, tramp houses, powder houses, ancient milestones, old jails, hearse houses, one-room schoolhouses, revolutionary-war-era forts, garrison houses, lighthouses, grist mills and old gravestones. If you truly LOVE New England, then this is a talk you won't want to miss!

PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 7:00 pm at the Gilman Library (unless noted)

August 19

New Hampshire Humanities speaker, Pamela Weeks, is the New England Quilt Museum curator, author of the book *Civil War Quilts* and lectures nationally on quilt making and quilt history. She has wonderful stories to tell in her presentation and each attendee may bring one quilt for identification and/or story sharing.

September 16

We will welcome Meteorologist Hayley LaPoint at WMUR-TV as our guest speaker. Hayley has been interested in weather since she was a young girl. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Meteorology and an Associate's degree in TV News from Lyndon State College in Vermont. We will learn how Hayley uses her knowledge and experience to forecast the weather for NH residents who depend on a reliable forecast for their livelihoods, commuting, outdoor activities and events.