

## 2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### May 19

The Alton Bay H2O Ski Club, organized in 1954 was part of the Bay's excitement and attraction in the 1950's, 60's and into the 1970's. They put on popular ski shows and gave ski lessons. Don Purdy, one of the early club members will be joining us to share his memories. Don was one of the more talented ski jumpers. The ski shows included barefoot skiing, trick skiing, spectacular jumping acts, pyramid acts and more. The club also sponsored the *Miss Alton Bay Beauty Contest* which debut in 1958. If you have memories of the Sunday afternoon ski shows you won't want to miss this talk.

### June 16

From Mr. Phippen's stone hut built on Mount Major, to the abandoned granite quarry by Gilman Pond; from "THE" Devil's Den, to the whispers of the silent people, Alton's hiking trails are rich with history and mystery. Bonnie Dodge will be sharing with us her stories from her many years of hiking Alton's trails. We will also learn more about Bonnie's *Hit the Trail* hiking programs that are offered under Alton's Parks and Recreation Dept.

### July 21

In honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our country Marty Cornelissen will present a look at the men, although not born in Alton but resided here before and/or after the war, that served our country as Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots. Marty is a member of the Alton Historical Society and NH Old Graveyard Association. At present he has thirty-two men that he will present, to include their military history, bio and life history that has been collected over the past decade through his research. These men served from; protection from Raiders out of Canada, the Battle of Bunker Hill to the routing of British General Burgoyne.

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

### August 18

New Hampshire Humanities presenter, and former newspaper reporter, Dan Billin, will tell fascinating little-known stories and show images of our centuries-long war on rattlesnakes. There were so many snakes that some of the early settlers could pay their property taxes with bounties given for killing them. Other topics include the use of rattlesnake oil by the Shakers and the exploits of the "Rattlesnake King of New Hampshire".

### September 15

To Be Announced.