

13 Town Hall Road  
Madbury, NH 03823



# YEAR 2010

*The*  
**MADBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*invites you to join our group for a wide selection of fascinating programs throughout the year. Check inside for the schedule, and while you are thinking about it, become a member so you will receive a reminder of all of the Society's activities.*

**If you haven't been coming,  
you've been missing a lot!**

The MADBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, held its organizational meeting on October 17, 1978. The stated purpose of the Society is to encourage an interest in the history of Madbury, including the collection, display, and care of articles of historic interest. This may include the ownership and/or lease of property acquired by purchase or gift for the benefit of this and of future generations.

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Meetings are held at the Madbury Town Hall at 7:00 P.M.

## 2010 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**April 13th** (Tuesday) at 7:00 P.M. Charles E. Clark: **"What New Hampshire Thought Was Funny Two Hundred Years Ago."** Using primarily the "Farmer's Museum", a Walpole-based newspaper published by a coterie of lawyers and "wits", Clark will explore the jokes and anecdotes intended to tickle the NH funny bones of the early post-Revolutionary day. He will also offer an explanation of the cultural circumstances that made them "funny".

**May 11th** (Tuesday) at 7:00 P.M. Gerald Sedor: **"Covered Bridges in New England."** As New England developed, the simple bridges built to cross its many waterways deteriorated too rapidly. By 1850, American designers provided a longer-lasting solution -- covered bridges. Many of these bridges remain in service. The history and design features of covered bridges are illustrated by photographs taken throughout New England.

**October 12th** (Tuesday) at 7:00 P.M. Steve Taylor: **"The Great Sheep Boom and Its Enduring Legacy on the New Hampshire Landscape."** In a brief 30-year period in the early 19th century, the New Hampshire countryside became home to hundreds of thousands of sheep. Farmers overcame enormous challenges to make sheep husbandry succeed, but forces from beyond NH were to doom the industry, with social consequences that would last a century.

**November 9th** (Tuesday) at 6:00 P.M. David Stewart-Smith: **"Native American History of New Hampshire."** The Pennacook Indians of the Merrimack Valley, along with their Abenaki allies from Maine and Canada, held off Europeans for almost 90 years during a succession of "Indian Wars," culminating in 1761. During this time, Indians and colonists exchanged and encountered each other's cultures

A pot luck supper will begin at 6:00 P.M

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Winter: Strawberry Banke, Candlelight Stroll, December 12, 5:15 P.M.

*Membership is open to all persons interested in the purposes of the society and ensures notification of meetings by telephone reminders.*

*Tax-deductible contributions to assist in the collection, preservation, display, and storage of Madbury history are always appreciated.*

### ANNUAL DUES

\$2.00 for adults

\$0.50 for persons under 18 years

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP \$25.00

You may send your dues to the  
Madbury Historical Society,  
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