

Meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Madbury Town Hall

2011 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

April 12th. Gerald Sedor. **Portsmouth's Naval Shipyard.** For 200 years, the country's first public shipyard built everything from the wooden ship-of-the-line to the nuclear submarine. Captain Gerald Sedor, USN Retired, escorts our tour from the PSNY's founding, through its high point in WW II when 20,000 labored to build fleet submarines, to the significance for naval design of the USS Albacore and the tragic loss of the USS Thresher.

May 10th. Edie Clark. **"New England: Myth or Reality?"** The six states known as New England have been romanticized in art and literature for more than 200 years. Edie Clark, former Senior Editor at Yankee Magazine, focuses on the work of Robert Frost, Norman Rockwell, Wallace Nutting and others. They have created an impression of New England which causes even current inhabitants difficulty - is it real or imagined?

October 11th. Carolyn Marvin. **"The Hanging of Ruth Blay."** Author Carolyn Marvin tells the story of the last woman executed in NH, an unmarried local school teacher hanged on December 30, 1768, for allegedly killing her infant child. Marvin tells this woman's tale from a woman's perspective and helps us to understand that this tragedy is not a footnote to history so much as a touchstone to that society.

November 8th. Jeff Warner. **"Banjoes, Bones, and Ballads."** Traditional songs, rich in local history and a sense of place, present the latest news from the distant past. They help us to understand the working people who built our country. Tavern songs, banjo tunes, 18th century New England hymns, sailor songs, and humorous stories about traditional singers and their songs highlight this informative program. **A pot-luck supper will begin at 6:00 PM.**