

"Native American History of New Hampshire" presentation at the New Boston Historical Society, 9/12/2013

Did you know that New Boston was not settled permanently until after the threat of Indian attacks had subsided? To learn about the importance of Native Americans in the frontier settlement of our state, hear David Stewart-Smith present "Native American History of New Hampshire: Beyond Boundaries, circa 1700 – 1850". This illustrated program will be held Thursday, September 12, 7:30 pm at the New Boston Historical Society.

The frontier of New England was a risky place during the Colonial Period. Maine was nearly lost due to a series of Indian wars. Early New Hampshire settlements clung to the Atlantic coast. Later, as the frontier moved inland, both settlers and Indians found their cultures changing. By the early 1800s Ethan Allen Crawford was leading tourists up Mount Washington from his inn in the Notch. The New Hampshire frontier had become a place for reflection on a new relationship with the environment. David Stewart-Smith believes this created a legacy that would insure a place for the landscape and the spirit of the Indians in New Hampshire's future.

Past professor of History and Cultural Studies at Vermont College of Norwich University, Mr. Stewart-Smith is the historian for the New Hampshire Intertribal Council, and is of Scottish and Pennacook descent. His research into New Hampshire's Indian archaeology and history began some 30 years ago.

This program is sponsored by the New Boston Historical Society through a grant funded by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and business meeting will follow. For more information go to www.newbostonhistoricalsociety.com.