

NH's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance & the Reality

Presenter: Stephen Taylor

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A century ago hundreds of one-room schools dotted NH's landscape and were the backbone of primary education for generations of children. (It is thought that New Ipswich once had 13 school houses, some of which are still standing, including the Historical Society.) Revered in literature and lore, they were beset with problems, chief among them financing and wide disparities among taxing districts to support local education. Teacher preparation and quality, curriculum, discipline, student achievement and community involvement in the educational process were also major concerns. Farmer, writer, reporter, and longtime scholar of the state's rural history and culture, **Stephen Taylor** explores the lasting legacies of the one-room school and how they echo today. He was also the founding executive director of the NH Humanities Council and served 25 years as Commissioner of Agriculture.

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New Ipswich Historical Society (23 Main Street)

The presentation will follow our brief annual meeting. Details are posted on the NIHS website: www.newipswichhistoricalsociety.org

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