



**Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:30**

## **“New Hampshire Old Home Day Celebrations”**

**Presented by: Gary Crooker**

Learn about the history of Old Home Celebrations from the first ones established in 1899 through the present day. This program will examine the origins of our home grown holiday, as a means to get former residents to return to and invest in their native state, and how communities have celebrated. Mr. Crooker will also speak about the making of his book *New Hampshire Old Home Celebrations* and what he learned through the process. Many of the images in the book are from his private collection of Old Home Day memorabilia some of which will be on display.

In addition to authoring "*New Hampshire Old Home Celebrations*", Crooker has been chairman of Wilton Old Home Days for 30 years. He is a 15 year member and vice president of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Book Association and was director of the association's annual fair in Concord for 10 years. He has been a staff writer for the *Milford Cabinet* and *Monadnock Ledger* as well as a freelance contributor to the *Nashua Telegraph* and has written for several magazines including *Running Times*, *Mother Earth News*, *Good Old Days* and *New Hampshire To Do* among others. For the past several years he has contributed a monthly column on books to the antique magazine "*Unravel the Gavel*" and a monthly question and answer column for the children's magazine "*Faces*" (Cobblestone Publishing).



**Note:** This is also our annual meeting where we do a quick summary of the past

The presentation will be at the Old Town Hall in Campton, which is handicap accessible, and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information about the Society, check our web site at [www.camptonhistorical.org](http://www.camptonhistorical.org)



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