



PROGRAM NIGHT

Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:30

**A Woman
That Keeps
Good Orders**



**Tabern Keeping
And
Public Approval**

When her husband died in 1736, Ann Jose Harvey became the owner of a prominent Portsmouth, New Hampshire tavern as well as the sole guardian of seven small children. For twenty years, she ran the increasingly prosperous tavern. The presenter will explore the world of female tavern keepers, and explain why women would want to keep a tavern. Why, in a time when very few professions were open to women, were they allowed to run what were potentially the most disruptive places in town.

Our speaker will be Marcia Schmidt Blaine, Assistant Professor of History at Plymouth State University, and coordinator of the PSU Heritage Studies Program. She is also the author of other recent essays on women and provincial government.



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



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