

# Campton Historical Society

**Monday October 17, 2022 at 7:00**

## **"Ancient Trees of North America"**

**Presented by: David Govatski**

Join us for a photographic journey across North America to see the oldest trees and forests. We will start high up in the White Mountains of California, where we will learn about 5,000-year-old Bristlecone Pines. How some trees live for thousands of years will be explained. Our journey then takes us to see other trees, including Whitebark and Foxtail Pines, that live for over 2,000-years. We will travel to North Carolina's blackwater swamps to see 2,600-year-old Bald Cypress and Ontario for 1,600-year-old Northern White Cedar trees. We will visit the Fish Lake National Forest in Utah to learn about the estimated 12,000-year old Pando Aspen clone. We won't forget the recently discovered "oldest fossil forest" globally, the 386-million-year-old Cairo, New York fossil forest. We will finish in New Hampshire, featuring the oldest broad-leaf tree in North America, the Black Gum. Along the way, we will look at how researchers measure the age of trees.

David Govatski is a naturalist and author. He retired after a 33-year career with the US Forest Service. He has always loved trees and forests and continues studying and visiting forests around the continent. David has worked as an expedition ship naturalist in Alaska, where he has led trips in the Tongass National Forest's old-growth forests. He is currently working on a project to inventory old-growth forests in New Hampshire.



### **Special Events:**

- Christmas Concert and Cookie Swap  
Dec 17th



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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