



Monday November 18, 2024 at 6:30

"The History of the Mountain Fare Inn"

Presented by: Jim Hostetler and Susan Preston

The Mountain Fare Inn and the property on which it stands in Campton's Upper Village has a very interesting history dating back to the middle of the 19th century. After the property served as a subsistence homestead for one of the prominent early settlers of Campton, it was first used as a guest house for travelers passing through the area during the 1880's. Then, during the first several decades of the 20th century, it was a private residence which housed a mortuary business operated by a married couple who were both morticians. It also housed the village's first local telephone exchange during this period.

As skiing and other forms of outdoor recreation began to draw more and more visitors to the region by the 1960's, the house on the property was opened as an inn which provided food and lodging for rest and recreation seekers visiting the area, much like it does today. The current owners of the property, former professional skiers Susan and Nick Preston, arrived on the scene to coach the Waterville Valley Ski Team and begin developing the Waterville Valley Ski Academy at the beginning of the 1980's, and in 1982 they purchased what was to become their Mountain Fare Inn and its adjoining property.

In addition to managing the Mountain Fare Inn, the Prestons remain active in the local skiing community and own and operate Freestyle America which runs a ski training program each year at Lake Placid and in British Columbia, and concludes with a two-week gymnastics camp on site at the Inn.

Jim Hostetler Bio –

After a 25-year career with the U.S. Department of State and Foreign Service, Jim retired in 2014 in New Hampshire, close to where his two children have settled with their families. He became acquainted with the Mountain Fare Inn's history in 2017 while working on a project when he was enrolled in Plymouth State University's graduate program in Historic Preservation.

NOTE: The inn tour starts at 6:30 and the talk will be after that.

ANOTHER NOTE: This will all be held at the Mountain Fare Inn 5 Old Waterville Rd, Campton, NH

Special Events:

Feb 3rd Silent Film & Potluck Dinner
June 1st Community Yard Sale at CHS
Sept 28th OLD HOME DAY!!!
Dec 8th ? Christmas Concert & Cookie Swap

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