

Wilmot Historical Society Town Report for 2016

In 2016, Wilmot Historical Society continued its steady progress toward enhancing of its collection. You may view videos of well-known residents who contributed significantly to Wilmot's history. (See <http://www.wilmothistoricalsociety.org/attic>)



Or, you could join us at one of our programs. At last November's Cracker Barrel we gathered many alumni and teachers from Wilmot's one-room schoolhouse days. Everyone reminisced from "way back when" and enjoyed their re-acquaintances.

Wilmot's *Boston Post Cane* holder, Gerald Biron died on September 16, 2016. Mr. Biron served in the U. S. Navy during WWII and had lived in Wilmot since 2013. At the year end, the WHS is ascertaining who the next *Boston Post Cane* holder should be. The honor is bestowed on the oldest Wilmot eligible resident.

A special thanks goes to all those who browsed our Curiosity Shop at Wilmot Farmers Market last summer. Community support through contributions of cash, artifacts, and ideas is always welcome and sustains our long-term project to digitize and expand our collection.

The WHS sponsored three programs in 2016:

- February:** *"Family Stories How and Why to Remember to Tell Them"* by Jo Radner
May: *"Digging into Native History in NH"* by Dr. Robert Goodby
November: *Cracker Barrel – One-room Schoolhouse reunion*

The WHS History Book Club met quarterly. Participants (open to all) select choices ranging from biography to historical fiction. In 2016 the group read:

- March:** *Salt – A World History* by Mark Kurlansky
June: *River Town – Two Years on the Yangtze* by Peter Hessler
September: *The Warmth of Other Suns – the Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson
December: *The Year 1000: What Life was Like at the Turn of the First Millennium – An Englishman's World* by Robert Lacey and Danny Danziger

Respectfully submitted,

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