

January 8 (snow date 1/9) "George Washington Spied Here: Spies and Spying in the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783). Based on recently discovered historical materials and recent books, this program by **Douglas Wheeler** is an inquiry into the life and death of America's first spy, the patriot-martyr Nathan Hale, of Coventry Connecticut. Wheeler takes audiences on a journey through the spy world of the Culper Spy Ring of New York, Long Island, and Connecticut-the most secret of the American spy rings and the most successful in getting useful intelligence to General George Washington beginning in 1778, two years after Hale's tragic execution by the British. The Father of our country was also our first intelligence Chief. The program is illustrated with images of the main places and dramatis personae of this unusual network of patriot secret agents and couriers.

April 9 "Covered Bridges of New Hampshire" Covered wooden bridges have been a vital part of the New Hampshire transportation network, dating back to the early 1800's. Given New Hampshire's myriad streams, brooks, and rivers, it's not surprising that 400 covered bridges have been documented. Often viewed as quaint relics of simpler past, they were technological marvels of their day. It may be native ingenuity and New Hampshire's woodworking tradition that account for the fact that a number of nationally-noted covered bridge truss designers were New Hampshire natives. **Glenn Knoblock** discusses covered bridge design and technology, and their designers, builders, and associated folklore.

September 10 "New Hampshire Barns of the 18th & 19th Centuries" will be presented by **Chet Riley**, Old Barn Enthusiast & Member of the NH Preservation Alliance. Sheltering livestock, equipment and grain, barns were important agricultural structures that played a central role in the early settlement and development of New Hampshire and the region. This discussion of old barns will cover early styles and construction techniques, how barns evolved and how to estimate their age. The barn preservation movement will also be reviewed, including how to take the steps necessary to stabilize failing structures.

November 12

Annual Meeting and Potluck. Program: "More Historical Films from the Archives".