

# **Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn: The Connected Farm Buildings of New England**

**Presented by Thomas Hubka**



*A New Hampshire Humanities event hosted by New Ipswich Historical Society*

Through architecture unique to northern New England, this illustrated talk focuses on several case studies that show how farmers converted their typical separate house and barns into connected farmsteads. Thomas Hubka's research in his award-winning book, *Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn: The Connected Farm Buildings of New England*, demonstrates that average farmers were, in fact, motivated by competition with farmers in other regions of America, who had better soils and growing seasons and fewer rocks to clear. The connected farmstead organization, housing equal parts mixed-farming and home-industry, was one of the collective responses to the competitive threat. With a Bachelor's degree in architecture and a MA from the University of Oregon, Hubka's primary research and extensive list of publications have focused on the historic development and relationships between architecture/buildings and culture/people. The program will follow a brief annual meeting that recaps the Society's work this past year.

**Thursday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m.  
Barrett House Barn (79 Main Street, New Ipswich)**

For more on Mr. Hubka's bio and the meeting agenda visit:  
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