



T-AHS presents ~ John Harrigan

“Fodder for Thought”

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The Thompson-Ames Historical Society is delighted to welcome to Gilford well-known Colebrook newspaper columnist, John Harrigan,



JOHN HARRIGAN

Woods, Water & Wildlife

as presenter of its Monday, May 4th program, “*Fodder for Thought*”, to take place at 7:00

p.m. in the Union Meetinghouse at 24 Belknap Mountain Road, Gilford.

John Harrigan, a writer and farmer, formerly owned and published three weekly newspapers in northern New Hampshire and still maintains an office at the News and Sentinel in Colebrook. His outdoors column “Woods, Water, and Wildlife” has run in the New Hampshire Sunday News for 35 years, and for many years he was a frequent commentator on National Public Radio. In addition, his column “North Country Notebook” runs in twelve weekly newspapers of the Meredith-based Salmon Press Group, circulating in the northern two-thirds of the state. He was First Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for getting his paper out the

night of the Colebrook shootings in 1997, in which his editor, his long-time companion and two police friends were killed.

A college dropout, he worked as a logger, grocery store clerk, farm hand, hunting camp helper, furniture maker and lumber yard hand until 1968, when he got his first newspaper job at the Telegraph, a daily paper in Nashua. He and his



John Harrigan arriving at his remote camp right after building it in 2004, packing in the very first piece of furniture, his reading chair, of course.

wife Nancee, an accomplished weaver and spinner, own two farms in northern New Hampshire and Vermont and raise sheep, pigs, chickens and children.



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It's a given that John Harrigan, who will be talking about his favorite subjects, will provide plenty of fodder for a question-and-answer period after his presentation. This will be followed with refreshments and an opportunity to meet our special guest.

For questions or suggestions for programs, please e-mail us at thomames@metrocast.net



John Harrigan in front of his outdoor furnace getting ready to construct chili or something, in his favorite two-century-old cast-iron pot.