



**Monday, June 15, 2009 at 7:30**

**“Horace Greeley, The Curious Candidate”**

**Presented by: Christopher Emerson**

The voluble and controversial Horace Greeley was born in Amherst, NH in 1811, although his family fled the state, one step ahead of the sheriffs. As one of the most famous newspaper editors in the nation, Greeley inserted himself into virtually all significant issues of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century America. In print, he was irrepresible; in person, more so, opposing (in so many ways) the 1872 presidential candidate and incumbent Ulysses S. Grant. His terse, colorful, eccentric speeches guaranteed a full house, if only because people wished to hear what outrageous, or perhaps bravely prophetic, position he would espouse. Will this be a partisan presentation? Oh yes, indeed! It will be incendiary, but only to those voting in the 1872 election.



Emerson is a Chautauquan: M. Div., Harvard Divinity School; Senior Pastor at First Congregational Church in Manchester, NH; writer, director, actor in regional and local theatrical productions.



The presentation will be at the Old Town Hall in Campton, which is handicap accessible, and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information about the Society, check our web site at [www.camptonhistorical.org](http://www.camptonhistorical.org)



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**June 13th, Saturday** - Walt Stockwell - Flag Day Event: Americana Exhibit and old flag disposal ceremony

**July 18th, Saturday** - House tour

**August 8th, Saturday** - Old Home Day. Mark your calendars!