



The Springfield Historical Society Presents

Kevin Gardner: *Discovering New England Stone Walls*

On Thursday evening, January 10, the Springfield Historical Society will present "Kevin Gardner: Discovering New England Stone Walls". The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the lower level of the Libbie Cass Memorial Library at 2750 Main St, Springfield, NH. Kevin's informal talk covers a few of the main topics of his book about New England stone walls, *The Granite Kiss* ([Countryman Press](#)), touching on history, technique, stylistic development, and aesthetics. He explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the famous New England landscape. Other topics may include: differences in approach between historical and contemporary wall-builders, a discussion of restoration tips and techniques, and information about design, acquisition of materials, preservation, and analysis. There is always a generous question-and-answer period, during which listeners are encouraged to bring up specific problems or projects on their own properties.

Along the way, Kevin occupies himself building a miniature wall or walls on a tabletop, using tiny stones from a five-gallon bucket. He often brings along his collection of books about stonework, and copies of *The Granite Kiss* will be available for purchase.

This program is open to the public and admission is free. The building is handicapped accessible if you park behind the library. Refreshments will be served following the program. For further information or directions, call Donna Denniston at 496-5462.