

GRANITE STATE HISTORY MINUTE



Mary Adams
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DISCOVER NEW HAMPSHIRE'S REVOLUTION

Did you know that before his midnight ride, Paul Revere was part of a raid on a fort in Portsmouth? Or that New Hampshire declared itself free of British rule months before the Declaration of Independence? In GRANITE STATE HISTORY MINUTE, a new series of short videos airing on NHPBS, surprising stories like these

reveal an unexpected and decidedly local side to our nation's founding.

"New Hampshire has a great revolutionary history, but very few people know about it—maybe because our noisy neighbors to the south get all the credit," said Mary Adams of the New Hampshire Historical Society. "The first shots fired in the American Revolution were right here in New Hampshire, along with the first time the British flag was taken down by force."

For Adams, who has shared her talk *Redcoats and Rebels* in over 100 communities throughout the state, the video series was another chance to do what she's passionate about. "I love making history come alive for people, helping them understand the 'whys' of a story, and taking them to places that matter."

Adams is one of the video series' featured storytellers, along with Joe Pace of the American Independence Center and Barbara Rimkunas of the Exeter Historical Society. "Partnerships are incredibly important to us," said NHPBS Producer Ben Sparling. "In this case, we were fortunate to work with partners who not only appeared on camera but also helped shape the stories and contributed to script writing to ensure historical accuracy."

For a team this enamored of history, getting the facts right was just the first challenge. The harder question was deciding which stories to spotlight. "There were so many great moments to consider that it was a tough choice—so much happened here," Adams noted. The stories that made the cut highlight either unique contributions made by Granite Staters or share an often overlooked part of our history.

For example, Barbara Rimkunas discusses the life of Exeter's Jude Hall, an enslaved man who gained his freedom by fighting for America in the war, only to see his own sons kidnapped and sold into slavery years later.

"When I read or watch anything to do with the Revolutionary War, my mind is always thinking about whether Jude Hall was there," said Rimkunas. "I wish there was some way we could travel through time to let him know he has not been forgotten."

Meanwhile, Adams shares the story of Count Rumford, a far less faithful American soldier who became a national hero...in Germany. "This story has everything—a rich widow, a crazy inventor, divided loyalties," said Adams. "And who doesn't love a good revolutionary spy story?"

By focusing on events rooted in places modern-day Granite Staters still live and work, Joe Pace hopes these videos will remind viewers that history is made by everyday people. "We tend to more readily connect with stories that involve the people and places familiar to us in our daily lives," said Pace. "If we can do that, if we can appreciate the humanity in that history, maybe we can feel more empowered to participate in the history being made right now."

Adams concurred. "When you're in the murky depths of a current event, understanding its history and how people dealt with other past events helps us keep our perspective."

The GRANITE STATE HISTORY MINUTE series was created as part of NHPBS' ongoing commemoration of the nation's 250th anniversary. On July 4th, Adams will spend much of the day working, sharing history with the community, before celebrating with family. "At birthday parties, I usually make all seven of my kids come up with a toast to the person we are celebrating," she said. "On the 4th, we'll all toast the United States on this big, beautiful day!"

If you'd like to learn something new about New Hampshire history, all the GRANITE STATE HISTORY MINUTE videos can be found at nhpbs.org/history.

NHPBS PRIMETIME PICKS



A Hot Dog Program

THU Jul 2 | 10 PM NHPBS

Chow down with this classic special as host Rick Sebak takes you on a mouthwatering journey across the country, visiting famous, unique and beloved hot dog stands. From iconic city vendors to hidden small-town gems, celebrate the rich history, flavors and culture of hot dogs.



A Capitol Fourth: 250th Weekend Celebration

FRI Jul 3 | 8 PM NHPBS

Join NHPBS for a national celebration of our country's 250th birthday live from the U.S. Capitol, featuring country music icon Trace Adkins premiering a new song.

Please note that this year's concert takes place on July 3rd.



The American Southwest

WED Jul 8 | 10 PM NHPBS

From the snowclad Rockies to the scorching Mojave desert, the Colorado River nourishes wildlife and sculpts the legendary landscapes of the American Southwest. Follow the river's journey to sustain society and the natural world through the region's most fascinating wild characters.



Independent Lens: Flood

MON Jul 13 | 10 PM NHPBS

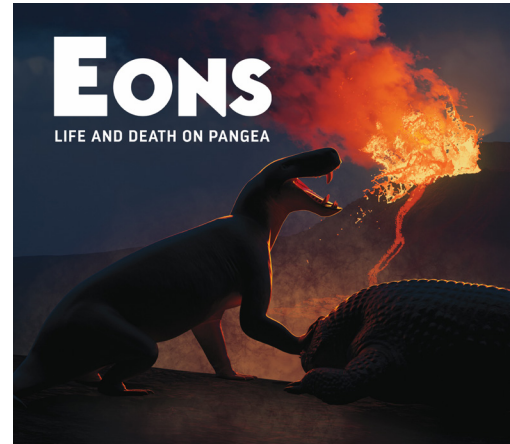
Filmmaker Katy Scoggin seeks to reconnect with her estranged father, the only evangelical left in the family. As they face their differences on faith, their journey becomes a portrait of empathy and resilience. Together, they find new ways to listen and bridge divides.



Once Upon a Time in Space

TUE Jul 14 | 9 PM NHPBS

Drawing on intimate, unseen archive footage and first-hand testimony, this four-part series tells the human stories behind our quest to explore space. Included are the powerful journeys of Ron McNair, who died in the *Challenger* disaster, and Anna Fisher, the first mother in space.



Eons: Life and Death on Pangea

THU Jul 30 | 7:30 PM NHPBS

It's the final act of the Paleozoic Era, just before the Age of Dinosaurs, and dark times are ahead. Discover life on the supercontinent of Pangea, from a landscape ruled by strange mammal-relatives through the relentless hellscape of the Great Dying to the slow recovery of life.

5 CHANNEL SPOTLIGHT

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FOOD. CURATED.

SAT Jul 25 | 2 PM NHPBS

Indulge in this James Beard Award-winning series as it takes viewers inside the kitchens, farms and imaginations of the New York City area's most inspiring food makers. Known for spotlighting emerging trends and rising chefs, FOOD. CURATED. blends striking visuals with heartfelt storytelling, connecting viewers to the future of food.



JFK: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

SAT Jul 11 | 8 PM NHPBS EXPLORE

Take a fresh look at an enigmatic man who remains one of the nation's most beloved and mourned leaders. This two-part special provides new context on Kennedy's life and political career, exploring his relationship with his wife, his close connection to his younger brother, Robert, and his complex bond with his powerful father.



CREATE CELEBRATES AMERICA AT 250

FRI Jul 3 | 9 PM NH CREATE

As America turns 250, New Hampshire's own Samantha Brown brings us on a tour that showcases the history, beauty and bounty that can be found across the nation, including an exclusive premiere of a new special that explores one of our favorite American traditions: food! This celebratory marathon will re-air throughout the weekend.



DECLARATIONS: BLACK AMERICANS AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

FRI Jul 3 | 8 PM NH WORLD

In 1776, the Founders' declaration that "all men are created equal" remained a distant ideal for many. Trace the heroic stories of the enslaved and freed Black Americans who fought to define democracy and their liberty through the Revolutionary War.



ALMA'S WAY – ALMA IN OZ: THE MUSICAL

MON Jul 13 | 3:30 PM NHPBS KIDS

After Junior gets his tonsils taken out, he's worried he'll never be able to roar like a dinosaur ever again. To make him feel better, Alma tells him a music-filled story about a magical place called Oz. There, they meet friends and look to the Rubber Band Wizard for help. Will she have the answers they need?

SUMMER OF SPACE



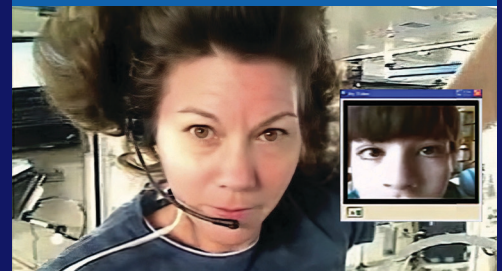
8 DAYS: TO THE MOON AND BACK

TUE Jul 7 | 10 PM NHPBS



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THU Jul 16 | 9 PM NHPBS



INDEPENDENT LENS – SPACE: THE LONGEST GOODBYE

THU Jul 16 | 9:30 PM NHPBS



BEYOND A YEAR IN SPACE

THU Jul 23 | 9 PM NHPBS



CHASING THE MOON: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

FRI Jul 24 | 9 PM NHPBS

NH PBS JULY 2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:30 PM	10:00 PM
Wed. 7/1	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Off to Portugal	NOVA Athens: Birth of Democracy		NOVA Revolutionary War Weapons		The Kimberley: Australia's Wild West**
Thu. 7/2	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Wild Foods	Windows to the Wild Discover Austria	Granite State Challenge	NH State Beach Patrol	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	A Hot Dog Program**
Fri. 7/3	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Capitol Fourth: 250th Weekend Celebration			Capitol Fourth: 250th Weekend Celebration**	
Sat. 7/4	The American Revolution* The Most Sacred Thing			America Made In Virginia: 250 Years Together				America Made In Virginia: 250 Years Together
Sun. 7/5	Granite State Challenge	Emma		Patience		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Downton Abbey Season 2 On Masterpiece**
Mon. 7/6	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Deconstructing The Beatles**
Tue. 7/7	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions	Finding Your Roots Family: Lost and Found		Breaking The Deadlock How to Fix An Election		8 Days: to the Moon and Back**
Wed. 7/8	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Discover Austria	Nature Niagara Falls		NOVA Black Hole Apocalypse		The American Southwest**
Thu. 7/9	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Wild Foods	Windows to the Wild Waterways & Wonders	Granite State Challenge	When We Were Shuttle**		
Fri. 7/10	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	JFK: American Experience**		
Sat. 7/11	Curious Traveler	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Flesh and Blood On Masterpiece**
Sun. 7/12	Granite State Challenge	Emma		Patience		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Downton Abbey Season 2 On Masterpiece**
Mon. 7/13	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Independent Lens** Flood
Tue. 7/14	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	In The Americas with David Yetman	Finding Your Roots Out of the Past		Once Upon A Time In Space NOVA** NOVA Universe Revealed: Age of Stars		
Wed. 7/15	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Waterways & Wonders	Nature Soul of the Ocean		NOVA Black Hole Universe		Once Upon A Time In Space**
Thu. 7/16	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Wild Foods	Windows to the Wild From Backyards to Bedrock Gardens	Granite State Challenge	Christa	Independent Lens** Space: The Longest Goodbye	
Fri. 7/17	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	JFK: American Experience**		
Sat. 7/18	Curious Traveler	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Flesh and Blood On Masterpiece**
Sun. 7/19	Granite State Challenge	Emma		Patience		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Downton Abbey Season 2 On Masterpiece
Mon. 7/20	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		P.O.V.** The Dating Game
Tue. 7/21	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	In The Americas with David Yetman	Finding Your Roots Caribbean Roots		Once Upon A Time In Space NOVA** NOVA Universe Revealed: Milky Way		
Wed. 7/22	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild From Backyards to Bedrock Gardens	Nature Big Little Journeys: Home		NOVA Chasing Pluto		Once Upon A Time In Space**
Thu. 7/23	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Christa	Windows to the Wild Echoes of Granite State History	Granite State Challenge	Beyond A Year In Space		Breakthrough: The Ideas That Changed The World**
Fri. 7/24	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Chasing The Moon: American Experience**		
Sat. 7/25	Becoming America with Bonnie Boswell	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Flesh and Blood On Masterpiece**
Sun. 7/26	Granite State Challenge	Emma		Patience		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Downton Abbey Season 2 On Masterpiece
Mon. 7/27	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Joseph Rosendo's Steppin' Out	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		P.O.V.** For Venida, for Kalief
Tue. 7/28	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	In The Americas with David Yetman	Finding Your Roots The Road We Took		Once Upon A Time In Space NOVA** NOVA Universe Revealed: Alien Worlds		
Wed. 7/29	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Windows to the Wild Echoes of Granite State History	Nature Big Little Journeys: Survival		NOVA Pluto and Beyond		Once Upon A Time In Space**
Thu. 7/30	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Eons: Life and Death On Pangea	Windows to the Wild Guardians of the Wild	Granite State Challenge	The Legacy of 4-H		Women's Work: America's Female Farmers**
Fri. 7/31	PBS News Hour*	Weekends with Yankee	Rick Steves' Europe	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Chasing The Moon: American Experience**		

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Thu. 7/2	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Father Brown		Sister Boniface Mysteries		Patience**
Fri. 7/3	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Finding Your Roots Secret Lives		Lucy Worsley Investigates: The American Revolution		Lucy Worsley Investigates: The American Revolution**
Sat. 7/4	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots Secret Lives		The American Revolution: An Inside Look	Potomac By Air: Our Nation's River			Safe Harbors: Lighthouses of Maine**
Sun. 7/5	Antiques Roadshow*	NOVA Athens: Birth of Democracy		NOVA Revolutionary War Weapons		The Kimberley: Australia's Wild West		Outback**
Mon. 7/6	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Sanditon On Masterpiece		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Astrid**
Tue. 7/7	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Grantchester On Masterpiece		Downton Abbey Season 2 On Masterpiece		World On Fire On Masterpiece**
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Thu. 7/9	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		The Great Escaper On Masterpiece				Patience**
Fri. 7/10	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Finding Your Roots Family: Lost and Found		More Deconstructing The Beatles		
Sat. 7/11	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots Family: Lost and Found		JFK: American Experience				TradFest
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Fri. 7/24	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Finding Your Roots Caribbean Roots		America The Bountiful: America's 250th Anniversary Special		Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America**
Sat. 7/25	The Lawrence Welk Show*	Finding Your Roots Caribbean Roots		Chasing The Moon: American Experience				TradFest
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Wed. 7/29	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	PBS News Hour		Moonflower Murders On Masterpiece		The Marlow Murder Club On Masterpiece		Miss Scarlet and the Duke On Masterpiece**
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