## THE ORFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presents "NEW ENGLAND'S COLONIAL MEETINGHOUSES AND THEIR IMPACT ON AMERICAN SOCIETY" Colonial meetinghouses, including Orford's, were centers of life in New England communities – an important, yet little known chapter in our history. On Saturday, March 7, in conjunction with the Friends of the Orford Libraries' popular annual Soup Supper, Paul Wainwright will describe how Colonial meetinghouses served as both places of worship and for town meetings and other community functions (and how one of Orford's ended up in Norwich, Vermont!) Using his striking large format photographs of the few surviving "mint" condition meetinghouses as illustrations, Wainwright will tell the story of the society that built and used them and the lasting impact they have had on American culture. Please join us for this special talk sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. Schedule: Friends' Soup Supper, 5:30 – 6:45; "Colonial Meetinghouses", 7:00 at the Main Street Congregational Church.

