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### **“History Matters” Talk to Feature New Book, *Images of America: Saranac Lake***

Saranac Lake, NY -- On Thursday, May 15, Historic Saranac Lake will host the second talk of the spring “History Matters” speaker series, a presentation by Neil Surprenant of photographs from his new Arcadia book, *Images of America: Saranac Lake*. Mr. Surprenant will give an all-new presentation, showing photos not yet seen from the book.

“Images of America: Saranac Lake” chronicles the development of the village from its early days as a small settlement, to its boom times as a pioneer health resort, to the present day. It showcases numerous historic photos courtesy of the Adirondack Collection of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

Neil Surprenant teaches American History and is the director of the library at Paul Smith’s College. He lectures extensively on the history and development of the Adirondack Park and has authored articles on Adirondack History as well as books on the history of the Paul Smith’s Hotel and the logging ghost town of Brandon, New York. He has also worked for the National Park Service on history and library projects.

The Images of America series celebrates the history of neighborhoods, towns, and cities across the country, using archival photographs.

The “History Matters” seminars meet four Thursdays in May at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free of charge. Light refreshments will be served. Please call Historic Saranac Lake at 518-891-4606 for more information.

