

Christopher Glass Lecture on Architecture and Historic Preservation

Christopher Glass will speak on his nearly half-a-century long career as an architect and his activities related to historic preservation in Maine. The talk will take place on Wednesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at Watts Hall, 174 Main Street in Thomaston. (This talk is postponed from February 13.)

Glass is among Maine's most respected architects and preservation experts, and his work in Maine — by choice and proximity to historic architecture — has long focused on the State's unusually rich and varied catalogue of vintage homes. Nowhere are historically significant, exceptionally designed and well-built homes more prevalent in Maine and throughout the United States than are found in Thomaston, where wealth and access to skilled craftsmen — many of them boatwrights — flourished during the middle decades of the 19th century.

A former architect member and chairman of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and former President of Maine Preservation, Glass has received awards from both organizations. He is the author of *At Home in Maine: Houses Designed to Fit the Land*, Down East Books 2005; *Historic Maine Homes: 300 Years of Great Houses*, Down East Books 2009; and *Homes Down East: Classic Maine Coastal Cottages and Town Houses*, Tilbury House Publishers 2014.

Glass's talk is the first in an anticipated series of talks to promote an awareness and appreciation of Thomaston's historic architecture sponsored by the Historic Thomaston Research Group (THRG). THRG is a newly organized group of volunteers approved by the Town of Thomaston during the summer of 2018. Their mission and the goal of this lecture and future programs include promoting community appreciation of Thomaston's architecturally significant historic homes and the importance of their care. For further information, leave a message at 354-2314 and someone will return your call.

If snow closures have been announced during the day, the lecture will be postponed until a later date.



Capt. Charles Ranlett's Greek Revival style home built ca 1848, 231 Main Street, Thomaston