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**Welcome to the  
Seymour Historical Society**  
59 West Street, Seymour, CT

# Seymour Historical Society presents Nature & Medicine

New Englanders have long used plants for healing purposes



**Sunday,  
April 29  
2 p.m.**



Legendary 18<sup>th</sup>-century New England naturalist Joe Pye was one of many who discovered that the flowering plant (upper left) that now bears his name could be used to treat everything from kidney disease to achy joints. In fact, the New England landscape has many plants with healing powers, including the Joe-Pye weed, flowering dogwood, serviceberry and lavender. Aris W. Stolis (above), a landscape architect who has re-designed the Seymour Historical Society's grounds, will speak about medicinal uses of plants throughout history. He'll also examine how plants continue to play a vital role in the modern landscape, promoting the health of individuals and communities. Doors open at 1 p.m. for those wishing to view the museum's exhibits.

**Join the Seymour Historical Society each month  
for fascinating exhibits.  
Have some fun right in your own backyard.**

## Stop by the Program Calendar to see what is coming up next! Events are free for members and only \$3 for non members

New exhibits based on the recent program by Board Members Marian O'Keefe and Carolyn Ivanoff, on the life of Ebenezer D Bassett, our country's first African-American ambassador. Born in Litchfield but brought up in Derby and Seymour, he served in "Hayti" from 1869 to the 1870's. Also, we have a second display on the "Black Governors," or community leaders, of Derby and Seymour. Ebenezer's father and grandfather were Black Governors of Derby. These exhibits can be seen before and after our regular Sunday programs or by appointment, 203-888-7471

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