Greensboro Historical Society Summer Program Presentation

Greensboro's Teacher in Space

Mike Metcalf

Monday, July 14, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Did you know that over 11,000 teachers applied to participate in the Teacher in Space program announced by President Reagan in August 1984 and that Mike Metcalf of Greensboro, teacher at Hazen Union, was one of the 10 finalists?

On July 14 at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall, Mike will tell about the selection process when two representatives from each state were selected to be present for the space launch, then, following a battery of tests, the finalists were chosen.

Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire was trained to be the first teacher in space. Many of you will remember the fateful day, January 28, 1986, when she joined a select crew of astronauts in the space shuttle Challenger, and 73 seconds into the flight, the shuttle exploded.



Mike hiking on Mount Madison

Mike will share stories about the selection process, how his interest in science prepared him for this, and what it was like to witness this terrifying landmark in the US Space Program. Join us for a memorable evening.