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Talk/Slideshow: Remembering Rudi Blesh

Friday, July 20, 2018
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

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Rudi Blesh in 1968, with Gilmantonite Diana Sumner.

No other Gilmanton resident will ever be as hep as Rudi Blesh (1899–1985), a music critic whose forties-era radio show, *This is Jazz*, championed a musical genre then almost unknown to white America. A personal friend of Louis Armstrong and Baby Dodds, Blesh founded Circle Records, which preserved the music of jazz greats such as Jelly Roll Morton and also wrote a biography of silent movie star Buster Keaton. Blesh's grandson, Carl Hultberg, a Danbury, New Hampshire poet, will share photos, music, and memories from the jazz legend's life.

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