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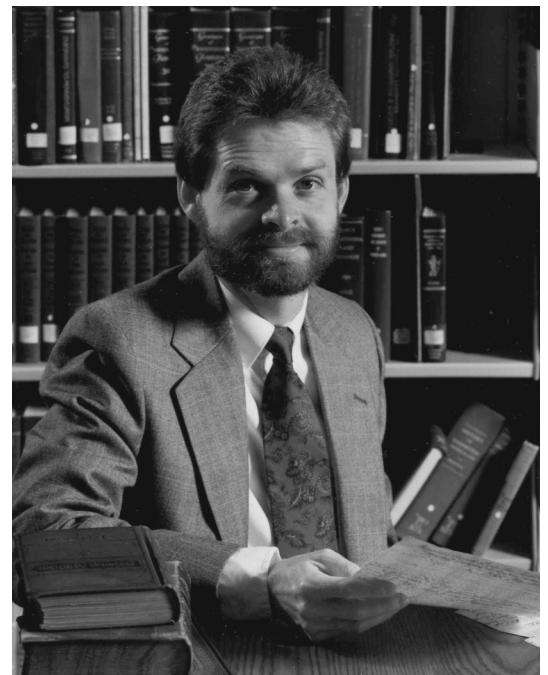
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## the creative spirit in the connecticut valley

The Connecticut Valley has supported and nurtured a creative community made up of **artists, writers, musicians,** and **furniture makers** for more than 200 years, yet this rich legacy has often been overshadowed by the larger urban areas of Boston and New York.

**“The Creative Spirit in the Connecticut Valley” will present an overview of this exciting history and explore topics such as the development of a handcrafted furniture industry in the late 18th century, portrait and landscape painters of the 19th century, and innovative commercial artists of the 20th century. Future directions for the region’s arts will also be discussed.**

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