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Pilgrim Hall Museum

Announces the

2019 April Lecture Series

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., lectures begin at 10 a.m.

Sponsored by Brabo Benefits and Powder Horn Press

Pilgrim Hall Museum offers new perspectives on a range of historical topics and light refreshments every Wednesday morning in April. Each program will last about an hour, including time for questions.

April 3rd, 10 am, *The Bradford Sisters: New Stories in an Old House*

Lecture by Carolyn Ravenscroft, Duxbury Rural & Historical Society

For almost 50 years, the Bradford House museum in Duxbury described the Bradford sisters, Elizabeth, Lucia and Charlotte, as the “maiden aunts.” Their lives were reduced to nothing more than their marital status. Left out of the narrative were the vibrant lives they led as abolitionists, temperance advocates and Civil War nurses. In 2017, the museum was re-imagined to focus on the accomplishments of the sisters and 19th century women’s history. Archivist and historian Carolyn Ravenscroft describes her work in uncovering not only the Bradfords' story but others as well, including her new research on Duxbury women who went to sea.

April 10th, 10 am, “*Before the Mayflower*” Book Talk

With Author J.L. Rose

Novelist J.L. Rose poses the question, why would you board the *Mayflower* and sail to an unfamiliar world? Her answer is a deeply researched fictional account of the Pilgrim story, *Before the Mayflower*. Learn how Rose crafted history into story in imaginative ways, including linking historical figures like Bradford and Brewster with fictional characters through their connections to the world of print and the printing press. Copies of *Before the Mayflower* available for purchase and signing.

April 17th, 10 am, *Jewish Women During the Holocaust*

Lecture by Ronnie Hirschhorn

Holocaust educator Ronnie Hirschhorn considers the integral role of Jewish women in the Holocaust, and their participation in efforts to resist repression and genocide.

Reconsider one of history's darkest moments through the experiences of ordinary women who faced unimaginable circumstances.

April 24th, 10 am

Black Flags, Blue Waters: The Epic History of America's Most Notorious Pirates
Book Talk with Eric Jay Dolin

Bestselling author Eric Jay Dolin reveals the dramatic and surprising history of America's golden age of piracy, from the late 1600s through the early 1700s, including how colonists first supported outrageous pirates, then came to violently oppose them. Copies of *Black Flags, Blue Waters* available for purchase and signing.

April lectures are free and open to the public. Seating may be limited and is available on a first come basis; no reservations. For more information, call 508-746-1620, ext. 7 or contact erin.fein@pilgrimhall.org.

Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court Street (Route 3A), Plymouth, MA 02360.

Information: 508-746-1620; Website: www.pilgrimhall.org

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Museum is open daily, 7 days a week, February through December.

Admission: Adults \$12.00 (16+); \$10.00 for seniors (62+); \$8.00 for Children (6-18). \$30.00 for Families (2 adults with their children aged 6-18). Children under 5 years old and residents of Plymouth, Massachusetts with valid ID are admitted free of charge.