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Our next *Fall Lecture Series* at the Old Colony History Museum

Thursday, October 21st at 5:30 p.m.

[Taunton, MA]–

The Old Colony History Museum is pleased to offer “A History of Plants and People,” this Thursday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. as the second of our free *Fall Lecture Series*.

Gretel Anspach of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in Wellesley, MA will present “A History of Plants and People,” for the OCHM. Gretel is a Lifetime Master Gardener with the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association, a Trustee of Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and a recently-retired systems engineer for Raytheon.

In this presentation we will learn about the interconnected history of plants and people. The science of agriculture is approximately 25,000 years old, and the development of agriculture has influenced civilization, impacted the environment, and dictated food supplies around the world. We will discuss significant agricultural changes in the last century and look at our shared future based on the choices we are making today.

We will welcome our speaker in person to the Museum and there are two ways for you to enjoy this program.

#1 Join us in person at the Museum! Seating is first-come, first-served.

-Or -

#2 Join us from home! Register to access the Zoom meeting. The Zoom chat will be open for the Q&A portion so you don’t miss out on the experience! To receive access to the Zoom link, you need to register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com>.

If you have any questions about how to attend, please feel free to reach out to us at 508.822.1622.

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Upcoming Fall Lecture Series Schedule:

October 21, at 5:30 p.m.

"A History of Plants and People," with Gretel Anspach of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society

November 17, at 5:30

"First Pies of New England," with Paula Marcoux of Edible South Shore & South Coast

December 16, at 5:30

"What Should I Grow in my Medicinal Herb Garden?" with The Grounded Goodwife

All are welcome and we would love to connect with you! You can check out more details on these or any of our museum events at: <https://www.oldcolonyhistorymuseum.org/events/>

About the Old Colony History Museum:

The Old Colony History Museum houses significant collections which chronicle lives lived, wars waged, fortunes won and ingenuity rewarded. We encourage visitors to walk among our exhibits and discover regional history. The Museum's parent organization is the Old Colony Historical Society, one of the oldest organizations of its kind in New England. Founded in 1853, it serves the region of southeastern Massachusetts that was once part of the Plymouth Colony.

At OCHM, we're committed to the preservation of our history through public engagement and community outreach. We're here to collect, curate, interpret, and bring to vibrant life the history of the Old Colony, collaborating with the community to share those meaningful connections that knit together our past, present, and future. We invite you to experience what we mean by *history happens here*.

The Old Colony History Museum is located on historic Church Green in Taunton. The Museum has its headquarters in the former Bristol Academy, designed in 1852 by the New York architect Richard Upjohn. Regular Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the Museum is \$5 and free for Museum members.

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