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Pilgrim Hall Museum's October Evening Lecture Series

This October, Pilgrim Hall Museum will be offering a new series of evening lectures featuring authors, local historians and even some historical music.

Executive Director Patrick Browne commented, "The October Lectures Series is a new program here at Pilgrim Hall Museum and we are very grateful to our sponsor, Rockland Trust, for making it possible. This series will essentially double the number of scholars lecturing at the museum. They will speak on a wide variety of interesting topics that are sure to be enjoyed by the community."

The lectures take place Wednesday evenings (with one exception) with coffee and refreshments at 6:30 and the lecture at 7 p.m. A \$5 donation per person is suggested.

On October 1, Rob Cox, head of the UMass Amherst Libraries Department of Special Collections and University Archives will speak on his popular book, *Massachusetts Cranberry Culture*.

On October 7 (Tuesday), Nick Bunker, who wrote a widely read history of the Pilgrims entitled *Making Haste for Babylon*, will launch his tour for his new book, *An Empire on the Edge: How Britain Came to Fight America*. The book, to be released in mid-September, is a British account of the Boston Tea Party and the origins of the American Revolution, showing how a lethal blend of politics, personalities and economics led to a war that few people welcomed but nobody could prevent. (Note this is the only October lecture that takes place on a Tuesday).

On October 15, Stephen Puleo will discuss his recent book *The Caning: The Assault That Drove America to Civil War*. Puleo will explain how the shocking assault on Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner on the floor of the Senate was a turning point in American history.

On October 22, "The Starry Night Duo," Barry and Patty Simon, will entertain with period music on dulcimer and fife. Selections will include music from the Civil War era to complement the

museum's current exhibition *Plymouth Witness to the Civil War*. The Simons, in addition to performing, will also discuss a bit of the history behind their musical selections.

On October 29, Stephen O'Neill, Associate Director/Curator, Pilgrim Hall Museum, "Where the Bodies Are: Pilgrim Graves and Burying Grounds." More than 200 people immigrated to Plymouth Colony between 1620 and 1623, yet only a very few of them have graves marked with original gravestones. This illustrated lecture will examine the possibilities of where most of the first settlers were buried.

Those with questions about Pilgrim Hall Museum's October Lecture Series should contact the museum at 508-746-1620 x.7

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

Information: 508-746-1620; Web site: www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 7 days a week. The Museum is closed on Christmas Day, New Years Eve, and the month of January.

Admission: Adults \$8.00; seniors (62+) \$7.00; Children (5-17) \$5.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) \$25.00. Museum members and residents of Plymouth, Massachusetts are admitted free.