



Rhode Island Historical Society and Newport Historical Society present

# History Space

Professional Development for Public History Practitioners

Hands-on Workshops and Free Talks

March through May 2015

**Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 5:30**

## *Living in a (Colonial) Material World*

Newport Historical Society, Colony House

Washington Square, Newport, RI

Free; register at [NewportHistory.Eventbrite.com](http://NewportHistory.Eventbrite.com)

*Building upon the previous program **Fitting Into the Past**, this talk introduces participants to the world of material culture as a foundation for creating a living history persona. Participants will view and discuss extant objects from the RIHS collection and from a private collection, and will leave with an outline of research resources to begin creating their own personal colonial world.*

**Thursday, April 9, 2015, 5:30-7:30pm**

## *Market Wallet Workshop*

Newport Historical Society, Colony House

Washington Square, Newport, RI

\$22 class fee includes a precut fabric kit and thread

Register at [NewportHistory.Eventbrite.com](http://NewportHistory.Eventbrite.com)

*Whether you're a novice or experienced sewer, craft an 18<sup>th</sup> century wallet from a precut linen kit during this evening class while reviewing basic hand sewing stitches. Participants will leave with a partially completed market wallet and the skills to complete the project. Space is limited to ten participants; registration required. Previous sewing experience is helpful, but not necessary.*

**Saturday, May 2, 2015**

## *Apron Workshop* 9:30am-Noon

Rhode Island Historical Society Library

121 Hope Street, Providence, RI

\$30 class fee includes a precut fabric kit and thread

Register at [NewportHistory.Eventbrite.com](http://NewportHistory.Eventbrite.com)

*In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, ladies of all levels of society wore an apron every day. This morning class introduces the required hand sewing skills to create a linen apron appropriate for a working woman. Participants will leave with a partially completed apron and the knowledge to complete the project. Space is limited to twelve; registration required. Previous sewing experience is helpful, but not necessary.*

## *Sewing Session* 1-3pm

Rhode Island Historical Society Library

121 Hope Street, Providence, RI

Free, registration required: [NewportHistory.Eventbrite.com](http://NewportHistory.Eventbrite.com)

*Stuck on a historical sewing project? Need help fitting a garment? Join experienced staff members of the Rhode Island and Newport Historical Societies for this free program of help with crafting your historical clothing. Space is limited to twelve; registration required.*

**May 16, 2015, 9:30am-2:30pm**

## *Petticoat Workshop*

Rhode Island Historical Society Library

121 Hope Street, Providence, RI

\$55 registration fee includes a petticoat kit and thread

*Learn how to hand sew a period-correct 18<sup>th</sup> century petticoat from experienced staff members of the Rhode Island and Newport Historical Societies. This workshop introduces participants to stitches needed to construct this basic garment.*

*Participants will leave with a partially completed petticoat and the knowledge to complete the project. Space is limited to ten; registration required. Previous sewing experience is helpful, but not necessary.*

Learn more at [bit.ly/HistorySpace](http://bit.ly/HistorySpace)

