

## Speakers

**Victoria Stevens** is the Curator and Educator at the Hull Lifesaving Museum. She earned her B.A. in Fine Arts at Harvard University, where she began museum work at the Fogg Museum of Art, followed by the Masters in Art History and Museum Studies Certificate Program at Tufts University.

**Carolyn Ravenscroft** is the Archivist for the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society's Drew Archival Library. She holds a B.A. in History from Northeastern University and Master's degrees in both History and Library Science from Simmons College.

**Cheryle Caputo** is a founder of the Friends of Burial Hill, a non-profit grassroots organization established in 2011 with a mission of preserving Plymouth's oldest historic graveyard and educating the public to the importance of conserving gravestones, memorials and commemorative sites. She is also an accomplished folk artist whose work has been featured in *Early American Life*.

**Donna Curtin** is Executive Director of the Plymouth Antiquarian Society, and author of *Plymouth: a postcard history*. She received her Ph.D. in American History at Brown University, and teaches a graduate seminar in public history at Simmons College. She currently coordinates an annual series of free public tours of Plymouth's Burial Hill to continue through the town's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.

**Stephen O'Neill** is the Associate Director/Curator at Pilgrim Hall Museum and an adjunct faculty member of the History Department at Suffolk University. He has a BA in English and an MA in American Studies from Boston College and is a PhD Candidate in American & New England Studies at Boston University. He has written numerous articles and presented lectures and tours about cemeteries and mourning customs in the Plymouth area.

**Rachel Lovett** is the Executive Director of the Hanover Historical Society. She has organized tours that highlighted the social history and topography of local cemeteries. Lovett is finishing her Master's thesis for the Harvard Museum Studies program on methods local history museums use to interpret their burying grounds.

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# BACK ROADS of the SOUTH SHORE

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PRESENTS

THE 2014  
*South Shore*  
*History Symposium*  
“HERE LIES BURIED:  
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CEMETERIES OF THE  
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APRIL 12, 2014  
10 AM TO 2:30 PM

THE SPIRE CENTER FOR THE  
PERFORMING ARTS  
25 Court Street, Plymouth



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*Schedule*

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- 9:00 AM Registration opens
- 9:50 AM Welcoming Remarks, **Tim Davidson**, Co-Chair of the Backroads of the South Shore and President of the Marshfield Historical Society
- 10:00 AM “Shipwreck Gravestones of the South Shore,” **Victoria Stevens**, Curator and Educator, Hull Lifesaving Museum
- 10:30 AM “Letters, Journals and Gravestones: The Stories of Duxbury’s Mayflower Cemetery through Archival Sources,” **Carolyn Ravenscroft**, Archivist, Duxbury Rural and Historical Society
- 11:00 AM “Burial Hill: From Neglect to Nurture,” **Cheryle Caputo**, Friends of Burial Hill
- 11:30- 1:00 PM **Lunch on your own.** The Spire Center for the Performing Arts is conveniently located in downtown Plymouth with numerous eating establishments in easy walking distance. A list of suggestions will be available.
- 1:00 PM “Plymouth’s Oak Grove and the Rural Cemetery Movement on the South Shore,” **Donna Curtin**, Executive Director, Plymouth Antiquarian Society
- 1:30 PM “Plymouth’s Burial Hill and Massachusetts’s Top Five Cemeteries,” **Stephen O’Neill**, Associate Director/Curator of Collections, Pilgrim Society & Pilgrim Hall Museum
- 2:00 PM “Graves and Gossip: A Do-It-Yourself Toolkit to Designing Your Own Cemetery Tour,” **Rachel Lovett**, Executive Director, Hanover Historical Society



**Backroads of the South Shore** is a collaborative project of historical museums in eight towns along the South Shore of Massachusetts from Hingham to Plymouth. The group is dedicated to celebrating the history and spirit of the region. For more information, please visit our website at [brss.org](http://brss.org).

*Registration Form*

\$15 per person  
 includes refreshments and  
 six presentations

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To ensure reservation, please return  
 this form by

**April 7, 2014**

Please make checks payable to:

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*Save the Date!*

Backroads of the South Shore will present a  
*Here Lies Buried* bus tour of several South Shore  
 cemeteries on Saturday, **September 27, 2014**.  
 Visit [brss.org](http://brss.org) for more details.