

# THS Programs September 2023 - June 2024



- True American Rum -  
**PRIVATEER**  
- Essex County, Massachusetts -

## NEW ENGLAND'S RUM INDUSTRY

**Thursday, September 14, 7:30 PM**

Andrew Cabot (1750-1791), ancestor of Privateer Rum founder Andrew Cabot, was a merchant, rum distiller, and successful American privateer during the American Revolution. Privateer's Bob McCoy presents the history of the rum industry in New England, as well as the story behind the company's founding. A tasting will follow the lecture and attendees will receive Privateer Rum swag. This program is for ages 21+

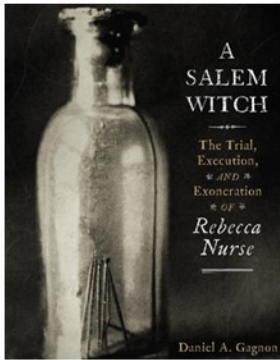


**TRAILS  
& SAILS**  
ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

## ENHC Trails & Sails - Parson Capen Open House

**Friday, September 15, 9 - 12:00**

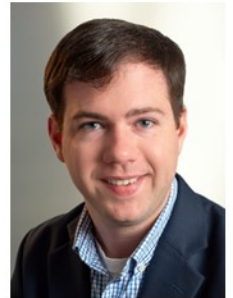
Could the Witch Hysteria have been stopped in the Parson's study? Learn the history of this exactly restored house, and how it has survived for almost 350 years!



## A SALEM WITCH - REBECCA NURSE

**Thursday, October 12, 7:30 PM**

Author Daniel Gagnon vividly recreates seventeenth-century Salem, and challenges older interpretations of Nurse's life and the 1692 witch hunt, revealing the Nurse family's earlier disputes. Were the accusations of witchcraft caused by mental illness or malicious intent? *A Salem Witch* reveals a remarkable woman whose legacy has transformed how the witch hunt has been remembered.



## OLD-FASHIONED THANKSGIVING AT THE CAPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, November 23, 10 to 12**

Experience a Colonial Thanksgiving, with costumed interpreters, hot cider, hearth cooking demonstration and children's crafts & games.



**NEW!**

## TOPSFIELD HOLIDAY WALK OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, December 2, 4-6 PM**

Christmas in the Parson Capen House! See the house aglow, enjoy Holiday treats, and learn a bit about how Christmas was celebrated in New England through the centuries.

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**PHILLIS WHEATLEY, AFRICAN-AMERICAN POET**

**Sunday, January 14, 3 PM**

Kidnapped and enslaved in Boston during the Revolutionary Era, Wheatley was the first published African-American poet. Her work, about equality and freedom, was widely read in America and England. Recent scholarship revealed a complicated later life in Middleton, and THS VP Jeanne Pickering describes Wheatley's years there, as well as the meaning of her poetry within the social-political aspects of her time.



**A SAILOR'S VALENTINE - LECTURE & WORKSHOP**

**Sunday, February 4, 3 PM**

After years away at sea, 19th century sailors returned home to their sweethearts with intricate artwork painstakingly created with exotic shells. Learn the history of these creations, then make one yourself. All supplies provided. For adults and children ages 10 and up. Preregistration required. Reserve your spot by email to [annebarretthistory@gmail.com](mailto:annebarretthistory@gmail.com).



**ANNUAL CHILI LUNCH & MEETING**

**Sunday, March 10, 12 PM**

Enjoy famous THS chili and hear all about what's been happening and what's next!



**TINSELTOWN TEMPTRESS, WWII INVENTOR**

**Thursday, April 11, 7:30 PM**

From a smoldering temptress in the 1949 Hollywood classic *Samson and Delilah*, to an inventor working with the Allies to defeat the Nazis, Hedy Lamarr was a brilliant and colorful figure whose inventions were forerunners to GPS, WIFI, and all wireless telecommunications. **Actress Judith Kalaora IS Hedy Lamarr!**



**ANYTHING GOES: AMERICA DURING THE JAZZ AGE**

**Thursday, May 9, 7:30 PM**

Everyone loves Jazz! Historian Christopher Daley presents this entertaining overview of the 1920's, showcasing world and political events, prohibition, organized crime, and the style, fashion and trends of the **Jazz Age**.



**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, June 8, 10 to 4**

Crafters, entertainment, strawberry shortcake!  
Welcome summer with this beloved Topsfield Tradition!



**PARKING IS NO LONGER PERMITTED IN THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PARKING LOT. Limited parking on THS property in the new parking area. All others MUST park along the Emerson Center side of E. Common St or Main St.**