



Pilgrim Society
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Pilgrim Hall Museum
Announces the
2012 April Lecture Series
Coffee at 9:30 a.m., lectures begin at 10 a.m.
Sponsored by Plymouth Industrial Development Corporation

Join us each Wednesday morning in April for lectures inspired by the *Written, Printed, & Drawn: Rarities from Plymouth's Past* exhibit. Each program will last about an hour, including time for questions.

April 4 – *New England's Memoriall* and Books in Plymouth Colony
Stephen O'Neill, Associate Director/Curator of Collections, Pilgrim Hall Museum

New England Memoriall, published in Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1669, is a history of Plymouth Colony written by Nathaniel Morton. He based much of the book on his uncle and foster-father William Bradford's manuscript history "Of Plimoth Plantation" which remained unpublished until 1856. Morton's *Memoriall* went through six editions by 1855 as a primary source for Plymouth Colony history. The illustrated talk will explore the history of the book, its author and the context of 1669 publication.

April 11 – *The World Revealed through Maps: Making of the Leventhal Map Center*
Janet Spitz, Executive Director, Norman B. Leventhal Map Center, Boston Public Library

Created in 2004, the Leventhal Map Center is dedicated to the creative educational use of its cartographic holdings, which extend from the 15th century to the present. Janet Spitz will present an overview of the collection, which is ranked among the top ten in the United States for its size, the significance of its historic (pre 1900) material, and its advanced digitization program. She will share maps of Plymouth along with a sampling of their global collection, exhibitions, and educational programs.

April 18 – April 18 - Plymouth Bay through Time

**Dr. Allen Gontz, Associate Professor of Coastal Geology & Geophysics,
University of Massachusetts - Boston**

Over the past 2 years, Dr. Gontz has been studying the coastal environments of Plymouth, including Standish Point and Plymouth Long Beach in an effort to decipher the changes that have occurred prior to today and forecast future trends of coastal evolution. He and his team employ techniques ranging from basic surveying to ground penetrating radar to historical map and aerial photo analysis. The Pilgrim Hall Collection has been instrumental in support of the efforts by providing access to early historical maps and images. Join Dr. Gontz as he shares his unique view on the changes to the environment of Plymouth Bay.

April 25 –Still Making History: AAS @200

Ellen S. Dunlap, President, American Antiquarian Society

Founded in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1812, the American Antiquarian Society has the most comprehensive collection of printed materials documenting American life from colonial times through the Civil War and Reconstruction. Ellen Dunlap will share some of their treasures, including the Council of New England record book from 1622 - 1623, and tell us about their initiatives to share their collections with a wider audience.

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

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

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

Admission: Adults \$8.00; seniors (62+) and AAA members \$6.00; Children (5-17) \$5.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) \$25.00. Residents of Plymouth, Massachusetts are admitted free.