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The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series Presents



Better Living Through Alchemy: Private Lives and Alchemical Pursuits in a Tuscan Village and Colonial America

With Bruce Moran, University of Nevada, Reno

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m., 260 Grove Street, Waltham

The talk explores the broad meaning of alchemy in the early modern era and focuses upon its place in the private lives of two early 17th figures.

The first is a Tuscan potter, Dionigi Marmi, who is held responsible for a murder and attempts to rebuild his life, in part, by learning practical alchemy.

The second is a graduate of Harvard College, George Starkey, who leads a double life by creating an alter ego as an alchemical adept.

Bruce Moran is a recent arrival in Waltham, and at present is splitting his time between Massachusetts and Nevada. In semi retirement, he teaches in the history department at the University of Nevada, Reno (completing a career there of more than 40 years) while continuing research in the history of science and early medicine as a visiting fellow at Harvard.

*The talk will follow the November Member Meeting.
Refreshments will be available.*



Visit the Library Exhibit Honoring Veterans Day and the 100th Anniversary of The Great War

The Waltham Historical Society and the Waltham Museum Collaborate on a

Be sure to visit the Waltham Public Library during the month of November to commemorate Veterans Day, and get a taste of Waltham's role in the conflict called the "War to End All Wars."

The exhibit will be installed the first of November and run throughout the month in the Exhibit Cabinets on the first floor of the Library.

In the exhibit you will get a small taste of the displays at the Waltham Museum and the Waltham Historical Society drawing on the recently acquired Brad Bigham Collection.

Brad Bigham was a long-time contributor to the local newspapers with stories collected from the survivors of the First World War. Brad's father, Ed Bigham, served in Company F, of the 101st Infantry Yankee Division during the War and introduced Brad to comrades who had served with him. Over the years Brad visited as many of the men from Company F as could be found, collecting their stories, medals, and pictures and was instrumental in arranging reunions for the Company, often conducted on Waltham Common.

In 1917 America entered WWI unprepared and ill-equipped. In history books it would be known as World War I, but for those who fought in it, and their loved ones who lived through it, it would always be THE GREAT WAR.



One of the few units prepared to be deployed "over there" was the 26th "Yankee" Division. The Regiments of the "Yankee" Division were comprised of community-based National Guard Companies. Waltham's was Company F, which served during WWI as part of the 101st Regiment.

They would distinguish themselves throughout the conflict as would the numerous Waltham service men and women of all branches who served during the war. Fifty-seven of Waltham's citizens would sacrifice their lives during the conflict, including several from Company F.



Among the artifacts in the Library Display are images of the men as they served in El Paso in 1916 and during their training, often at Waltham's Bicycle Park, known then as Camp Banks.

There are also Waltham manufactured items like watches and compasses as well as commemorative medals and references for reading more on the events of 1916-1919.





Library Exhibit (continued)

The Library Exhibit is presented by



The Waltham Museum
75 Lexington Street in Waltham

And



The Waltham Historical Society
at the former Bright School
260 Grove Street in Waltham

The Waltham Historical Society's exhibit
"The Great War — 100 Years"
will run through January 2019.



The Waltham Historical Society is seeking volunteers to conduct guided tours of the Grove Hill Cemetery, visiting the graves of noted citizens and heroes of the American Civil War. If you're interested in getting involved we will train you and provide everything necessary to make it a fun and enjoyable activity for you and any guests.

Contact us at
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"Thank you" to the Waltham Historical Society for preserving the City's rich history.



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The Society Bright School location, 260 Grove Street will be staffed on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 PM as often as possible. Take the opportunity to visit and view some of the artifacts and documents collected by the Society over the past 100 years. If you would like to join us as a guest or as a docent, please contact us at waltham.historical.society@gmail.com.