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Beatrix Potter in New London on the Thames River

A Symposium at the Linda Lear Center
for Special Collections and Archives

9 – 11 June 2017

**Join us for a special exhibition, lively panel discussions,
great talks, and the camaraderie of Potter enthusiasts**

LOCATION: Connecticut College, a private liberal arts college in New London, Connecticut. The facilities to be used are accessible for wheelchair users, but short walks are required between buildings. Parking is readily available.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday 9 June: Late afternoon check-in, opening reception, viewing of the exhibition, and dinner

Saturday 10 June: Opening, keynote talk and panel presentations

- ❖ Author Linda Lear will open the Symposium with a keynote address focusing on the connection between her research for *Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature*, and the development of the Linda Lear Center for Special Collections and Archives at Connecticut College.
- ❖ Ben Panciera, Director of Special Collections for the Lear Center, will be joined by Libby Joy, Editor of the Beatrix Potter Society's *Journal & Newsletter*, and Michele Pacifico, Archival Facilities Consultant. They will describe their roles as Linda's invaluable 'silent partners'.
- ❖ Panellists will discuss the diversity of Potter biographies and her North American friends.
- ❖ Selwyn Goodacre, expert collector of Potter material, will share information on museums and universities worldwide that house her originals and how we can gain access.
- ❖ After-dinner speaker Mandy Marshall, Blue Badge Guide and current resident of Castle Cottage, will offer us an insider's view of life at Castle Cottage.

Sunday 11 June: Round tables, panels, and Society news Activities will adjourn at 11.30 a.m.

ACCOMMODATION Those preferring to lodge on-campus will be staying in dormitory rooms with shared bathrooms and showers (most rooms are singles; a small number of rooms with two beds are available). These rooms are conveniently located adjacent to the dining hall in Harris Refectory (see photo on the next page) and near our meeting facilities. Alternatively, a block of rooms is being held at a discounted rate at two nearby hotels (taxi or car needed) for those who wish to stay off-campus. See overleaf on the Registration form for details.



Shain Library, site of the Linda Lear Center for Special Collections and Archives

TRAVEL Major airports serving the region include New York (Newark, JFK, LaGuardia), Boston (Logan), Providence (Green) and Hartford (Bradley). Upon arrival at these airports, New London can be reached via train (www.amtrak.com). The College is just a five-minute taxi ride from the train station. Tip: A monorail at Newark Liberty Airport goes directly to the Newark Airport Amtrak Rail Station, a highly convenient option. Boston Logan Airport, Providence Green Airport, Hartford Bradley Airport and New York JFK and LaGuardia Airports require transfer via bus or taxi to the local Amtrak station.

FEES \$450 including full Symposium, dormitory lodging and all meals; \$370 if lodging off-campus (you pay for your hotel separately). Awards from the Jane Morse Memorial Fund are available for this Symposium.

BOOKING DEADLINE 15 May 2017. Shortly thereafter, registrants will receive a confirmation email that will include further details such as a campus map showing the location of the buildings to be used for the Symposium, and a list of nearby tourist attractions should you wish to extend your stay in the area. While a car is required to reach many places in New England, train services do operate between New London and the major East Coast cities.

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Registration form please return by 15 May 2017

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

_____ Zip/Postcode: _____

Number of registrants _____

Please tick all that apply:

Either Full Symposium with dormitory lodging and all meals
(\$450 per person, Member rate) _____



Please select:

Harris Refectory, site of dormitory rooms
and main dining hall – parking is adjacent.

Single room _____

Double room (reserved for those attending with spouse/partner/carer) _____

Or Full Symposium with off-campus lodging * (\$370 per person, Member rate, lodging at own expense) _____

Non-Member surcharge (\$35) _____

Total amount due _____

Payment Details:

For payment by credit card (MasterCard or Visa):

Card number: _____

Expiry date: _____ / _____ 3-digit security code: _____

Cardholder's name as it appears on the credit card and address, if different from above:

Cardholder's signature _____ Amount paid \$ _____

Registrants wishing to pay by cheque can do so, payable to **The Beatrix Potter Society**.

All credit card details and cheques, together with your registration form, should be sent to:
Betsy Bray, P.O. Box 202, South Harwich, MA 02661 USA

* Rooms are available at a discounted rate for Symposium attendees at the following two local hotels. Book under 'Beatrix Potter Symposium' by 9 May to get the special nightly rates shown below:

Either Clarion New London-Mystic

(<http://www.clarionhotel.com/ires/en-US/html/ArrivalInfo?hotel=CT149&srp=LBPS&pu=no>); \$109 per night plus tax, phone 860-442-0631

Or New London Springhill Suites

(<http://cwp.marriott.com/gonsh/beatrixpotter/>); \$169 per night plus tax, phone: 860-439-0151

Questions? Contact Betsy Bray, Symposium Coordinator, braybetsybps@gmail.com, or phone her on 860-752-9303.

Please keep a copy of this form and the front page for your records!