

**May 30**

**Litchfield Historical Society**

**Biltmore to Bomber Seats:**

**The History of Warren McArthur**

The Warren McArthur factory in Bantam produced everything from stylish aluminum furniture to lightweight bomber seats. Join us for an in-depth look at the company's history and lasting legacy.

*Speaker: Alex DuBois, Curator of Collections*

*Lecture Site: Litchfield Historical Society, 7 South Street, Litchfield, CT*

*860-567-4501; [www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org)*

**June 6**

**Mattatuck Museum**

**The House Built by Brass:**

**The History of Rose Hill**

Learn of the three families who occupied Rose Hill during Waterbury's Gilded Age. Follow the narratives of the Scovill, Welton and Chase families as they make their fortunes and forge the way for the Brass City to flourish.

*Speaker: Christina Volpe, Public Historian*

*Lecture Site: Matt@ Rose Hill*

*63 Prospect Street, Waterbury, CT*

*203-753-0381; [mattmuseum.org](http://mattmuseum.org)*

**June 13**

**Old Bethlem Historical Society**

**Robert Leather and the Abbey of Regina Laudis**

In 1946 the coincidence of successful industrialist Robert Leather living around the corner from two nuns from France boarding with artist Lauren Ford leads to the founding of a Benedictine abbey and an Oscar winning movie.

*Speakers: Carol Ann Brown, Past President*

*Lecture Site: Church of the Nativity's Shellman*

*Parish Center, 48 East St. Bethlehem, CT*

*203-266-5196; [www.ci.bethlehem.ct.us](http://www.ci.bethlehem.ct.us)*

# 2019 History Bites Lecture Series



*Torrington Soldiers, 1918. Collection of the Torrington Historical Society.*

Each spring History Bites presents a series of weekly lunchtime programs that shares topics of local history with the regional community. This year's lecture series theme **Who's Behind This?** looks at the players behind the stories.

**Thursdays, April 11th through June 13th  
from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

**Free and open to the public.**

*Please contact hosting organization for directions  
and more information.*

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**April 11**

**Topsmead State Forest  
From Private Estate to Public Land**

Who are the people behind Topsmead becoming a state forest? How and why did this 500 acre private estate end up the property of the people of Connecticut?

*Speaker: Jerry Geci, Educator & Tour Guide*

*Lecture Site: Litchfield Community Center*

*421 Bantam Road, Litchfield, CT*

*860-567-5694;*

*deep.state.ct.uc/rec/parks/ctforests.htm*

**April 18**

**Southbury Historical Society  
An Insider's Look at South Britain**

Join us on April 18, at 12 o'clock as resident and well-known architect, Hugh Sullivan, shares what you can still see of old South Britain, if you look hard enough.

*Speaker: Hugh Sullivan*

*Lecture Site: Old Town Hall Museum, 624 South*

*Britain Road, Southbury, CT*

*203-405-3124; www.southburyhistory.org*

**April 25**

**Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden  
The Stories Behind The Story...Lilac Girls**

The bestselling novel Lilac Girls has shared the story of Caroline Ferriday and the Women of Ravensbruck ...but the story behind this novel is just as intriguing; come and hear how one woman's journey became a best seller.

*Speakers: Peg Shimer, Site Administrator*

*Lecture Site: Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden, 9*

*Main Street N., Bethlehem, CT*

*203-266-7596*

**May 2**

**Glebe House Museum & Gertrude Jekyll Garden  
Our Secret Garden: The Women of Glebe House**

Much has been said of the famous men who were associated with the Glebe House, but what of the women who lived and worked beside them? Join us as we take a look at the lives of some of the women whose history intersected with the "Glebe" and how they affected its future.

*Speakers: LoriAnn Witte, Director*

*Lecture Site: Glebe House Museum & Gertrude*

*Jekyll Garden, 49 Hollow Road, Woodbury, CT*

*203-263-2855; www.glebehousemuseum.org*

**May 9**

**Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust  
The Woodbury Path: A Historic Roadway**

Starting at the Derby seaport and going past Flanders, a 350 year old roadway was used to move farmers goods to market. Join Peter Rzasz for a fascinating lecture on its early origins and how it opened up CT to Colonial life.

*Speaker: Peter & Barbara Rzasz*

*Lecture Site: Natalie's Studio @ Flanders Nature*

*Center, 5 Church Hill Road, Woodbury CT*

*201-263-3711; flandersnaturecenter.org*

**May 16**

**Gunn Historical Museum  
Unsung Heroes of The Gunnery**

Among many notable alumni The Gunnery has produced, there are many who have served in the armed forces. Michael Kassis will share their stories of military service.

*Speaker: Michael Kassis, Gunn Scholar 2019*

*Lecture Site: Wykeham Room, Gunn Library*

*5 Wykeham Road, Washington, CT*

*860-868-7756; gunnmuseum.org*

**May 23**

**Torrington Historical Society  
Behind the Lines in World War I**

Over a century ago, nearly 1,400 Torrington men and women, many of them immigrants, served in World War I. This program will explore some of their stories and contributions

*Speaker: Mark McEachern, Executive Director*

*Lecture Site: Torrington Historical Society, 192*

*Main St, Torrington, CT*

*860-482-8260; torringtonhistoricalsociety.org*

All lectures are at noon on Thursdays.  
Bring lunch. Beverages and dessert are  
provided. Reservations requested, but  
not required