



GREEN SPRING GARDENS  
4603 GREEN SPRING ROAD  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22312

# Downton Abbey

## The Titanic to the Twenties



### HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

**Saturday, March 19th, 2016**  
**9am-1pm**

**Green Spring Gardens**  
4603 Green Spring Road  
Alexandria, Virginia 22312  
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### About Green Spring Gardens



GREEN SPRING GARDENS is a Fairfax County park dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the area's horticultural, historical and natural resources. It's a 31-acre public garden, horticulture center and historic site that provides a place for the encouragement of the practice of gardening and the interpretation of history.

Over 20 thematic demonstration gardens provide ideas and inspiration for home landscapes. Green Spring offers an extensive education program. Horticulture-themed lectures, workshops, garden tours and getaways are offered year-round. History programs are presented all year at the 1784 Historic House, often accompanied by afternoon tea.

The history of Green Spring spans three centuries and chronicles the lives of the many families that lived here. The house and landscape evolved with these families from the late 1700s until the mid-twentieth century. Their personal stories reflect the area's changing agriculture, industry, culture and politics.

Historic Green Spring is a Virginia Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Cover: Highclere Castle from *Glimpses of Old English Homes* by Elizabeth Balch, 1890

### About Our Speakers

**Debbie Waugh** is historic house coordinator at Green Spring Gardens and interprets the rich history of Green Spring through a wide range of programs and events. She speaks on many historical and literary topics and has presented a popular series of Downton Abbey-themed lectures that have explored the program's historical backdrop in its successive seasons. She grew up in the United Kingdom and is a graduate of the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and the University of Nottingham, Graduate School of Education in England.

**Kathleen Pablo** is on the board of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association and chairs its Speakers Committee. She presents suffrage history and the work of the association in talks throughout the region to many different groups. She also serves on the board and is an active member of the League of Women Voters and numerous civic, educational and church organizations. A retired educator, she has a private consulting business in conflict resolution and is a visiting speaker for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University.

**Caroline Hottenstein** is a freelance artist who exhibits regularly in Green Spring's art shows. She is also an accomplished seamstress and has collected and presented on antique clothing, textiles, accessories and sewing tools since 1976. She earned a bachelor of arts in design and a master of fine arts at American University and has taught clothing construction and design at Marymount University. Her programs on fashion history have been perennial favorites here and at many other venues in the region.

# DOWNTON ABBEY: THE TITANIC TO THE TWENTIES



**D**ownton Abbey has transported viewers from the Titanic era through the tumultuous years of World War I, and into the Roaring Twenties. As Downton closes its doors, celebrate the popular series that showcased British estate life in the early twentieth century and the separate but interconnected lives of landed aristocrats and their servants. Discover the history lessons that the fictional story wove into its plots, from the impacts of the Great War and advances in women's rights, to fashion, dining and the nuances of social etiquette.

Test your "Downton" knowledge and look back at some memorable moments as we bid a fond farewell to the landmark drama.



**REGISTRATION & COFFEE BEGIN AT 8:30AM**

**WELCOME 9:00am**

**Debbie Waugh**  
**History Lessons at Downton Abbey**  
**9:15-10:15am**

Recap historical highlights of all six seasons to discover how accurately – or otherwise – *Downton Abbey* conveyed historical fact. Explore the show's treatment of a world war and a new society of gramophones, cocktails and dissolving traditions. Evaluate the depiction of servant life, effects of Americanism, changing roles for women and evolving sexual mores. Hear about the production's meticulous research of the myriad period details layered beneath the plots, from costumes to manners to table settings. Recall some anachronisms that made it to the final cut as we consider the role of period film productions as historical documentaries.

**BREAK 10:15-10:30am**

**Kathleen Pablo**  
**The "Night of Terror"**  
**10:30-11:15am**

Downton's female characters push past traditional gender boundaries and are swept up in the campaign for women's suffrage. Yet British suffragettes lagged behind their American suffragist sisters in achieving full voting rights. Learn about the "Night of Terror," a night of horrific violence endured by the suffragists in the Occoquan Prison in Virginia, that became the "turning point" in the struggle for the 19th Amendment and paved the way for every British woman - mistress and maid alike - to gain the vote.

*March is National Women's History Month*

**BREAK 11:15-11:30am**

**Caroline Hottenstein**  
**Downton Fashion: Two Dresses, Two Eras**  
**11:30am-12:15pm**



Two Downton-inspired dresses, custom made for this event by Caroline Hottenstein, provide insight into the work of *Downton Abbey's* costume designers. The sweep of the show's changing fashions highlights the rapid cultural changes of the time, taking us from Edwardian ruffles and lace towards Jazz Age beads and fringes! One dress is Titanic-era, one a 1920s Flapper design. Hear about the meticulous research required for the authentic design, fabric selection and sewing of these period dresses and how their different styles reflect two quite distinct eras.

**PAUSE**

**Memorable Downton Moments**  
**12:20-1:00pm**

Look back at some of Downton's greatest moments and favorite characters, heroes and villains alike. Review popular storylines; the intrigues, rivalries, scandals, and forbidden loves that kept viewers riveted. Take our Downton Abbey quiz, and celebrate Lady Violet's classic quips!



**Door prizes**

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**Beverages and light snacks**

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**Exhibit of Titanic-era clothing and accessories**  
**by Linda Lau and Terry Hooper of the Victorian Society at Falls Church**

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**Downton-themed keepsakes for sale by**  
**Caroline Hottenstein**

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**Complimentary Downton Abbey tea provided**  
**courtesy of PBS**



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