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Green Spring Gardens Hosts History Symposium

Call it extreme history.

Green Spring Gardens presents its second annual History Symposium and the topic is a time of extremes. American authors and satirists Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner coined the term “The Gilded Age” for the period of about 1870 to 1910 that was marked by the contrast of extreme poverty and fabulous mansions.

Symposium speakers and exhibitors include:

- Richard Guy Wilson, Commonwealth professor and chair, Dept. of Architectural History, University of Virginia, who specializes in American architecture, design and art
- Tyler Anbinder, professor of history, George Washington University, and a specialist in 19th century American politics and the history of immigration
- The Victorian Society, Falls Church Chapter, with exhibits from the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition
- Caroline Hottenstein, artist and collector, displaying Victorian-era fashions
- Bill Pishock, appraiser and antique store owner, displaying Gilded Age furniture and arts
- Elizabeth Way, former Smithsonian National Museum of African American History researcher
- Ryan Clemens, resident theatre artist with Virginia Stage Company and great-great-great grand nephew of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, a.k.a., Mark Twain, with a living history presentation of “Meet Mark Twain”

The symposium runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014. The cost is \$75. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes with program code 290 183 3101. For more information, call 703-941-7987. Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Rd. in Alexandria, Va.

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