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Celebrate Women's History Month

Lecture on Anna Caroline Maxwell: American Florence Nightingale

Cos Cob, CT, February 20, 2013—The Greenwich Historical Society and the Greenwich Point Conservancy will cosponsor a lecture on the illustrious career of Anna Caroline Maxwell (1851-1929) given by Suzanne Law Hawes, President of the Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia University School of Nursing Alumni Association. Maxwell, considered to be the pioneer of the modern nursing movement, was often referred to as the American Florence Nightingale. She was the founding director of the New York Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing (now the Columbia University School of Nursing), having been recruited by John S. Kennedy, the president of the hospital's board of trustees. Mr. Kennedy was the uncle of J. Kennedy Tod, the builder of Innis Arden Cottage at Greenwich Point, and himself a benefactor to the Presbyterian Hospital.

Anna Maxwell organized nurses for the military during the Spanish American War and later helped to establish the Army Nurse Corps in World War I. She successfully lobbied for military rank for Army nurses, and working with the chief surgeon of the Presbyterian Hospital, she organized one of the first of 50 base hospital units for that war.

J. Kennedy Tod and his wife extended the hospitality of their estate to Miss Maxwell and the doctors and nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital for many years, first at Innis Arden Cottage and later at a cluster of buildings built on the west side of Greenwich Point expressly for that purpose. Yet another chapter in Greenwich's colorful past.

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Innis Arden Cottage, Greenwich Point, Old Greenwich, CT 06870

Doors open at 4:00 pm; lecture begins at 4:30

Admission is free but reservations are strongly suggested; space is limited. Please call 203-869-6899, Ext. 10.