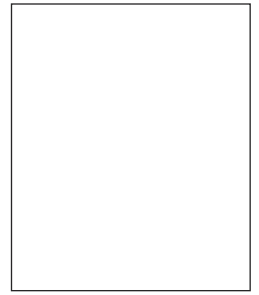




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# The Victorian Society in America

48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING & TOUR • May 21 -25, 2014

*Authors, Industry, and Opulence:*

LOWELL, CONCORD *and the* NORTH SHORE



### Pre-Tour

Wednesday, May 21  
Cambridge

### Annual Meeting

Thursday - Saturday • May 22 - 24, 2014

### Opening Reception

Wednesday, May 21 • 6 p.m.  
Whistler House Museum of Art

### Post-Tour

Sunday, May 25 • Essex and Newburyport

## LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

The water-powered textile mills of **Lowell, Massachusetts** catapulted the nation – including immigrant families and early female factory workers – into an uncertain new industrial era. Nearly 200 years later the changes that began in Lowell still reverberate in our shifting global economy. Lowell is a living monument to the dynamic human story of the Industrial Revolution.

## CONCORD

**Concord** is famously connected to people and events that shaped the American psyche: Thoreau, Alcott, Emerson, Walden Pond, the Minute Men, and the birthplace of the American Revolution.

## THE NORTH SHORE

**The North Shore** is the region north of Boston along the Atlantic coast. It includes, among others, the towns of Revere, Lynn, Gloucester, Salem and Newburyport. Each has their own history dating back four centuries.

*Come with us as we explore each of these unique and interesting areas of Massachusetts.*

### Getting There

**By Car:** The hotel is accessible via auto (connected to I 495 and Route 3)

**By Train:** Lowell is the terminus of a commuter rail line that emanates at Boston's North Station. AMTRAK terminates at Boston's South Station. Transit to North from South Station is accessible via the 'T' or taxi. You can connect to the Lowell commuter rail line via the 'T': Silver Line to South Station. From South, take the 'T' or taxi to North Station. Commuter trains leave for Lowell [only from North Station] once an hour during the week, once every two hours on weekends

**By Plane:** Lowell is equidistant between Boston's Logan Airport, and the Manchester, New Hampshire Airport. Shuttle services at each airport provide access to Lowell.

### What to Wear and Eating Out in Lowell

New England in May can be variable, so it's best to be prepared to wear layers. Do bring an umbrella 'just in case' and be sure to bring comfortable walking shoes as there will be a fair amount of walking.

There are a number of restaurants at various price points within walking distance of our hotel.

### Silent Auction

There will NOT be a Silent Auction at this year's meeting.

### Hotel Information

Our headquarters hotel is the **UMASS Lowell Inn & Conference Center**, 50 Warren Street, Downtown Lowell 01852. For reservations call 978-934-6920 and ask for in-house reservations. Be sure to mention that you are with the Victorian Society.

We have reserved a block of room at a discounted rate of \$99.00 per night single or double occupancy, which includes complimentary parking for one vehicle. These rooms will be held for us exclusively **until April 21, 2014**. After this date, the discounted rate may no longer be available and the rooms will be subject to availability. There is overnight free parking.

**MAKING RESERVATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HOTEL ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND AT YOUR EXPENSE. THE SOCIETY'S ONLY ROLE IS TO SECURE THE DISCOUNTED GROUP RATE.**

### OPENING RECEPTION

*at the Whistler House  
Museum of Art*

Wednesday, May 21 • 6 pm

*Hearty hors d'oeuvres  
Dinner on your own*

**The Whistler House Museum of Art** is the birthplace of James McNeill Whistler. We will have time to catch up with friends, stroll the grounds, view the exhibits and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and wine or sparkling water before hearing our featured speaker tell us what we'll be seeing over the next several days.

— WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 • 9 A.M. —

### Pre-Tour

*Two Revolutions:*

*Washington's Headquarters and the home of Henry  
Wadsworth Longfellow (one and the same)*

Breakfast on your own • Lunch included

We will leave our hotel at 9 a.m and travel by motor coach to the **Longfellow House** on Brattle Street in Cambridge, where we will tour the house, the garden and the archives. After our visit we will view the architectural highlights of **Tory Row**, Longfellow's neighborhood. Following lunch architectural historian and VSA New England Chapter President Ed Gordon will lead a tour of a portion of the **Harvard campus**, including Radcliffe Yard, Cambridge Common, and Harvard Yard. We will return to our hotel in Lowell in time to rest up and refresh before the opening reception.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

## Lowell

Chapters Breakfast (location TBA)

or Breakfast on your own

Lunch included • Legacy Society reception

Dinner on your own

Tour organizer and VSA Board member David Blackburn will meet the group at 9:00 a.m. at the hotel for a downtown **walking tour of Lowell**. The tour will highlight the Lower Locks, Industrial Canyon, Merrimack Park, Bon Marche, Kirk Street Agent's House, Boardinghouse Park and the Boott Cotton Mill Museum. We will visit the Shrine of the Worker and St. Anne's Episcopal Church before having lunch at Cobblestones Restaurant. Following lunch we will board motor coaches for an **Acre Neighborhood** tour, which will include visits to **Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church** and **St. Patrick's Church**, before continuing to the **Wannalancit Street neighborhood**, where we will visit the **Ayer Mansion** and the adjacent **Lourdes Grotto**. The Grotto has a strong association with the French Canadian community and **Jack Kerouac**, who was born and raised in Lowell. We will then visit the **Spaulding House**, the third oldest in Lowell, before proceeding to the **Pawtucket Gatehouse** and **Pawtucket Falls Overlook**. We will conclude our tour of Lowell with a visit to the **Wannalancit Historic District**, where we will visit the **Bowers House** (1872) and the **Kitson-Lacey House** (1896). Following our return to the hotel a reception for present and potential **Legacy Society** members will be held at 6:30 p.m., location TBA.

*Alumni Association of  
The Victorian Society Summer Schools*

### 2014 Annual Meeting & Dinner

Friday, May 23, 2014 • 6 - 9 p.m.

79 Wedge Street • Lowell, MA

Location: The beautiful home of Darren End and William Reedy at 79 Wedge Street, in the Highland neighborhood of Lowell. The home is a stucco Queen Anne that was built for the president of one of Lowell's small mills in the 1890s. An added bonus is Darren & William's amazing art collection featuring many local artists.

#### Reservations Required

Alumni Association Members Fee: \$50  
Non Alumni Association Members Fee: \$60

The net proceeds will benefit  
the Alumni Association's Scholarship Fund.

For further information or to reserve, please contact  
Nancy Golden at goldendirect@aol.com  
or (805) 563-2315 in Santa Barbara CA

FRIDAY, MAY 23

## Lincoln and Concord

Breakfast on your own

Lunch included • Annual business meeting

Dinner on your own or Alumni Dinner

Motor coaches will depart the hotel at 8:30 AM for the **Codman Estate** in Lincoln, MA, an Historic New England property, where we will split into groups to tour the house. Following our visit we will proceed to **Walden Pond**, made famous by Henry David Thoreau. We will then travel to the heart of **Concord** for lunch and our annual business meeting at the **Colonial Inn**. Following lunch the group will split and we will visit both **Orchard House**, home of the Alcott family, and the **Concord Museum** before returning to Lowell.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

## Gloucester and Lexington

Breakfast on your own

Lunch included • Closing banquet included

Awards presentation

Motor coaches will depart the hotel at 7:45 a.m. for **Beauport** (the Sleeper McCann House), which we will tour. Following our visit we will proceed to **Gloucester** for lunch. Following lunch we will travel to **Lexington Common**, where we will visit the **Minute Man National Historical Park**. Afterward we will see the **Old North Bridge** ('the rude bridge that arched the flood...'), Daniel Chester French's **Minute Man Statue**, and the Colonial Revival **Butterick Estate**. We will then return to Lowell with sufficient time to get ready for the closing banquet and awards presentation in our hotel at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

## Post-Tour

### Essex and Newburyport

*Where the Merrimack Meets the Sea: Newburyport,  
Castle Hill, and the Spencer-Pierce-Little Farm*

Breakfast on your own

Lunch included • Logan Airport drop-off

The motor coach will depart the hotel at 8:45 a.m. and head to **Essex**, Massachusetts for the **Crane Estate**, **Castle Hill**, a Gilded Age manor on the North Shore. Following our tour we will leave for **Newburyport**, where we will have lunch at the **Port Tavern**. We will have ample time to explore **Newburyport Center** on our own before boarding the bus for the **Spencer-Pierce-Little Farm**, a colonial American farm located in Newbury. After our visit we will drop folks off at Logan Airport (by 5:00 p.m.) before returning to the hotel in Lowell (by 6:00 p.m.). If you're flying out of Manchester Airport you will need to make your own arrangements to get there from Lowell.

# Annual Meeting Registration Information

Pre-Conference Tour: Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Annual Meeting Package: Wednesday Evening, May 21 through Saturday, May 24, 2014

Post-Conference Tour: Sunday, May 25, 2014

**BECAUSE SPACE IS LIMITED WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND REGISTER WITH THE SOCIETY AND BOOK THEIR HOTEL BY APRIL 11, 2014**

**The Pre-Conference Tour** includes visits, transportation and lunch. Due to limited seating, this portion of our event will fill up quickly. Please reserve early to avoid disappointment. Hotel accommodations are NOT included in the Pre-Tour.

**The Annual Meeting Package** includes site admission fees, transportation; Wednesday reception; Thursday lunch; Friday lunch; Saturday lunch and dinner. Hotel accommodations are NOT included in the Annual Meeting Package.

**The Post-Conference Tour** includes visits, transportation and lunch. Due to limited seating, this portion of our event will fill up quickly. Please reserve early to avoid disappointment. Hotel accommodations are NOT included in the Post-Tour.

**Special Note: Bear in mind that there will be extensive walking so please bring comfortable shoes.** We regret that we cannot provide alternate means of transportation for those who have walking or endurance difficulties. Public transportation and taxis are available in some areas, but participants will be responsible for the cost if they use them.

**How to Register**

Registration can be made via check (preferable), credit card or money order. Checks should be made payable to The Victorian Society in America. The Victorian Society in America is not responsible for accidents, injury or loss of personal items

during this program. The Victorian Society in America reserves the right to make such changes to the schedule, sites to be visited, or personnel as may become necessary or desirable. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. **As this mailing has been sent via first class mail reservations will be taken immediately.** RESERVE EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED. Phone (215) 636-9872 or fax (215) 636-9873 reservations will ONLY be taken with a credit card payment at the time of reservation.

**Refunds**

Refunds will only be given until April 21, 2014. A \$100.00 administrative fee will be deducted from each refund. **After April 21, 2014 no refunds of any kind will be given.**

**Trip Insurance**

If you think that there is a chance that you will need to withdraw from this trip after you have paid you may wish to consider buying trip insurance. Trip insurance protects you against any unforeseen need to cancel a trip. Trip insurance can cover the VSA fee and your airfare and hotel costs. There are many providers of this kind of insurance: one place to start looking is [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com), 800-487-4722. The Society is providing this information purely as a service to you: we do not receive any compensation from any insurance organization.

	<b>COST</b>	<b>NO.OF PEOPLE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Registration fee	\$50	_____	= _____
After April 11, 2014 (\$50 registration fee + \$25 late fee)	\$75	_____	= _____
Pre-Conference Tour	\$95	_____	= _____
Annual Meeting Package (not including pre- or post-tour)	\$525	_____	= _____
Optional Chapters Breakfast on May 22	\$10	_____	= _____
Post-Conference Tour	\$95	_____	= _____
Membership in the VSA (if not already a member)	\$55 individual	_____	= _____
<i>Non-members wishing to attend the Annual Meeting must join The Victorian Society in America</i>	\$65 household	_____	= _____
<i>If you are paying by credit card please add \$25 to help cover the bank processing costs</i>	\$25	_____	= _____
	<b>TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT</b>		= \$ _____

Please check all that apply:  
 I will be attending the Alumni Annual Meeting & Dinner on May 23  
 (separate advance registration is required for this event – see information elsewhere in this brochure)

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to The Victorian Society in America

Please charge my  Mastercard  Visa  Discover # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please note that we do NOT take American Express**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Participant \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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