

Miranda Goodby to Speak at Annual Meeting, April 29

The Potteries of Trenton Society is pleased to announce that Miranda Goodby will be the guest speaker at its annual meeting on Sunday, April 29 in Trenton, New Jersey. The meeting will be held in the Stokes Library of Trenton's historic Masonic Temple at 100 Barrack Street. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 1:30 PM. Goodby will speak about the experiences of immigrant British potters in mid-nineteenth century America, such as those who established Trenton's pottery industry. Light refreshments will follow the lecture. Ample free parking is available across the street from the Temple next to the Old Barracks. The annual meeting of POTS members will begin at 3:00 PM.

Miranda Goodby is Senior Curator of Ceramics at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent Museums, where she curates the largest collection of Staffordshire pottery in the world—over 30,000 pieces from the seventeenth century to the present day—not including European, East Asian, and Middle Eastern ceramics. She studied History of Design and the Visual Arts at Staffordshire University and Museum Studies at the graduate level at Manchester University. She has taught ceramic history at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and has spoken at numerous conferences and to specialist societies in the United States. She is interested in eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Staffordshire earthenwares and stonewares, especially the documentation relating to the Burslem potters and their factories, and the development of the Staffordshire pottery industry from the 1750s onwards.

Goodby will be speaking about the experiences of British potters who migrated in the 1840s and 1850s to the Ohio, Mississippi and Delaware River valleys. Her lecture will draw on the letters that emigrant potters wrote from the US to their families in Stoke, many of which give a fascinating and often poignant account of their new lives and the pottery they made here.

For more about the Potteries of Trenton Society, please visit the website at www.potteriesoftrentonsociety.org or our Facebook page. A map and directions to Trenton's Masonic Temple can be found at www.trentonmasonictemple.com.



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