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Highfield Hall & Gardens introduces author Kathleen Brunelle, presenting

Helen Gertrude Randall: The Mystery Unraveled

Join on ZOOM June 16, 2020 @ 5 – 6 PM

(Falmouth, Massachusetts): Highfield Hall & Gardens is pleased to announce the return of Kathleen Brunelle, author of "Cape Cod's Highfield & Tanglewood: A Tale of Two Cottages." Kathleen will speak about her latest research on the controversial Helen Gertrude Randall. Known at the time as Gertrude Randall, she operated a nutrition and health spa at Highfield Hall during the 1930s. Although her origins and her intentions later emerged as dubious, for a time she used her colorful personality to exert influence at the house and elsewhere. You will hear how Randall operated her business, serving up remarkable health regimens for unsuspecting believers, while others in the community were not fooled. Brunelle plans to publish her findings, so be among the first to learn about this time in history when Randall was operating her business as either a schemer or visionary entrepreneur who sought to re-invent herself through an unconventional health and beauty related service.

Join Kathleen Brunelle on ZOOM for this insightful expose on *Helen Gertrude Randall: The Mystery Unraveled*, held on June 16 from 5pm to 6pm.

Born and raised on Cape Cod, Kathleen Brunelle is an English teacher and writer. She has published two books on aspects of Cape Cod history: *Bellamy's Bride: The Search for Maria Hallet of Cape Cod* and *Cape Cod's Highfield and Tanglewood: a Tale of Two Cottages*. Kathleen's work has been featured on radio programs The Point, and Spooky Southcoast, as well as in *Cape Cod View Magazine*, *Falmouth Magazine*, *The Hechinger Report* and *Education Dive*. Additionally, she was featured on *Genealogy Roadshow: Season 3* and *Mummies Unwrapped: Season 1* (Discovery Channel). Kathleen currently lives in Fairhaven with her husband, Robert, and their two children, Baylen and Mariel.

Visit our website to [register online](#) or call the office at 508-495-1878, instructions for signing on to Zoom on day of talk will be provided.

Highfield Hall & Gardens Hours

During the month of June, outdoor programs will be offered, check website for listings.

As part of the Massachusetts Governor's reopening guidelines, Highfield Hall should open in July.

About Highfield Hall & Gardens

The house is a rare surviving example of transitional Stick Style architecture, containing beautiful gardens located in the heart of Falmouth, Massachusetts. It is a unique combination of a historic house, expansive gardens and trails, and a vibrant cultural center. Built in 1878 as the summer home for Boston's Beebe family, the house sits on 5.5 pristine acres surrounded by nearly 400 acres of conservation land and public walking trails. Highfield Hall & Gardens is not your typical historic estate. It is an example of a historic building saved by grassroots community organizing. An effort of tenacity and vision that continues as new research on the structure and its story of the people who lived here add to the building's significance. It offers world-class music, international art exhibitions, culinary classes, family programs, and year-round special events. For more information, visit highfieldhallandgardens.org.

Mission

Highfield Hall & Gardens' mission is to honor the beauty and historic significance of the house and grounds by providing high-quality artistic, cultural, and educational programs for the enrichment of our community and visitors of all ages.