



## ***Women and Whaling in Hudson***

### **Hendrick Hudson Chapter, NSDAR Panel Discussion**

**Saturday, April 26, 2025, 3:00pm**

**Virginia Martin, Moderator**

**Marcy Linton, *Everyday Clothing***

**Maryanne Lee, *Education***

**Brenda Shufelt & Richard Bazelow,**

*Women's Lives in Early Hudson: What We Know and What We Don't Know*

#### **Virginia Martin, Regent, Moderator**

A Kinderhook native and a Hudson resident, Virginia is this chapter's Regent. Previously Columbia County Election Commissioner, she currently works to develop legislation to improve election security. She holds a PhD and MS in rhetoric and communication from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BA from Skidmore. She serves on the boards of the Hudson Literacy Fund and the Friends of Taconic State Park and previously co-chaired the Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee. She has been intrigued by Hudson's untapped potential to reveal captivating stories about its history.

#### **Marcy Linton, Panelist**

Marcy is Associate Professor of costume technology at the University of Virginia and holds an MFA and a BFA. She has worked extensively as a first hand and draper in theatres across the country. Recently she draped for Toni-Leslie James for the Broadway musical *Finian's Rainbow*. In 2019 Marcy published *A Historical Pattern Archive: Women's Clothing 1840-1970*. Her next book focuses on UVA's Historic Clothing Collection. As Collection Manager for UVA, she is organizing and documenting the 3,000-piece 1795-1980 collection into its JSTOR online catalog.

#### **Maryanne Lee, Panelist**

Maryanne is a lifelong resident of Columbia County. She is President of Saturn Industries, Inc., a leader in the manufacturing of EDM Electrodes. Maryanne holds an MA in Global Economics from Excelsior and a BA in Early Childhood Education from SUNY Empire State. A member of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter for 34 years, she currently holds the office of librarian. She serves as a trustee for Columbia-Greene Community College. Her research for the *Women and Whaling* project has brought her a new awareness of the challenges and hardships women endured, thus bringing a deeper understanding of their strength and fortitude.

**Richard Bazelow, Panelist**

History and research have always been a part of Richard's life. It has allowed him to explore a variety of interests, ranging from early American documents and manuscript materials to Archaeology and indigenous cultures. Richard worked for the State of Delaware's Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs for 10 years, in their Archaeology and history museums.

**Brenda Shufelt, Panelist**

Brenda is the History Room Coordinator for the Hudson Area Library. After completing a career in New York City public education as a teacher, school librarian, mentor, staff developer and community learning school coordinator, Brenda entered public librarianship in 2015 as a program director. She now focuses on the library's History Room mission to acquire, preserve and make accessible the history of Hudson, Greenport, and Stockport.

**Ann Artschwager, Tour Docent**

Ann Artschwager has lived in the Hudson area for 38 years. She became a member of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter, NSDAR in 2022. Her Dutch ancestor arrived in New Amsterdam in 1660. Ann grew up in Massachusetts and spent summers in Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard, another old whaling town. She worked in the New York City art world for many years.

**Jessie Aitcheson Baumgartner, Tour Docent**

Jessie Aitcheson Baumgartner resides in Kinderhook with her husband and sons. She is a licensed attorney who has worked as a Principal Law Clerk for various Judges for 29 years in the New York State Unified Court System and continues to be so employed. Jessie is involved in numerous community groups including but not limited to the Hendrick Hudson Chapter, NSDAR.

**Jay Aronson, Volunteer****Dotti Griffin, Volunteer****Jane LaMura, Volunteer****Nancy Potter, Volunteer****Mary Luft, Co-chair, *Women and Whaling in Hudson***

Three Columbia County organizations, the **Hendrick Hudson Chapter, NSDAR**, the **Hudson Area Library**, and the **Columbia County Historical Society**, are working collaboratively to address a ground-breaking, first-time-ever project on whaling. In addition to collaborators **Hudson Area Library** and **Columbia County Historical Society**, the Hendrick Hudson Chapter thanks the humanities council Humanities New York, which is supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The chapter is also very grateful to its board, volunteers and staff and its many private, corporate and foundation supporters.

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