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Rooted in History: Evolving Hairstyles in the Nineteenth Century

The Newport Historical Society to Host Author Maureen Taylor

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Newport, RI – (February 2010) – From Adam Lambert’s spikes to Amy Winehouse’s piled-high beehive, today’s fashionable hairstyles may seem new and unique but are actually rooted in history. The Newport Historical Society is pleased to host author Maureen Taylor for an afternoon lecture during Newport’s Winter Festival on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 3pm in the Colony House on Washington Square.

Taylor will discuss how hairstyle trends of the past have made some interesting comebacks—usually with a fun, modern twist. Using historic photographs to illustrate evolving hairstyles and facial hair styles throughout the 19th century, Taylor shows how knowledge of such details also helps to date and identify the subjects of old photos.

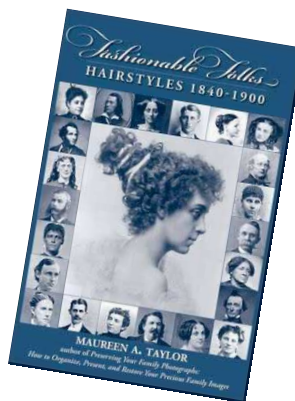
Maureen Taylor is an internationally recognized expert on the intersection of history, genealogy, and photography. She has been featured in top media outlets, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *The Today Show*, *The View*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, the *Boston Globe*, *Martha Stewart Living*, MSNBC, *New Morning* (Hallmark Channel), *Life Magazine*, *DIY: Scrapbooking*, and PBS’ *Ancestors*. Taylor is the author of a number of books and magazine articles, as well as a contributing editor at *Family Tree Magazine*.

This program is sponsored by The Digital Ark, providing digital archiving solutions to cultural heritage and educational institutions to preserve and share historic images online. Thousands of historic images, including images from the Newport Historical Society collections, are available to browse and purchase at <http://www.DigitalArkStore.com>.

Admission is \$5 per person; \$1 for Newport Historical Society members. After the event, Taylor will sign copies of her book, *Fashionable Folks: Hairstyles 1840 – 1900* (\$17.95 plus tax).

For additional information and/or to obtain media photos please contact: Elizabeth Sulock, Public Affairs Associate, at 401-846-0813 or esulock@newporthistorical.org.

*Fashionable Folks:
Hairstyles 1840-1900*
By Maureen Taylor



About the Newport Historical Society

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit www.newporthistorical.org.

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