2012 marks the four hundredth anniversary of poet Anne Bradstreet's birth...

The Friends of Anne Bradstreet
Foundation was established to foster
awareness and appreciation of the life
and work of Anne Bradstreet, the first
female published poet of the New World.
In the 17th century, most women could
not even read, let alone write. Yet Anne's
reflections about motherhood and love,
as well as early stirrings of feminist feelings
ring true today.

Anne's role as a Founding Mother of the New England Colonies, including Andover and North Andover, has been largely overlooked. In 1630, 18-year-old Anne sailed with her husband, Simon Bradstreet, and other Puritans to the wild shores and forests of New England.

For 200 years or more, schoolchildren read Anne's words. But in the 20th Century, she disappeared from textbooks, fading into the shadows of history.

Anne Bradstreet is indeed a seminal figure in our culture. The Friends of Anne Bradstreet are excited to celebrate her unique accomplishments and her contribution to history.

Visit http://annebradstreet.org/ for up-to-date event information or to get involved!

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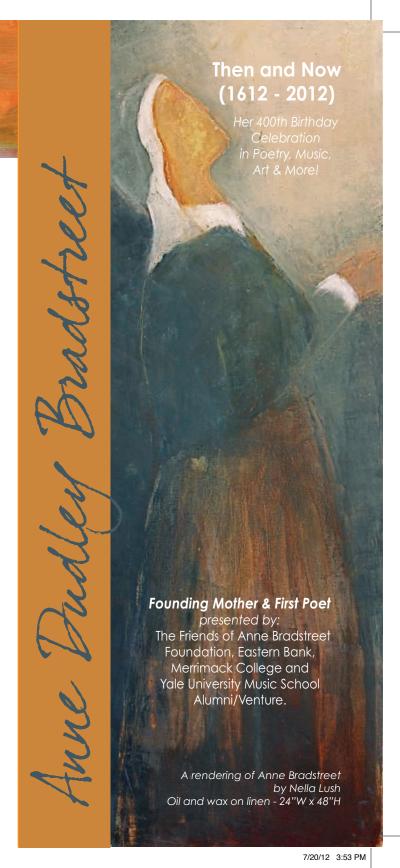
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Monday, April 2, 2012

"Anne Bradstreet Day" in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Congressional and State Proclamations

Friday, April 20, 2012 * 4 PM

"Anne Dudley Bradstreet: Then and Now" Biographer Charlotte Gordon discusses Anne's fascinatina life and contributions to American poetry and identity. Actress Susan Lenoe performs as Anne Bradstreet. Poet Karen Kline presents different techniques to introduce Bradstreet to students of all gaes. House of the Seven Gables, Salem MA Free.

Presentation at the Fourth Annual Poetry Festival in Salem, MA April 20-22. Visit http://masspoetry.org/fourthmassachsetts-poetry-festival/

Sunday, May 20, 2012 * 10 AM - 2 PM

"Barkfest and Beyond" Tribute to 400 Years of Animal Service" at Sheep Shearing with Karen M. Kline. North Andover Town Common. Free

Sunday, May 20, 2012 * 3 PM

"Anne Bradstreet, Founding Mother and First Poet: Her Story and Poetry" with Susan Lenoe. Stevens Library, North Andover, MA Free

September 23rd, 29th and 30th events are part of Trails and Sails

(See TrailsandSails.org)

Sunday, September 23 * 2 PM

"Anne Bradstreet, Founding Mother and First Poet: Her Story and Poetry" with Susan Lenoe at Memorial Hall Library, Andover, MA Free

Sunday, September 30 * 11 AM

Old Andover Walk Tour the area where Anne lived and died Meet at the Print Museum, Old Center, North Andover

For more info and to donate please go to AnneBradstreet.org

The Tenth Muse Spring Up Anew A Symposium and Concert Celebrating 400 Years of Anne Bradstreet Saturday Sept. 29, 1 to 4 pm Cascia Hall at Merrimack College 315 Turnpike St, North Andover MA Free Admission Presented by Merrimack College and The Friends of Anne Bradstreet Featuring Presentations by Noted Guests: Charlotte Gordon, Endicott College: "ADB: New World Woman" Mark Schorr, Cambridge College: Comparison of Anne's work with

Germaine Greer & Wisława Szymborska 1996 Nobel Laureate

Debra Michals, Merrimack College: "Economics of Being a Woman Poet; Comparing the 17th Century & Today"

Elisa New, Harvard University: "Reading Anne Bradstreet"

Join the Friends of Anne Bradstreet for "High Tea with Anne Bradstreet" portrayed by actress Susan Lenoe. Visit www. annebradstreet.org for ticket info

> The Arbella at Sea by Steve Lush, ASMA watercolor on paper - 21"W x 14"H

Anne Bradstreet's 400th **Birthday Gala Concert:**

Celebration of Her Life and Poetry, including her words set to music.

Featuring Cappella Clausura; Essex Chamber Music Players; North Andover High School Scarlet and Black Singers; New England Classical Singers and Susan Lenoe as Mistress Anne **Dudley Bradstreet**

Date: September 30, 2012 Time: 2 PM - 5 PM. Free

Place: Rogers Center for the Arts Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike Street North Andover, MA 01845 Box Office: 978-837-5355

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