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### Waterworks Museum Schedules Special Tours and Lectures in May

**Boston, MA (May 6, 2011)**- The Waterworks Museum today released its calendar for special tours and lectures for the month of May.

The museum, which opened its doors to the public on March 27, 2011, is increasing its special programming with five new tours and lectures. Covering a range of topics from landscape architecture to the history of Boston's water system, these programs are all open to the public.

#### Tour: The Chestnut Hill Reservoir: A History of the Landscape

Saturday, May 14 from 12-1pm, starting at the Waterworks Museum

Led by: Marion Pressley, Principal of Pressley Associates, experts in landscape architecture

Ms. Pressley will focus on the specific landscape elements included in the Reservoir's creation, and the design elements specific to the time period in which the Reservoir and corresponding Pumping Stations were built.

Free and open to the public

#### Lecture: Creation of the Quabbin Reservoir

Wednesday May 18 from 7-9pm

Led by: J.R. Greene, Local historian and Author of "*The Day Four Quabbin Towns Died*" and "*The Creation of Quabbin Reservoir*"

Mr. Greene will talk about the specific stories from the four towns lost beneath the Quabbin's waters and the effect that the development of the Quabbin Reservoir has had on the Commonwealth as a whole

\$5 program fee

#### Lecture: Magnificent Architecture of the Chestnut Hill High Pumping Station

Sunday, May 22 from 7-9pm

Led by: Dennis DeWitt, architectural historian

Mr. DeWitt will focus on the Richardsonian Romanesque style of the Chestnut Hill Pumping Station and the other architecture that was unique to Boston's Golden Age.

Free and open to the public

Lecture: Bricks and Pumps: The Beauty of the Waterworks, Inside and Out

Wednesday, May 25 from 7-9pm

Led by: Sarah Luria, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Department of English at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester

Ms. Luria will discuss how the Industrial Age in part promoted utilitarian structures, like the Chestnut Hill Pumping Station, by making them beautiful.

Free and open to the public

Tour: The Chestnut Hill Reservoir: A History of the Landscape

Saturday, May 28 from 12-1pm, starting at the Waterworks Museum

Led by: Marion Pressley, Principal of Pressley Associates, experts in landscape architecture

Ms. Pressley will focus on the specific landscape elements included in the Reservoir's creation, and the design elements specific to the time period in which the Reservoir and corresponding Pumping Stations were built.

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The Waterworks Museum is a former pumping station that was established to serve the needs of a growing Boston around the turn of the last century. It still houses the three original steam pumps that provided Boston with a safe and reliable water supply from the 1890's to the 1970's. The core mission of the museum is to interpret unique stories of one of the country's first metropolitan water systems through exhibitions and educational programs on engineering, architecture and landscape, social history, and public health. The museum is free and open to the public on Wednesdays from 11am-9pm, and Thursdays through Sundays from 11am to 4pm.

More information about these lectures and tours, as well as an updated schedule can be found under the "calendar" tab on the Waterworks website [www.waterworksmuseum.org](http://www.waterworksmuseum.org).

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