

**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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**Then and Now  
(1612 - 2012)**

*Her 400th Birthday  
Celebration  
in Poetry, Music,  
Art & More!*

Anne Dudley Bradstreet

**Founding Mother & First Poet**

*presented by:*  
The Friends of Anne Bradstreet Foundation, Eastern Bank, Merrimack College and Yale University Music School Alumni/Venture.

*A rendering of Anne Bradstreet  
by Nella Lush  
Oil and wax on linen - 24"W x 48"H*

**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 fascinating 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 ages. 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/fourth-massachusetts-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](http://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](http://AnneBradstreet.org)

*The Tenth Muse Sprung 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](http://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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