

## Lincoln's Final Hours and the Hunt for John Wilkes Booth

**W**e're very excited to announce that the Junius B. Booth Society (JBBS) and the Historical Society of Harford County (HSHC) are holding an intriguing, one-of-a kind fundraising event titled **Lincoln's Final Hours and the Hunt for John Wilkes Booth** featuring author/historian Kathryn Canavan and Lincoln Assassination historian John Howard on Saturday, May 13 at the Historical Society of Harford County. This is a fundraiser and the proceeds will be split between JBBS and HSHC. All proceeds to JBBS will be used for the Tudor Hall museum. Seating is limited to 100 people, so reserve your seats now. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Following the closing remarks, the first floor of Tudor Hall, the childhood home of John Wilkes Booth will be open to attendees till 5:30 PM. The cost is \$25.00 per person. See the other side for details of how to register for this exciting event.



### **Lincoln's Final Hours by Kathryn Canavan**

When John Wilkes Booth trained his derringer on America's greatest president, the drama was just beginning.

His actions set in motion unintended consequences that would upend the lives of dozens of people and cause their futures to fork.

Kathryn Canavan, author of *Lincoln's Final Hours*, will speak about the effect that one extraordinary night had on the ordinary Washingtonians who witnessed what happened inside Petersen's Boarding House on the night President Lincoln died there. Their eyewitness accounts provide telling new details about the assassination.

Some went on to lead lives that are the stuff of novels, and others came to sad ends.

Some followed the acting business west to Hollywood. One landed back in the headlines after his very public death in front of the Smithsonian Castle. One was the perpetrator in a high-society murder that rocked Albany, N.Y. One owned a glitzy Broadway nightclub so popular the Ziegfeld Follies sang about it. Their eyewitness accounts provide telling new details about the assassination night.

It is natural that Kathryn Canavan write about the Lincoln assassination, the most consequential crime in American history, because Canavan started her journalism career as a crime reporter.

She eventually worked as reporter or editor in four states and was a National Health Journalism Fellow at USC's Annenberg School. To get a story, Canavan has reported at gunpoint, lived with the Moonies, negotiated with a killer and joined Tug McGraw in the Phillies dugout.

She began researching the unintended consequences of the Lincoln assassination in 2009.

*Lincoln's Final Hours* has been featured on CSPAN and PBS.

### **The Hunt for John Wilkes Booth (Murder at Ford's—The Aftermath) by John Howard**

Follow the escape route of John Wilkes Booth with our special speaker John Howard.

His presentation will take us on the twelve day escape journey of John Wilkes Booth from the assassination at Ford's Theatre to his

demise at Garrett's Farm through a photographic presentation of the existing sites of the escape route and relics of the assassination. See where John Wilkes Booth stopped and hid over the course of the twelve days.

Attendees will receive a map of the escape route.

Some of the topics John Howard will cover are:

- The motives, role, and fate of the key players who participated.
- The side players who were affected for the rest of their lives.
- Why the escape route was chosen and who helped with the escape
- The myths of the event and debunking the idea that Booth lived.

John Howard is a lifelong resident of New Jersey and was given a thirst for knowledge by his parents, especially his mother. He spent 30 years in biomedical research and supervising hospital laboratories. Recently he added another full time job: teaching High School science while still working as a Pathologist Assistant.

He has been a student of the Lincoln Assassination ever since being told by his mother that her grandmother was taken by her father to see Abraham Lincoln lying in state at New York's City Hall. Since then he has worked at learning all he could about the event. It was also his mother who introduced him to the subject of the Lindbergh kidnapping which is his other major subject of research.

John is currently one of the staff historians who lead the popular twelve hour John Wilkes Booth Escape tour or the Surratt Society and has been involved with the Society from its inception.

Following the Q&A and closing remarks the first floor of Tudor Hall, the childhood home of John Wilkes Booth will be open to attendees till 5:30 PM.

Tudor Hall is located at 17 Tudor Lane, Bel Air, MD 21015.

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

**1:00 to 4:00 PM**

**The Historical Society of Harford County**

**143 N. Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014**

**Doors open at noon.**

**Parking is available on the street and the Historical Society of Harford County  
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County**