<u>Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island</u>

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PRESS RELEASE

Loren M. Spears to Deliver First Lecture in 350th Anniversary Speaker Series

North Kingstown, RI — We welcome the community to hear Loren M. Spears, Executive Director of the Tomaquag Museum, author, and visiting educator, discuss the Narragansett People and the relationships and people involved in the early days of North Kingstown including Roger Williams, Richard Smith, and the tragedy that was the Great Swamp Massacre with its connections to the Smith's Castle site.

This is the first lecture of the 350th Anniversary Speaker Series, a twice-monthly event to be held in locations throughout the Town of North Kingstown focused on the people, places, and things significant to the town's history. Spears will speak in Council Chambers at the North Kingstown Town Hall on Monday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission, however you may indicate your desire to attend through the online event listing: https://fb.me/e/3nUKtLeOA.

The Speaker Series is an initiative of the 350th Anniversary Steering Committee, with the mission to engage the entire North Kingstown community in a year-long celebration of the 350th Anniversary milestone by planning and executing inclusive, memorable, educational, and enjoyable events to increase awareness of and connections to the rich history and innovative future of the Town of North Kingstown.

For more information on North Kingstown's 350th Anniversary which will be celebrated throughout the 2024 calendar year, see the official website: https://www.northkingstownri.gov/995/350th-Anniversary. To get involved by volunteering, making a donation, or to become a sponsor for other events, please email the Steering Committee: northkingstown350th@northkingstownri.gov.

Please contact Kate Glass, Executive Assistant, at kglass@northkingstownri.gov with any questions.

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