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Dressing Downton: Changing Fashion for Changing Times
A Brown Bag Lecture by Laura Cope Overbey

PROGRAM: *Dressing Downton: Changing Fashion for Changing Times*, a Brown Bag Lecture by Laura Cope Overbey, Curator of Collections at Biltmore Estates

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, April 8, 2015

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch



(Knoxville, TN) In a free Brown Bag lecture on April 8, glimpse life in the Gilded Age as Laura Overbey leads us through the exhibition *Dressing Downton*, currently on display at Biltmore Estates through May 5, 2015. The exhibit features more than 45 costumes from the popular PBS Masterpiece series, *Downton Abbey* showcased in America’s largest home. The period costumes in the exhibition provide a look at history beginning in 1912 with the sinking of the *Titanic*, through World War I, and ending with the dawn of the Jazz Age in the early 1920s. Costumes range from the decorative lace, beading, and fine tailored fabrics of the upper class to the more durable cotton and wool of servants and workers. The speaker, Laura Cope Overbey, is a Knoxville native and University of Tennessee graduate, and a former staff member of the East Tennessee Historical Society before accepting the position at Biltmore.

The program is sponsored by the Harriet Z. Albers Memorial and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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