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Meeting Announcement:

Date: September 17, 2026

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: CES 97 Hawley Street Northampton MA 01060

Google Meet Link for Virtual Attendance: Zonta Meeting: meet.google.com/add-crni-eux

Join Us for an Evening of History, Literature & Conversation

Please join us for a fascinating evening exploring the powerful stories of abolition, courage, and community right here in the Connecticut River Valley.

Kim Gould, a board member of the David Ruggles Center for History and Education in Florence, will introduce us to the Center and its work preserving and sharing the remarkable history of the abolitionists who made this region their home. The Center honors the courageous individuals who challenged slavery, sought freedom, and worked to build a community grounded in racial, gender, class, and religious equality. Their stories offer not only an important window into our local history, but inspiration for the work of building more just and inclusive communities today.

Kim will also give us a preview of “**A Revelation of Character**,” a dramatic reading by playwright Patrick Gabridge, director of Plays in Place. The play brings to life three prominent women abolitionists—Maria Weston Chapman, her sister Deborah, and Lydia Maria Child, who lived here in the 1830s. Originally produced through the Boston Public Library, the reading will be presented at Bombyx on **Sunday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m.**

We are also delighted to welcome **Jacqueline Sheehan**, author of *The Comet's Tale*, a novel inspired by the extraordinary life of **Sojourner Truth**. Jacqueline will share a bit about the book and introduce us to the work of the **Straw Dog Writers Guild** and our region's vibrant community of writers.

Come spend the evening with us and discover some of the remarkable people, stories, and creative work that connect our region's past to the present. We hope you'll join us for what promises to be a lively and thought-provoking conversation!