

DOCUMENTING HISTORIC NEEDLEWORK SAMPLERS



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Workshop at the University of Rhode Island

March 28, 2015

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Lunch Included

On March 28, 2015 Dr. Lynne Anderson, Director of the Sampler Archive Project, will conduct a free, full day workshop on historic needlework samplers and how to document them for inclusion in the *Sampler Archive* – a nationwide effort to locate, photograph, and document all known American samplers and related girlhood embroideries.

Don't miss this opportunity to get involved! You will:

- Learn more about American schoolgirl samplers and their role in female education
- Learn about the Sampler Archive Project, its goals and accomplishments
- Learn how to document samplers for the *Sampler Archive's* online database
- Get practice documenting actual historic samplers from the URI needlework collection
- Have a chance to participate in the groundbreaking *Rhode Island Sampler Initiative*
- Be prepared to document historic needlework at upcoming *Sampler ID Days*

The March 28 workshop is the first event sponsored by the *Rhode Island Sampler Initiative*, a collaborative effort of (a) the Sampler Archive Project, (b) the 1200 member Sampler Consortium, and (c) the University of Rhode Island's Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design, as well as museums and historical societies across the state. Directed by Dr. Blaire Gagnon at the University of Rhode Island, the *Rhode Island Sampler Initiative* will endeavor to locate, photograph, and document all American samplers and related pictorial embroideries in RI's public and private collections. In collaboration with the state's museums and historical societies, it will also host multiple *Sampler ID Days* over the next two years, giving private sampler owners a chance to have their historic needlework photographed and documented. Join us for the fun - and learn to document samplers for the *Sampler Archive*!

To attend, you only need to do **three things**:

1. Register by emailing: risampler@outlook.com or bgagnon@uri.edu
2. Put "*Sampler Documentation Workshop*" on your calendar for Saturday, March 28
3. Be at Quinn Hall on URI's Kingston Campus between 8:30 and 9:00 am - March 28. Directions and parking details to follow.



Memorial to Elizabeth Seamans. Rhode Island Historical Society