



The Ladies' Forum

Monday, October 20, 2025

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Murrow Hall at Trinity United Methodist



Emily Lapisardi

portrays Rose Greenhow

Civil War Diplomat and Spy



First-person interpreter Emily Lapisardi portrays Rose Greenhow in a presentation drawn from primary sources including Greenhow's memoirs and correspondence, bringing her vividly and realistically to life through her own words. A native of Maryland, Rose Greenhow was a prominent antebellum society hostess in Washington, D.C. In 1861, Greenhow developed a network of Confederate agents which were credited by Jefferson Davis with ensuring the southern victory at the First Battle of Bull Run/Manassas.

Emily Lapisardi has portrayed Rose Greenhow at a range of venues including, among others, the International Spy Museum, Manassas Museum System, Manassas National Battlefield Park, the Lomas Center (Gettysburg, PA), and Petersburg National Battlefield Park. Emily is also the editor of Rose Greenhow's *My Imprisonment: An Annotated Edition*, which debuted as the highest-ranking new release in Amazon.com's U. S. Civil War Women's History category in the spring of 2021.

We are also pleased that our meeting will feature **Musette Steck** who is a Southport historian and Past President of the Southport Historical Society. Musette will be speaking about Elizabeth Keckley, the personal dressmaker and confidant of Mary Todd Lincoln as well as the author of *Behind the Scenes*, her story of slavery and insight into the lives of the Lincolns.

The Ladies' Forum is for women only and is a free event each year for members of BCWRT. Guests are always welcome and pay only \$5. Light refreshments are served.

Reservations are strongly recommended.

Please contact BCWRT at brunswickcwrt@gmail.com to sign up.

There will also be a sign-up table near the stage with Robbin Smith before the October meeting.

