

Pulitzer Prize Winner Laurel Thatcher Ulrich Will Read from Her New Book Nov. 13

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, former professor of history at the University of New Hampshire and winner of a Pulitzer Prize in 1991, will read and show slides from her new book, *The Age of Homespun*, at UNH Tuesday, Nov. 13. The reading will take place in the Memorial Union Building, Theater I, at 4:30 p.m. The reading will be followed by a reception, with refreshments and a book signing.

Ulrich is well-known to the UNH community. She received her Ph.D. at UNH in 1980, and taught in the history department for a decade. While at UNH, she published *Good Wives*, a study of women in colonial New England based on her dissertation, and *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812*. She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for History in 1991 for *A Midwife's Tale*.

The Age of Homespun: Objects and Stories in the Creation of an American Myth, was just published by Alfred A. Knopf. In it, Ulrich examines both the role of cloth production in the lives of women and the role of objects in the creation of popular myths and the understanding of history.

Ulrich uses ordinary household goods, such as Indian baskets, spinning wheels, bed coverings, and silk embroidery, as keys to an understanding of cultural encounters, frontier war, Revolutionary politics, and international commerce, among other topics. She is currently Phillips Professor of Early American History at Harvard University. She lives in Durham with her husband, Gael Ulrich, professor emeritus of chemical engineering at UNH.

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