Invites you to join us for

**Beatrix Potter & Laura Ingalls Wilder:**

*A Day Celebrating Their Writing, Art, Farms & Gardens*

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**
Best Western Plus Island Palms Hotel & Marina
2501 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, California 92106

For more about The Beatrix Potter Society, go to [www.beatrixpottersociety.org](http://www.beatrixpottersociety.org)

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Overview of the Day

Two guest speakers from The Beatrix Potter Society will present exciting new research on the surprisingly parallel lives of Beatrix Potter and Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Marta McDowell is author of Beatrix Potter’s Gardening Life (2013) and The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Frontier Landscapes that Inspired the Little House Books (2017). She teaches at the New York Botanical Garden in between her research and travels. Marta enjoys sharing her love of horticulture and garden history through the written and spoken word.

Connie Ryle Neumann spent 32 years as a teacher and children’s librarian, and is a charter board member of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Legacy & Research Association, a group dedicated to the study of Laura’s life and writings. She has visited all Ingalls-Wilder family home sites and has a deep interest in pioneer history.

Beatrix Potter Society publications and notecards will be for sale, along with a ‘Bring and Buy’ table of items donated by Society Members from their Potter collections.

For those planning to stay in San Diego for the weekend, please join us for extended activities on Friday, March 23 and/or Sunday, March 25, including a Friday visit to Coronado Island, home to the historic Hotel del Coronado, and a brunch on Sunday morning followed by good-byes.
Friday, March 23

9:00 am  Tour of the Coronado Public Library and viewing of the Doris Willis Collection of Beatrix Potter figurines
10:30 am  A 90-minute tour of the Hotel del Coronado: $20.00 on the day
12:00 pm  Box lunch from Thyme in the Ranch: $15.00 on the day
5:00 pm  Aperitifs and nibbles in The Beatrix Potter Society’s Hospitality Suite
6:30 pm  Dinner at Tom Ham’s Lighthouse for anyone interested in joining us

The Main Event – Saturday, March 24

10:00 am  Meet & Greet
10:15 am  Welcome and Opening Remarks
10:30 am  Connie Ryle Neumann, “Rabbit Tales and Pioneer Trails: The Parallel Worlds of Beatrix Potter and Laura Ingalls Wilder”
11:30 am  Break – sales tables open!
11:45 am  Marta McDowell, “Pottering About in a Wilder Garden: Beatrix Potter and Laura Ingalls Wilder in Farm, Garden and Nature”
12:45 pm  Break – sales tables open!
1:00 pm  Lunch in the style of a British afternoon tea
2:30 pm  News from The Beatrix Potter Society followed by closing comments
6:00 pm  Optional Dinner at the Bali Hai Restaurant

Good-byes - March 25, 2018

Meet for Sunday brunch at the Best Western Plus Island Palms at 9:30 am.

Accommodation: We have reserved a block of rooms at the special rate of $160 per night per room (plus tax) at The Best Western Plus Island Palms Hotel and Marina. Be sure to mention The Beatrix Potter Society when you book in order to get this rate. Address: 2051 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92106   Phone: (619) 222-0561.

San Diego has many fine hotels and other types of accommodation, and those wishing to lodge elsewhere and join us for the various events are welcome to do so.
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Registration for Saturday, March 24

No. of Beatrix Potter Society Members: _____ x $80 = $_______

No. of guests: _____ x $90 = _______

Total amount enclosed: $___________

Name(s): _____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

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Please make checks payable to The Beatrix Potter Society and mail with this form to:
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Registration for Optional Events

Friday, March 23 on Coronado Island: Yes ___ or No ___

Sunday, March 25 for brunch: Yes ___ or No ___

Please return this form and your payment by March 1, 2018. Thank you!