

## May Events at the Levi Heywood Memorial Library

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Meet Local Author Rev. Timothy Crellin – Book Signing and Community Conversation

**GARDNER, MA — Wednesday, May 14 @ 6PM** — Join us for a special evening with Rev. Timothy Crellin, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Gardner since 2022, as he discusses his compelling new historical novel, *The Land of the Living*. The event will take place on Wednesday, May 14 at 6PM at the Levi Heywood Memorial Library, 55 W Lynde St., Gardner.

*The Land of the Living* is a powerful exploration of immigration, assimilation, and the enduring effects of war on families. Through richly drawn characters and sweeping historical context, Rev. Crellin examines how race and class shape identity—and what it truly means to find a place to call home.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the author, hear insights into his writing process and inspirations, and engage in thoughtful discussion. Copies of *The Land of the Living* will be available for purchase and signing.

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend this free community event celebrating literature, history, and the stories that bring us together.

For more information, please contact the Library at 978-632-5298.

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#### Enchanted Plants: Folklore, Magic, and Botany with Varla Ventura

**Gardner, MA — Wednesday, May 21 @ 6PM** — Step into a world of mystery and magic with celebrated folklorist, "rotten botanist," and author **Varla Ventura** as she presents **Enchanted Plants: An Exploration of Common and Uncommon Plants in Folklore and Magic**. The event will take place on Wednesday, May 21 at 6PM at the Levi Heywood Memorial Library, 55 W Lynde St., Gardner.

From the cultivated blooms of a queen's garden to the shadowy corners of the witch's hedge, Ventura will guide attendees through a fascinating journey into the folklore and mystical uses of plants throughout history. Explore how ordinary plants like apples have enchanted our fairy tales, and how poisonous beauties like foxglove have shaped legend and lore. Traverse meadows, forests, and even the sea, as Ventura uncovers the secrets of the natural world through the lens of storytelling, superstition, and spiritual symbolism.

Books will be available for purchase and signing following the presentation.

This event is free and open to the public. Lovers of folklore, herbal history, and the curious world of plant magic won't want to miss this captivating evening.

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