



## **Anne Hutchinson, a 21st century woman living in 17th century New England.**

The Ramapogue Historical Society is sponsoring a lecture about Anne Hutchinson on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at the West Springfield Public Library Community Room at 7:00pm. The speaker will be Martin Henley, a local author and Professor Emeritus of Westfield State University. Anne Hutchinson is a person he profiles in his book "*Scoundrels Who Made America Great*", which will be available for purchase at the lecture.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The West Springfield Public Library is located at 200 Park Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Commentary by Martin Henley:

*Before Anita Hill, before Lucy Stone, before Susan B. Anthony there was Anne Hutchinson. Castigated, scorned and dubbed the "Puritan Jezebel", Hutchinson challenged the male dominated government of Massachusetts Bay Colony. Although her adamant refusal to recant her religious views led to her banishment from Massachusetts, Hutchinson never wavered in her conviction that a woman had as much right as a man to speak publicly about her beliefs. In another era Anne Hutchinson would have been a suffragist, a minister, or a civil rights advocate. Instead she was a time traveler – a 21st century woman living in 17th century New England.*

