

Norfolk Educational Talk Presenters Jul 23, 2026 8:30-11:45

Presenter: Pamela McColl

8:30-9:00 AM

Presentation Title: Appreciating Ellen Clapsaddle

A presentation on the work, life and times of the preeminent artist of the Golden Age of the Illustrated Postcard.

Pamela's Bio:

Pamela McColl, an author/historian, has presented at over 200 museums across the country on various artists, illustrators, authors and poets who have contributed an American Christmas. Her 2022 work, *Twas The Night - The Art and History of the Classic Christmas poem*, won a Benjamin Franklin History Award from the Independent Book Publishers Association of America. In 2025 she released the titles: *Wondrous Mrs. Claus - A Literary and Pictorial Review of the Christmas Character* and *What Would Mrs. Claus Do ? Where There is a Wish, There is a way.*



Presenters: Mark Podmore

9:05-9:35 AM

Presentation Title: “So, You’d Like to be an Author?”

Mark’s Bio: Born in New York, Mark spent most of his life in South Carolina. He spent over 35 years in nursing, working in hospitals, dialysis clinics, and organ donation. The last 13 years of his career, he was in charge of the organ donation programs in 19 South Carolina hospitals. After retiring from healthcare in 2020, Mark served as editor for the GLOW for four years and works doing estate sales part time.



Presenter: Mike Crowley

9:45-10:30 AM

Presentation Title: Christmas in the Golden Age of Comics

Mike's Bio:

Mike Crowley presented How Father Christmas Became Santa Claus: the Reformation of Britain's Yuletide Gift-bringer at the 2017 convention in Asheville, North Carolina, and Christmas in Britain with Radio Times at the 2023 convention in Arlington, Virginia. A case of arrested development, Mike has retained his childhood fascination with both Christmas and comic books throughout his life. He salivates at the prospect of combining both of those passions in a single, colorfully illustrated lecture! He recently retired from the practice of law. Formerly a resident of Morristown, New Jersey, he currently lives in Glen Allen, Virginia.



Presenter: Steve Buck

10:35-11:35 AM

Presentation Title: "A Christmas Carol In Film"

Steve's Bio:

Steve Buck has been a member of the Golden Glow since 1995 and attended his first convention in 1997. He, along with his husband James (Neg-bore) Neagbour, co-hosted the 2003 Golden Glow Convention in Minneapolis. Together, they have been featured in various magazines and newspapers including Home and Garden and The Minneapolis Star Tribune. They have appeared together on HGTV's *Collectible Treasures for the Holidays*. Steve is involved in the regional Minnesota October Event gatherings and has lectured there as well as at the Wisconsin Fall Gathering. Steve was the recipient of the Val Berryman Educational Grant from the Golden Glow of Christmas Past in 2020 for an article based on the content of this lecture. Steve has co-authored over 50 published submissions to the Glow magazine over the years.

