

# Meridith Towne Talks

Each talk includes a full display of original costume and accessories from the period. They can be adapted to your event, or specific titles can be requested.

## New for 2014: A Need for Speed: The Victorian Lady Cyclist

Experience freedom as you cast off your chaperone, sit astride your steed and embrace the thrilling world of the bicycle – the biggest craze in 19<sup>th</sup> century Europe. This lively talk embraces the emancipated, cycling women, including the daring few who donned the shocking Bloomer Suit!



## Romance in the Raj

A lively presentation taking you on a fascinating journey of Edwardian and Twenties fashion, through the eyes of a young lady on the hunt for a husband in India. See her legs become revealed!



## Women of Adventure

From climbing the Alps, to exploring the expanses of the Arabian desert, women did extraordinary things whilst wearing a corset! Follow these incredible women on their journeys and discover the necessity of a decent frock when travelling.



## Confessions of an Edwardian Shopaholic

Join an Edwardian lady as she delights in shopping in London. From Debenhams & Freebody to Selfridges, she will shop till she drops, taking in the fashions and allowing you to peek into her bulging bags.

## 100 Years of Hats

A whirlwind trip through the enchanting history of hats, discovering how such a frippery impacted the lives and dress of women in the 19th and 20th centuries; from laws protecting men's safety, women's self defence classes and international protests!



## Make Do and Mend

An inspiring talking bringing to life the stories of 'Make Do and Mend' from the women who used innovative, and often devious, methods to maintain their wardrobes during two wars – from raiding husbands' wardrobes to night attacks on parachutes!



*Coming soon: 'The Body Beautiful' and 'Colour'*

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