

PRINCESS MARCONI TO VISIT CHATHAM HOSTED BY CMMC MAY 30 - JUNE 3

The Chatham Marconi Maritime Center (CMMC) is again honored to host the Princess Elettra Marconi Giovannelli, daughter of wireless pioneer Guglielmo Marconi. Princess Marconi last visited in 2014 to mark the 100th anniversary of construction of her father's facility here. She will arrive in Chatham on May 30th to participate in a series of special events running through June 3rd.

Accompanying her will be Professor Livio Spinelli of Rome, Italy, Professor Corey Brennan of Rutgers University, and Roger Michel and Alexy Karenowska of the Institute for Digital Archaeology, Oxford, UK and Cambridge, MA. Lodging for the Princess and her party is being provided by Roz and Bill Coleman.

The Princess will visit students at Monomoy Regional Middle School (MRMS) during the afternoon of the 30th for a program on Marconi History and Innovation. Experts from the Cape Cod National Seashore and CMMC will participate. And on the morning of Thursday, May 31st, she and her accompanying visitors will tour the Cape Cod National Seashore site of her father's historic Wellfleet station. Afterward, they will have lunch with Cape Cod National Seashore managers and educators to discuss interpretation of the Marconi story.

As part of the Ed Fouhy Distinguished Speaker Series, she will introduce a program on "The History of Marconi Innovation on Cape Cod and in Italy" at 7:00pm May 31st in the MRMS Auditorium. Presenters and panelists will be Mr. William (Bill) Burke, Cape Cod National Seashore Historian; Professor Corey Brennan of Rutgers University, Marconi Historian; Professor Livio Spinelli, Marconi Historian; and Dr. Edwin Moxon, CMMC Historian. More information is available on our website. Admission is free for Sustaining Members; all other Members, Members' Guests with passes, and Students \$5; General Admission is \$10. Reservations are not required.

On Friday morning June 1st, Princess Marconi will tour the CMMC Education Center and Marconi-RCA Wireless Museum, and will meet with local officials and volunteers who helped preserve the Chathamport campus. That evening, CMMC will sponsor a private dinner in her honor at Eastward Ho! Country Club, with after-dinner remarks by Roger Michel, Executive Director of the Institute for

Digital Archaeology, on restoration of the family's Palazzo Marconi in Bologna, Italy as the future home of the Universal Radio Institute.

As an Honorary Director, Princess Marconi will participate in CMMC's Annual Meeting on the morning of June 2nd at the Chatham Orpheum Theater. Attendees will be introduced to our special guests accompanying the Princess on her visit to Chatham, and following the business portion of the meeting will be treated to a video tribute to the Princess created by videographer Christopher Seufert.

At 2:00pm that same afternoon, Princess Marconi will officiate at the Grand Opening of the Marconi-RCA Wireless Museum's "Wireless Today" gallery of exhibits, featuring new and updated exhibits about how technology and wireless have transformed our lives. She will also be available to autograph copies of her book, "Marconi, My Beloved". Members are invited to tour the campus with CMMC Board members and members of the Chatham Historical Commission, with a special tour of Dominic Boreffi's newly renovated 1914 brick Manager's residence overlooking the Education Center.

And on Saturday evening June 2nd at 7:00pm in the MRMS Auditorium Princess Marconi will introduce "Digital Archeology: Preserving History Through Innovative Technology". Mr. Roger Michel, Executive Director and founder, and Dr. Alexy Karenowska of the Institute for Digital Archaeology [<http://digitalarchaeology.org.uk>], will present the innovative techniques and cultural impacts of using digital technology to preserve – and even reconstruct – historic and endangered structures. This is an exciting topic for students either of technology or historical/archaeological preservation! More information is available on our website. Admission for this Ed Fouhy Distinguished Speaker Series event is free for Sustaining Members; all other Members, Members' Guests with passes, and Students \$5; General Admission is \$10. Reservations are not required.

Before leaving Chatham on Monday morning, Princess Marconi will enjoy one of her favorite pastimes, a Sunday sail on Nantucket Sound courtesy of Frank and Joan-Ellen Messina.