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Milton Historical Society hosts author of 'Inside the Combat Zone'

By Kathy Keyes

Milton, MA//January 24, 2019// - The Milton Historical Society is hosting author Stephanie Schorow who will be discussing her book "Inside the Combat Zone: The Stripped Down Story of Boston's Most Notorious Neighborhood" on Thursday, March 14, 2019, 7 pm., in the Keys Room at the Milton Public Library, 476 Canton Ave., Milton, MA 02186.

Schorow shares stories of the former red-light district and introduces the players and tragedies behind this audacious social experiment, heralded across the nation as the solution to the pornography epidemic.

A Boston-based freelance writer and journalism instructor, Schorow is the author, co-author, or editor of eight books on Boston history:

- Inside the Combat Zone: The Stripped Down story of Boston's most Notorious Neighborhood;
- Drinking Boston: A History of the City and its Spirits;
- The Coconut Grove Fire;
- Boston on Fire;
- East of Boston: Notes from the Harbor Island;
- The Crime of the Century: How the Brink's Robbers Stole Millions and the Hearts of Boston.

With co-author Beverly Ford, she wrote *The Boston Mob Guide: Hit Men, Hoodlums and Hangouts* and served as the editor of *Boston's Fire Trail* with the Boston Fire Historical Society.

She has worked as an editor and reporter for the Boston Herald, The Associated Press and numerous other publications. She currently writes restaurant reviews for the Boston Globe North section.

She also teaches professional writing at Lasell College in Newton, MA. She has also taught graduate and undergraduate courses at Regis College, Lesley University and Emerson College.

She is now coordinating a Citizen Journalism Program for Malden Access Television.

Schorow has a degree in journalism from Northwestern University and a master's degree in Latin America Studies from New York University.

The Milton Historical Society is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1904 to collect, preserve, publish and exhibit artifacts and records relating to the town of Milton.

The Suffolk Resolves House, 1370 Canton Avenue, Milton MA, is the headquarters of the Milton Historical Society and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its significance in American political history.

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Schorow frequently speaks at libraries, community centers, historical societies and assisted living units in the Greater Boston area, including appearances at the Old South Meeting House, the Brookline and Arlington adult education centers, Massachusetts Superior Court. She was featured in a segment on the Brink's robbery for "Mysteries at the Museum," on the Travel Channel and in a documentary on Boston's infamous Symphony Road arson case, "Burning Greed." She has appeared as an expert in documentaries about fire including "Damrell's Fire," first broadcast in 2006, a look at the Great Boston Fire of 1872; and in a segment on the Coconut Grove fire for the "Modern Marvels" series on the History Channel broadcast in 2004.

She has served on the board of the Boston Fire Historical Society, an organization dedicated to preserving Boston's fire history. She has also served the board of the Volunteers and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, an advocacy and volunteer group

A clay artist working at the Mudflat Studio in Somerville, she has taught pottery at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education and sells her work through the Mudflat Gallery in Porter Square and at bi-annual Mudflat sales. She is a member of the board of Mudflat.

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Press Release accompanied by photo of book cover "Inside the Combat Zone: The Stripped Down Story of Boston's Most Notorious Neighborhood."