

“Fashion, Fury and Feathers: Women’s Fight for Change”

Date: Tuesday 4 October 2022, 7.00 pm

Lecturer: Tessa Boase

**Location: Alfred-Schnittke-Akademie,
Max-Brauer-Allee 24, 22765 Hamburg**

LECTURE SUMMARY

When social historian Tessa Boase told the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds she wanted to write their early story, they refused to let her visit their archives. To a former investigative journalist, this was a challenge she could not resist .

This lecture shines a light on the intriguing story of women’s love affair with plumage and of the brave eco feminists who fought back on behalf of the birds. Moving from a polite Victorian tea party to an egret hunt in a Florida swamp; from a suffragette ‘monster rally’ to a milliner’s dusty workshop, you’ll be taken back in time to a world where every woman, of every class wore a hat.



BIOGRAPHY OF LECTURER

*Tessa is a freelance lecturer for The Arts Society along with other organisations such as the V&A, English Heritage and the National Trust. She’s the author of two books of social history: **The Housekeeper’s Tale – The Women Who Really Ran the English Country House**, and **Mrs Pankhurst’s Purple Feather – Fashion, Fury and Feminism, Women’s Fight for Change**. Her interest lies in uncovering stories of invisible women of the Victorian and Edwardian eras, revealing how they drove industry, propped up high society and manipulated politics. Tessa has an MA in English Literature from Oxford University, a diploma in Art History from the British Institute of Florence, and has enjoyed a long career in journalism for national newspapers and magazines.*

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