

# THURSDAY LECTURE WILL EXPLORE THE WORLD OF CUSTOM-MADE CLOTHING IN THE *DOWNTON ABBEY* ERA

*Distinguished Author and Journalist Will Present as Part of the Popular Winterthur Lunchtime Lecture Series*

**WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—WHAT:** Meg Lukens Noonan presents a lecture on bespoke or custom-made clothing

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 17, 12:15–1:15 pm

**WHERE:** Copeland Lecture Hall, Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, 5105 Kennett Pike, Winterthur, DE 19735

**BACKGROUND:** *Downton Abbey*-era gentlemen wore bespoke (custom-made) clothing, handcrafted by highly skilled tailors. Thanks in part to the show's popularity, the centuries-old bespoke trade is alive and well on London's famed Savile Row and in other major cities. Meg Lukens Noonan, author of *The Coat Route: Craft, Luxury and Obsession on the Trail of a \$50,000 Coat*, demystifies the clubby world of bespoke tailoring, provides a window into the culture that covets it and recounts her round-the-world quest to deconstruct the making of one fabulous—and fabulously expensive—hand-tailored vicuna overcoat. *Members free. Included with admission.*

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*Meg Lukens Noonan, photo by Mark Bennington.*

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