

The Pequannock Township Public Library presents



*Costume Jewelry: A Stroll
Through the Decades
With: Marilyn Visakay
Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 7 PM
Call (973) 835-7460 to register*

The rise of costume jewelry's popularity at the dawn of the 20th century can be traced to the Suffrage Movement, when many women began to wear their hair shorter as a sort of act of defiance. The liberal move of cutting their hair exposed their ears and necks causing earrings and necklaces to become more popular.

When costume jewelry's long, fascinating history is placed under a jeweler's loupe, you can see how it has been affected by everything from atomic bombs to blond bombshells. Societal sensibilities, national movements, pop culture fads, economic disasters, scientific advances, world wars – they've all enacted powerful influences on the way American costume jewelry has looked and has been produced over the past 130 or so years.

Marilyn Visakay will discuss the widely divergent forces that have shaped how costume jewelry has been made. She will bring samples from her own collection and give tips on how people can check their own collections to see if they might have some valuable pieces.



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