Pills, Plants and Poisons

Exploring London's Pharmacy History

3-5 March 2027

Wednesday 3 March 2027

Morning: Apothecaries Hall

Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ

9:15-9:45	Welcome and Registration – Master's welcome	
09:45-10:15	*Introductory talk* Why is an apothecary not a pharmacist?	Briony Hudson Pharmacy historian
10:15 –11:15	*Tour of Apothecaries' Hall* Focus on the pharmacy history elements of the 1672 building, home to the livery company and its collection of artefacts and archives.	John Ford Janet Payne Archives Officer, WSoA
11:15-11:30	Tea & Coffee	
11:30-12:15	*Collections Session* (2 stations) • Exploring Agatha Christie, the Dispensing Qualification and the Manufacturing Laboratory • Botanical pharmacy, the Chelsea Physic Garden and herbal collections	Briony Hudson Janet Payne Archives Officer, WSoA
12:15	Depart from Apothecaries' Hall	

Afternoon: Royal College of Physicians Museum & Archives

11 St Andrews Pl, London NW1 4LE

13:45	Welcome and Introduction	
14:00-14:50	*Tour of RCP Garden of Medicinal Plants* Led by a Garden Fellow, we will explore the garden of more than 1,000 medicinal plants with uses from ancient Egypt to today's drugs.	
15:00 – 15:50	*Group A: Building and Exhibition Tour* Curator-led tour of the RCP's Grade I listed headquarters and its displays	*Group B: Collections Session* Librarian-led highlights session with specially selected pharmacy related items.
15:50-16:10	Refreshments: Tea/Coffee/Biscuits	
16:10-17:00	*Group B: Building Exhibition Tour*	*Group A: Collections Session*
17:00 onwards	Optional drinks – Venue to be confirmed	

Thursday 4 March

Morning: German Historical Institute

17 Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1A 2NJ

9:30-9:45	Welcome and Arrival with refreshments	
9:45-10:45	*Tour of the German Historical Institute*, the former headquarters of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (1841-1976)	Matthias Ammon Head Librarian, GHI
10:45-11:30	*Highlights of the UCL School of Pharmacy Historical Collections*	Abi Heath Library Manager, UCL School of Pharmacy
11:30-12:15	*Pharmacy History walking tour of Bloomsbury*	Briony Hudson

Afternoon: Royal College of Pharmacy Museum & Library

66-68 E Smithfield, London E1W 1AW

13:45-14:00	Welcome and Arrival	
14:00 – 15:00	*Curator led Museum tour* Discover the highlights of the College's collection.	Roxanne Baxter Museum Manager
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15-16:00	*Rare books session* Focussed on the personal collection of pharmacognosist Daniel Hanbury (1825-1875), whose father and uncle were amongst the Pharmaceutical Society's founder members.	Karen Horn Librarian
16:00-16:30	*Drug Jar Collection Session* Get up close and personal to the Museum's world-class collection of 17th and 18th century drug jars.	Briony Hudson
16:30 onwards	Optional drinks in St Katherine's Dock – The Dickens Inn	

Friday 5 March

Morning: Wellcome Wolfson Building, Science Museum

165 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London SW7 5HD

9.30-9.50	Welcome and Arrival	
9.50-10:35	*Talk:* collections or a recent pharmacy-related project (Title TBC)	Selina Hurley Curator of Clinical and Research Medicine
10.35-11:15	Tea/Coffee Break	
11.15-12:15	*Curator-led tour of 'Medicine: The Wellcome Galleries'*	

Afternoon: Economic Botany Collection, Kew

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB
Meeting Point: Herbarium gate by Elizabeth Gate, Kew Green TW9 3AB

14:00-14:15	Arrival at the **Herbarium Gate Meeting Point**	
14:15 – 15:15	*Pharmacy-focused Tour of the Economic Botany Collection*	Dr Kim Walker Biocultural Historian
15:15- 15:45	*Introduction to the Queen's Garden at Kew Palace, and its medicinal beds.*	
15:45-17:00	*Coffee and free time to explore the gardens* Delegates will be advised on locations of the most notable pharmacy material, but are welcome to discover any aspect of the garden at their own pace.	
17:00	Departure	