

# Putnam County Historical Society Annual Meeting & Program

**Saturday, May 4 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**at Putnam County Historical Society**  
**Meeting House, 403 Old Hwy 26, Hennepin**

## *How Corn Changed Itself and Then Changed Everything Else*



Author Cynthia A. Clampitt discusses how, about 10,000 years ago, a weedy grass growing in Mexico was transformed into a larger and more useful grass—the cereal grass that we would come to know as maize and then corn.

Come learn how and why corn transformed the Heartland and helped create today's world. Cynthia explains the truth behind Margaret Visser's claim in her classic work *Much Depends on Dinner*, "Without corn, North America—and most particularly modern, technological North America—is inconceivable."



A Road Scholar Program sponsored by the Illinois Humanities Council.

The Meeting House is handicapped accessible.

Everyone welcome.

Dinner at 6:00 followed by a brief meeting and the program.

Tickets are \$20; available from any Board Member (Dick Ashdown, Karen Bailey, Lorie Balensiefen, Gary Boggio, Sue Bruch, Sue Campbell, Darlene Cofoid, Ben Day, Will Duke, Kevin Kunkel, Lonna Nauman, Sid Whitaker), Sharon Clausen, or at Putnam County banks, or phone 815-303-5104.