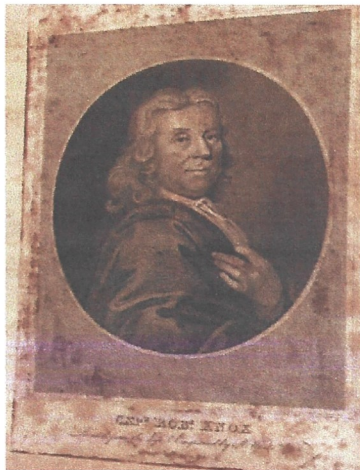


Dr. BRENDON GOONERATNE SPEAKS ON “ HISTORY OF ROBERT KNOX IN THE KANDYAN KINGDOM”

The 40th lecture in the Monthly Lecture series of the National Trust of Sri Lanka will be held at the HNB Auditorium, 22nd Floor, HNB Towers, 479 T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday the 31st May 2012.

Dr. Brendon Gooneratne is a Doctor of Medicine, Research scientist, Author, Internationally acclaimed environmentalist ,Historian, Collector and expert on old books and maps of Ceylon and was a brilliant cricketer in his day. He has travelled the length and breadth of Sri Lanka and studied and written about its wild life, history and environment. He has written four books on History and one on Medicine for Butterworths of London.

At this lecture Dr. Gooneratne will give an account of Robert Knox in the Kandyan Kingdom. Robert Knox an Englishman took to the sea despite his father’s early protestations. He sailed on his father’s ship which was trading under the English East India Company. In 1659 at the end of a trading venture in India, the main mast of the ship was lost in a cyclone off the South Coast of India and the ship limped with difficulty onto the Kottiyar Bay in Trincomalee for repairs . He was captured and detained in captivity by the King of Kandy for nearly twenty years. Dr. Gooneratne will speak on the experiences of Knox and his companions during their stay in the Kandyan Kingdom as recorded by him following his escape.



The National Trust – Sri Lanka conducts monthly lectures on the last Thursday of each month. The lectures are open to the members and the public.

Further information could be obtained from the Trust Office at the Post Graduate Institute of Archaeology, 407, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7. Tel: 2682730

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