



GREENWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

is dedicated to promoting Greenwich's unique and colorful past. Our Archives actively chronicle the life of our town for future generations, our programs and exhibitions help people of all ages better understand their connection to history, and our preservation efforts safeguard an architectural heritage that includes the National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, the site of the Cos Cob art colony.

BUSH-HOLLEY HISTORIC SITE

is a member of the Connecticut Art Trail, a partnership of 17 world-class museums and historic sites across the state. Discover collections rich in history and heritage, including European masterpieces, American Impressionism, ancient art and contemporary culture.

HOURS

Storehouse Gallery

Open Wednesday through Sunday,
12–4 pm

Docent-led tours of Bush-Holley House
1, 2 and 3 pm

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Library and Archives

Wednesdays, 10 am–12:30 pm
and 1 pm–4 pm, or by appointment

ADMISSION

\$10 for adults

\$8 for seniors and students

Admission always free to members.

Free to the public the first Wednesday
of every month.

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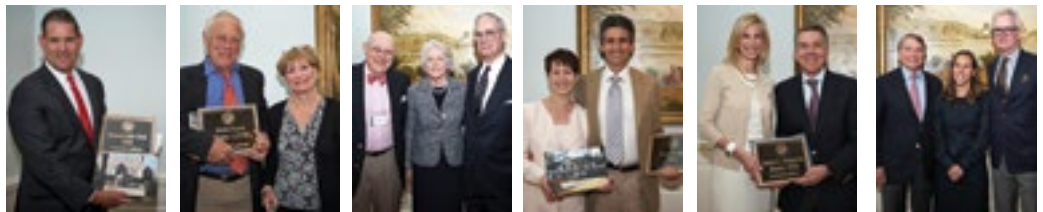
Greenwich Historical Society Celebrates Town's Architectural Heritage

At its 2014 Landmark Recognition Program on April 17, the Greenwich Historical Society recognized four homes and the Round Hill Club for their historic significance.

Landmarks program chairman Jack Morris presented plaques to homeowners Chris and Carolyn Antonik (James Lyon House, c. 1750,

by architect Peter Pennoyer and author Anne Walker, who recently released a book on the same subject entitled *New York Transformed*. Eight Cross family descendants were in attendance.

We are extremely grateful to Jack Morris, who has spearheaded this event for two years in a row, and to the entire Landmarks program and event committees for making this event—which



(Left to right): Bill Nichols, President Round Hill Club; Chris and Carolyn Antonik; Landmarks Chair Jack Morris with Homeowners Jim and Lyn Hurlock; Stephen and Louise Salzer, Kenneth and Robin Kencel; Sponsor David Ogilvy with Speakers Anne Walker and Peter Pennoyer

Byram), Jim and Lyn Hurlock (Charles Sinclair Wills House, 1907, Belle Haven), Stephen and Louise Salzer (Rocky Ledge, 1924, Milbrook) and Kenneth and Robin Kencel (James C. Rogerson House, 1929, Khakum Wood). Round Hill Club president Bill Nichols accepted the Club's plaque. This year, for the first time, recipients also received customized books about their homes, which focused on their unique architectural features and neighborhood history.

After the plaques were awarded, the SRO crowd of 170 was also treated to a fascinating lecture on legendary architects Cross & Cross

requires months of research, coordination and planning—such a great success. We also want to express deep appreciation to sponsors Northern Trust and David Ogilvy Associates and to media sponsor *Greenwich Magazine* for the very important supporting roles they played!

The Landmark Recognition Program, which was begun by the Historical Society in 1987 as “Signs of the Times,” has now presented 288 plaques for Greenwich sites. Each property is professionally researched and documented, and undergoes a complete title search.

Cool Off at the Current Exhibition

ENJOYING THE COUNTRY LIFE:

GREENWICH'S GREAT ESTATES

NOW THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2014

Woman's Bathing
Costume, ca. 1900,
Man's Bathing
Costume, ca. 1905.

Estate of Lydia Ferris
Lester. Museum purchase
with funds from Mr. and
Mrs. Hugh B. Vanderbilt.



Antiquarius 2014:

Just When You Thought It Couldn't Get Any Better...

On a May morning, thoughts were already turning to the holidays as the 2014 Antiquarius leadership committee convened at an elegant breakfast meeting at the home of Samantha Moro. Antiquarius is off to a roaring start with a bevy of talented organizers on board. Carrie Wallack, Lisa McAtee and Beth Taylor will serve as chairmen of the Greenwich Winter Antiques Show Gala Preview Party. Mother/daughter design team Sandra Morgan and Laird Morgan Tolan (2013 co-chairs) will once again manage the Holiday House Tour, with Catherine Tompkins and Elizabeth Lake co-chairing House Tour Hostess coordination and Kera Renuka acting as House Tour Head Hostess. Holly Cassin will return to co-chair the Holiday

Boutique with new co-chair Catie Salyer. Alicia Laing will coordinate media, and Rachel Kelley will once again supervise transportation and logistics. Trustees Lynne Wheat and Suzanne Frank will chair the Patron campaign.

We are especially pleased to announce that, as part of this year's festivities, a luncheon and lecture with renowned AD100 designer Markham Roberts is planned for November 13. The lecture is entitled "The Way I See It" and is based on a soon-to-be-released monograph of his work. Samantha Moro and Catherine Tompkins will co-chair the Markham Roberts designer luncheon.

Barnstar Productions will once again manage the Greenwich Winter Antiques Show, and Mofly Media will be the official media sponsor for Antiquarius.

2014 Antiquarius Committee: Left to right, seated: Sandra Morgan, Laird Morgan Tolan, Carrie Wallack, Lisa McAtee. Second row standing: Debra Mecky, Carmina Roth, Catie Salyer, Rachel Kelley, Holly Cassin, Elizabeth Lake, Jacki Brew, Samantha Moro, Tiffany Burnette, Suzanne Eason, Davidde Strackbein, Roxanne Vanderbilt, Catherine Tompkins. On stairs: Joanna Young, Ashley Allan, April Larken, Kara Gerardi, Lauren Cuneo, Leigh Ann Ryan, Alexandra Codraro, Emily Piu, Louise Marasso, Sue Baker.



Save the dates. You won't want to miss a single event!

Patron Party: November 7, 2014

Markham Roberts Lecture and Luncheon:

November 13, 2014, Belle Haven Club

Preview Party for the Antiques Show:
December 5, 2014

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

The Greenwich Winter Antiques Show:
December 6 & 7, 2014

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

Holiday Boutique:

December 9 & 10, 2014, Christ Church

Holiday House Tour and Club Lunch:

December 10, 2014

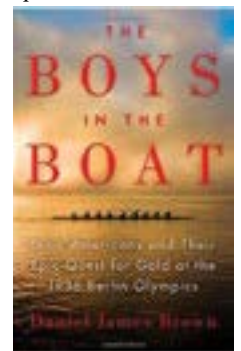


The Boys in the Boat

The Greenwich Historical Society is once again a sponsor of Greenwich Reads Together. This year's selection is *The Boys in the Boat*, a nonfiction narrative about the underdog University of Washington crew team, set against the backdrop of the Great Depression and the infamous 1936 Berlin Games. We'll be planning a Story Barn based on the precepts of teamwork, coaching, overcoming adversity, and perseverance—all themes woven throughout the story.

Greenwich Reads Together is a community-wide program that engages the entire town in exploring a single book. Selection is based on high literary quality, availability in multiple formats, broad appeal and the book's ability to generate thought-provoking discussion.

Be sure to add *The Boys in the Boat* to your summer reading list, and let us know if you have a story to share at Story Barn!



Greenwich Historical Society Receives Hurricane Sandy Preservation Grant

We recently received news of a grant of \$40,240 from the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Assistance Fund for Historical Buildings for repair of the Magdalene Bruker house at 42 Strickland Road. The house sits on the Mill Pond on a site once owned by John Bush (brother of David Bush who owned Bush-Holley House) and was later the site of the “Old Brush House,” a crumbling relic that was a frequent subject for the Cos Cob art colony. The current house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and noted as a contributing feature of the Strickland Road Local Historic District. The vernacular Tudor Revival residence (constructed 1934) is a well-preserved example of its period and



The Magdalene Bruker House, 42 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, built 1934

style and retains all of its original exterior brick and stucco walls, a slate roof, and copper flashings and gutters. Its Vermont gray/black slate roof sustained extensive damage during Hurricane Sandy, and the brittleness of the original slate and pitch of the roof rendered spot repairs impossible.

Greenwich’s history is reflected in its architectural landscape, and part of the Greenwich Historical Society’s mission is to support preservation efforts throughout the community. Whether you’re restoring your home or just want to know more about it, visit our Library & Archives to take advantage of a wealth of real estate records, directories and photos.

Hamilton Avenue Museum/School Partnership Celebrates Its Sixth Year

On June 12, the Historical Society mounted its sixth annual exhibition to showcase artwork by third and fourth grade students from Hamilton Avenue Magnet School. The event was the culmination of a partnership program designed to enable students to make connections with the history and art of their town. Fifth grade junior docents led tours of Bush-Holley House and budding artists proudly displayed their work endeavors in the Education Center. The program enables students from every grade to visit the site during the school year, with upper grades focusing more intensely on the history and art collections at Bush-Holley Historic Site. We also arrange for working artists and educators to conduct classroom workshops to explore topics touched upon during site visits.



Junior Docent Lauren Herrera ready for a tour

We are deeply grateful for the generous donations by individuals to our Annual Fund and for the support of the Fairfield County Community Foundation in making this program possible. The partnership program is an inspiring experience for students and supporters alike.

Leadership Donors Recognized at 2014 Trust Event

The Greenwich Historic Trust, an annual leadership giving program, was established in honor of past chairman Claire F. Vanderbilt. Trust gifts are crucial in fulfilling our mission and enable us to share Greenwich history in myriad ways. They provide for creative programming and fresh interpretations of history, fund the restoration and interpretation of Bush-Holley House and sustain preservation initiatives. All this means that we can continue to share the stories of the people, places and events that make our town such a special place to live and work.

We are immensely grateful to the donors who make these leadership gifts, and each year we hold a special event at a unique Greenwich site to honor them. This year’s program took place on June 3 at Seven Bridges, a foundation created in 1993 by Richard McKenzie to support both established and emerging living artists and to promote their creativity. Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d’oeuvres surrounded by Seven Bridges’ extraordinary collection of large-scale modernist and figurative



Karla Rosellen, Director of PR for Seven Bridges; Jim Schantz, Schantz Galleries; Laura Schmidt, Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company; Debra Mecky, Executive Director

paintings, art glass, photos and sculptures. They were then treated to a private tour led by Jim Schantz of Schantz Galleries (Stockbridge, MA).

We would like to express our gratitude to all who contributed to the Annual Fund and to express our appreciation to Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company and NEBCO Insurance Services, LLC, for underwriting the 2014 event and to Seven Bridges for providing such a spectacular location.

Save the Dates:

Now through August 31

Enjoying the Country Life: Greenwich Great Estates
Exhibition

July 7–11, July 14–18

History and Art Camp: Senior Historians Sessions
(Grades 4–7)

July 21–25, July 28–August 1

History and Art Camp: Junior Historians Sessions
(Grades 1–3 or 4)

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Great Greenwich Scavenger Hunt Debuts at Town Party



The Greenwich Historical Society made its debut at the Third Annual Town Party North. In honor of the occasion, we hosted the Great Greenwich Scavenger Hunt. Teams fanned out with smartphones in hand to take 10 online challenges based on historic sites near Havemeyer Field and on Greenwich trivia. Photos taken for the challenge were digitally stamped with the Historical Society logo to post on Facebook and keep as “souvenirs” of the event. Grand-prize-winning Team Hawks won a yearlong family membership to the Historical Society and free tickets to the Fall Festival and the Holiday Marionette Show.

The scavenger hunt was part of a trial to develop digital outreach and new online learning programs for Bush-Holley Historic Site and beyond. The Town of Greenwich is about to make history by providing each student with a mobile device by 2016. We’ll be ready for them!

A great big “Thank You” to... Randy Caravella of Randy’s Wines in Cos Cob for generously providing wine for the members’ opening reception of *Enjoying the Country Life* and for Cribbage Game Night.



Spring Advisory Council Convenes

The Greenwich Historical Society Advisory Council consists of former board members and other distinguished community members who serve as ambassadors and counselors in support of the Historical Society’s mission. On May 13, the Advisory Council convened for a reception and presentation of plans for the incorporation of Toby’s Tavern into Bush-Holley Historic Site by architect David Scott Parker. Aided by a slide presentation and architectural drawings, Mr. Parker provided insights into the various possibilities for use of Toby’s Tavern—acquired through generous donations last year—as well as scenarios for the improvement and/or expansion of Bush-Holley Historic Site. Stay tuned as we continue to study the possibilities.

Many thanks to Tom Clephane, Anne Niemeth and Sabrina Forsythe for organizing this lovely and informative event!