

Greenwich Historical Society

Explore our colorful past



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GREENWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

is dedicated to promoting Greenwich's unique and colorful past. Our collections 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 18 world-class museums and historic sites across the state. Discover collections rich in New England history and culture and view artwork from one of the earliest American Impressionist art colonies.

HOURS

Storehouse Gallery

Open Wednesday through Sunday,
12–4 pm

Docent-led Tours of Bush-Holley House

Wednesday through Sunday,
1, 2 and 3 pm and by appointment

Curator's Eye Tours

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 12:15 pm

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

Always free to members and
children under 18.

Free to all visitors the first Wednesday
of each month.

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DIRECTIONS

Off I-95 at Exit 4.

Details at www.greenwichhistory.org/visit

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND ANTIQUARIUS 2016



ANTIQUARIUS IS QUITE SIMPLY OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR. Your support makes a lot of great things happen. You help the Historical Society to collect and chronicle the vibrant history of this unique community now and in the years to come. You help sustain the Library and Archives and help record our town's myriad stories through photos and primary source documents. You become a steward of the beloved Bush-Holley Historic Site and our wonderful collections, help launch fascinating art and history exhibitions, further preservation initiatives and allow us to offer education programs for all ages.

UPHOLD A GREAT GREENWICH TRADITION AND ATTEND ALL OF OUR EXCITING HOLIDAY EVENTS!

Opening Night Private Patron Party with Alessandra Branca

Friday, December 2, 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Preview of the Greenwich Winter Antiques Show

Friday, December 2, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center
Catering provided by Marcia Selden
Generously sponsored by Betteridge

The Greenwich Winter Antiques Show

Produced by Frank Gaglio, Inc.

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 4, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

DOYLE Appraisal Day at the Greenwich Winter Antiques Show

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

By appointment only. Call 203-637-6209 or
email DoyleCT@doyle.com

Reception and Designer Lecture with Alessandra Branca

Tuesday, December 6, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Greenwich Country Club

Holiday Boutique

Tuesday, December 6, 6:00 to 8:30 pm
Wednesday, December 7, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Greenwich Country Club

Holiday House Tour

Wednesday, December 7, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Reservations required (rain or shine)
Generously sponsored by David Ogilvy & Associates

Holiday House Tour Luncheon

Wednesday, December 7, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Greenwich Country Club

*For further information contact Victoria Boffoli, Special
Events Manager, at 203-869-6899, [patrons@greenwich-
history.org](mailto:patrons@greenwich-history.org) or www.greenwichhistory.org/antiquarius.*

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DOYLE



Story Barn: Lost in Translation

One of our most popular programs, Story Barn is an evening of true personal stories served up in a cabaret-like setting without benefit of notes or screens. The theme will be “Lost in Translation,” with storytellers presenting tales based on the idea that even the simplest attempts at communications can sometimes go awry.

Be prepared for tales with a decidedly Greenwich twist. In the past, we’ve heard about youthful misadventure, a dastardly bridegroom, a grand dame’s after-hours shopping expedition, a preteen’s search for tight trousers at Greenwich’s toniest emporiums and an array of animal protagonists including an ungrateful chipmunk, a supernatural parrot and a law-breaking woodchuck.

Don’t miss it! This popular program, emceed by Moth story coach, Nantucket Comedy Festival cofounder and comedienne Bonnie Levison, is fun, thought-provoking entertainment that puts a decidedly contemporary spin on oral history.

Thursday, November 17, 2016.

Doors open at 7:30 pm;
performance begins at 8:00 pm.

Beer, wine and light refreshments are included in the price of admission.

Members: \$15; nonmembers: \$20.

Reservations strongly encouraged.

Looking for Storytellers

Everyone has at least one amazing story to tell. If you would like to share yours, please contact Anna Greco at agrec0@greenwichhistory.org or call 203-869-6899, Ext. 31. A workshop is offered for those who would like some help and practice before the event.



Bonnie Levison emcees at the Spring Story Barn

Art, History and Landscape Lecture by Marc Peter Keane: Karesansui • Japanese Stone Gardens, Old and New



Marc Peter Keane, internationally known garden designer and author, will describe the history and tradition of karesansui gardens, those enigmatic arrangements of stone and sand, exploring how they came into being and why they are designed the way they are. Beginning with their early roots in sacred stones called *iwakura*, he will show how these gardens developed into the highly stylized forms we see today. Keane will also discuss his own work designing contemporary karesansui gardens, including the Spiral Garden built in Kyoto Prefecture’s oldest extant residence (a designated cultural property), the Tiger

Glen Garden at the Johnson Museum of Art and the recently completed courtyard garden in Manhattan called Thrust!

Marc Peter Keane is a landscape architect based in Ithaca, New York. He lived in Kyoto, Japan, for 18 years, designing gardens for private individuals, companies and temples, and continues his work from his studio in Ithaca. He has authored four books on the subject of karesansui. Learn more on his website: mpkeane.com.

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Light refreshments will be served.

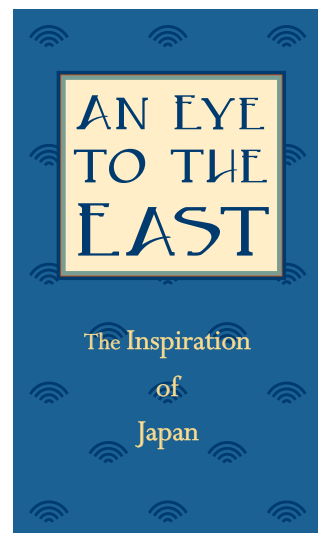
45-minute lecture begins at 7:00 pm, followed by a 15-minute Q&A session.

Vanderbilt Education Center

Members: \$15; nonmembers: \$20.

The Storehouse Gallery, featuring the exhibition, *An Eye to the East: the Inspiration of Japan* will be open from 6:00 to 6:45 pm. Admission is free with purchase of a lecture ticket.

The Greenwich Historical Society is pleased to acknowledge Wells Fargo Advisors Wealth and Investment Management; Sally Reagan, Financial Advisory; and Marie Williams, Vice President, Investments, as corporate sponsors of this program.



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Take a Curator’s Eye Tour

Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 12:15 pm.

Visit our new blog at greenwichhistory.org/blog and follow us on:



Annual Marionette Performance: *Wasabi, A Dragon's Tale*



In this modern-minded fairy tale, Princess Aja happily contemplates her upcoming marriage to Prince Olaf. Her outlook changes considerably when fire-breathing Wasabi swoops from the sky, reduces the palace to ashes and carries off her betrothed. Find out how the spunky princess, with a little help from her friends, outwits Wasabi to save the day.

Eleven exquisitely crafted marionettes perform amidst sumptuous storybook scenery. A transforming sprite, a fashionable knight and a seven-foot dragon are all featured in this newfangled fable, where both imagination and stage know no boundaries. After the 30-minute performance, No Strings' puppeteers will host

a Q&A session during which everyone can meet the performers and the puppets.

No Strings Marionette Company is a two-puppeteer touring marionette theater that creates performances for family audiences and designs and fashions their own puppet casts. They also teach their craft to a wide range of people through puppet-making workshops and residencies.

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Shows at 1:00 and 3:00 pm

Vanderbilt Education Center

\$10 for members; \$15 for nonmembers.

Advance purchase required.

Bush-Holley House by Candlelight

Join us for a festive holiday evening when, once a year, interpreters lead "candlelight" tours through Bush-Holley House, Greenwich's only Registered National Historic Landmark. In addition to the family-friendly walk through Bush-Holley House, there will be live music, hot chocolate, seasonal goodies, winter-themed crafts for kids and a special appearance by Santa Claus from 5:30–6:30 pm.

Candlelight tours take roughly 45 minutes and focus on Christmas traditions as celebrated by the Bush family in the early nation period and later by the Holley family, residents in the early 1900s.

Sunday, December 11, 2016, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Admission is free to all. No reservations required.

Tours begin at the Vanderbilt Education Center.



A serious exchange with Santa at last year's Candlelight Event

Connecting the Past with the Present

Send Us Your Favorite Words of Wisdom

At a recent appearance in support of our Fund for Program Enrichment, veteran journalist Lesley Stahl discussed her new book *Becoming Grandma* and touched on the idea that grandparents can have a profound effect on a child's values. The conversation prompted a new project, a compendium of Greenwich "words of wisdom" spearheaded by Board Vice Chairman Jessica Guff. Guff plans to publish the collection within the coming year and is looking for more words of wisdom to add to those collected from guests at the event.

“The harder you work, the luckier you are.”

“We all make our own lives.”

“This too shall pass.”

Please send us examples of advice or adages from your grandparents (or other respected elders) that made a lasting impact on the way you look at life, care of kdorsey@greenwichhistory.org.

Looking for a holiday gift that will last the entire year? Give the gift of membership to the Greenwich Historical Society! Your friends and family will enjoy exclusive benefits including invitations to members-only events, exhibition openings and lectures. Contact Membership Manager Suzanne Flinn (sflinn@greenwichhistory.org) to have a gift membership sent to everyone on your holiday list!



Please remember the Historical Society in your year-end giving!

As the community's only resource dedicated to preserving the rich history of our community, we rely on your generosity to offer support for all of our programs—from school visits, lectures and events for all ages to the maintenance of Bush-Holley House, furthering historic preservation and sharing Greenwich history online. Call 203-869-6899, Ext. 15, or visit at www.greenwichhistory.org.

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The Greenwich Historical Society chronicles the past, but the future is in your hands. Please remember us in your estate plan so that future generations may continue to explore the ongoing story of our community.



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Welcome, New Board Members!

Two new board members, Haley Rockwell Elmlinger and Walter Raquet, were recently appointed to our board of trustees.

Haley Elmlinger grew up in Greenwich and attended Greenwich Academy. During high school, she volunteered as a docent at the Bush-Holley House and has had a lifelong interest in history. Haley studied international relations at Princeton, where she received her AB from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She was a Fulbright Scholar in Austria, where she continued her studies in East-West Relations. Haley completed the joint JD/MBA program at Harvard University, and then worked in investment banking with First Boston Corporation, in management consulting with Bain and Company, and in finance at PepsiCo before taking over her family's wealth management business in Greenwich in 2006. Haley is currently a Senior Advisor and Managing

Director at Fieldpoint Private, a wealth management firm headquartered in Greenwich, and has just completed her term as President of the Board of Trustees of the Greenwich Library. She and husband Joe Elmlinger have three children.

Walter Raquet currently serves on the board of AtmosAire and is CEO of Green Earth Technologies. He cofounded Knight Capital Group in 1995, where, before retiring in 2002, he held positions as chairman, EVP and director, transforming the firm into the NASDAQ's top market maker. Prior to that, he held marketing and technology positions as Senior VP with Spear, Leeds & Kellogg/Troster Singer and with Herzog Heine Geduld, Inc. Earlier in his career, Walter was associated with Weeden & Co., Paine Webber and Cantor Fitzgerald. Walter is a CPA and received a BS in accounting from New York University. He is also the spouse of long-time supporter Sabrina (Pray) Raquet.



Haley Rockwell
Elmlinger



Walter Raquet



The Vanderbilt Education Center, a.k.a. the Barn, is a perfect space for parties and meetings. For information on availability, call Michele Couture at 203-869-6899, Ext. 20, or email mcouture@greenwichhistory.org.