

Greenwich Historical Society Seeks Folks Who Can Spin a Good Yarn

Cos Cob, CT, March 24, 2016--The Greenwich Historical Society is seeking storytellers for its upcoming Story Barn on April 1. Story Barn is a biannual town favorite in which a given theme is explored through personal storytelling. As in life, stories run the gamut, but whether the yarn is humorous, wistful, heartwarming or shocking--each is guaranteed to tug at your heart strings and keep you on the edge of your seat. This time around the topic will be "Any Port in a Storm," selected to connect with the Historical Society's current exhibition *Close to the Wind: Our Maritime History*. Storytellers are welcome to creatively interpret the concept with only two caveats: stories must be true (a *little* embellishment is allowed), and stories must last between five and ten minutes and be told without notes. No experience is needed and if you're game but would like to polish your narrative skills, a workshop and practice session is offered prior to the program by emcee Bonnie Levison.

Story Barn is modeled on a format developed by The Moth, where storytellers offer extraordinary insights into the human condition by sharing life stories, lessons and experiences at story slams, live performances, radio broadcasts and workshops. Levison is currently a storytelling coach for The Moth and has led Story Barn at the Historical Society since 2009. A former marketing executive at Young & Rubicam and NBC, she co-founded The Nantucket Comedy Festival in 2008 and produces a variety of comedy shows.

Any Port in a Storm will take place in an informal, cabaret-like setting, and wine, beer and light snacks will be served. If you would like to share a story, please contact Anna Greco at agrec@greenwichhistory.org or call 203-869-6899, Ext. 31.

For reservations, visit www.greenwichhistory.org or call 203-869-6899, Ext. 10.

Friday, April 1, 2016

Greenwich Historical Society, 39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807

Doors to the Storehouse Gallery exhibition and the Vanderbilt Education Center open at 7:30 pm; performance begins at 8:00 pm.

\$15 for members; \$20 for nonmembers. Reserve early; space is limited.