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### **Greenwich Historical Society 85th Annual Meeting and Lecture by Estella Chung: *Living Artfully, At Home with Marjorie Merriweather Post***

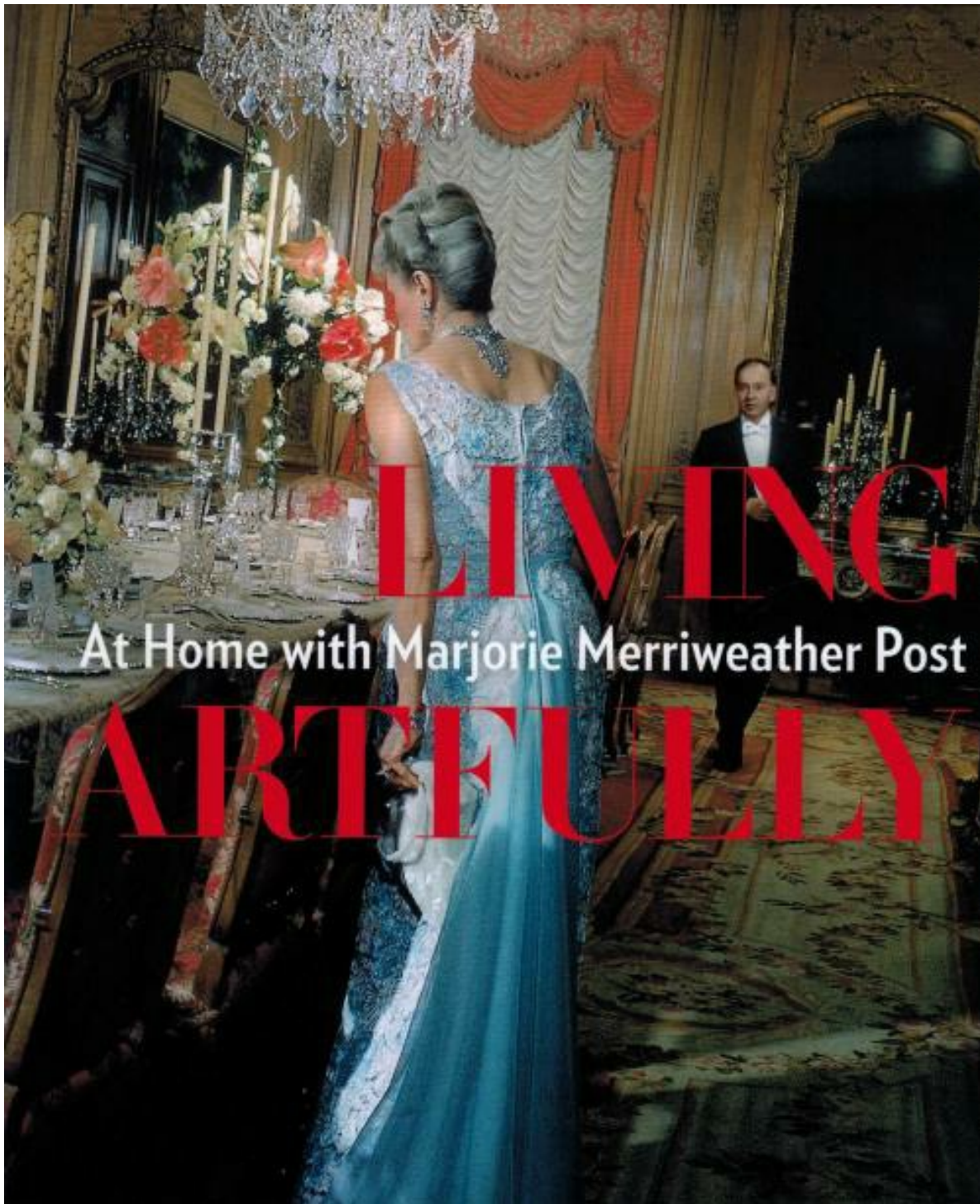
Cos Cob, CT, August 19, 2016--At its 85th annual meeting, the Greenwich Historical Society will feature an illustrated lecture by author and curator Estella Chung, who will discuss her book *Living Artfully: At Home with Marjorie Merriweather Post*. Ms. Chung will touch on Post's life in three magnificent homes: the opulent glamour of Mar-A-Lago in Palm Beach, the rustic whimsy of Camp Topridge in the Adirondacks and the elegant and formally furnished Hillwood estate and gardens in Washington, D.C.

With a lifestyle first perfected at Post's "starter estate" The Boulders in Greenwich, Marjorie Post brought to all her residences a flawless style of living and entertaining. The personal stories of family, staff and former guests bring to life the formal dinners, charity events, garden parties and weekend retreats that made an invitation from Post the most sought-after in her time. Ms. Chung will reveal both the splendor of life in these residences and the behind-the-scenes efforts necessary to make it all happen.

Estella Chung is curator of American material culture and historian at Hillwood. She combs photographic archives, documents and the not-so-ordinary artifacts that tell the life story of the museum's founder. As head of Hillwood's oral history program, she conducts interviews with those who worked for and were entertained by Marjorie Post, which she wove into *Living Artfully: At Home with Marjorie Merriweather Post*, now in its fifth printing. Ms. Chung is trained in American Studies and Museum Studies, holds degrees from the University of Michigan and Brown University and is as a member of the Biographers International Organization. A book sale and signing will follow the lecture.

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016; 6:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**Indian Harbor Yacht Club, 710 Steamboat Road, Greenwich, CT**  
**\$65 for Greenwich Historical Society members; \$75 for nonmembers**

Reservations (required) may be made at [www.greenwichhistory.org](http://www.greenwichhistory.org) or 203-869-6899. Purchase tickets by September 7.



"Living Artfully" book cover



**Estella Chung**

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