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Greenwich Historical Society Fall Festival to Include Meet & Greet Walkaround Grover from *Sesame Street*, Touch-a-Truck Construction Equipment, Puppet Show, and Scarecrow Competition

October 8 Event is the Last Chance to See the Henson Exhibition

September 14, 2017, COS COB, CT--Fall Festival at the Greenwich Historical Society will feature a Meet & Greet Walkaround Grover from *Sesame Street*, Touch-a-Truck construction equipment, a puppet show, games, crafts, food truck, and the perennially popular scarecrow competition. Throughout the event, visitors may see the "Jim and Jane Henson: Creative Work, Creative Play" exhibition, which closes after Fall Festival, and take a family-friendly tour of Bush-Holley House.

Puppet Show

WonderSpark Puppets will perform "Fox Fables," the story of a fox who loses his tail and seeks a new identity, in the Vanderbilt Education Center at 2:00 pm. WonderSpark was founded in 2009 by husband-and-wife team Chad Williams and Lindsey "Z" Briggs (also manager of the Jim Henson Foundation). In addition to their regular gigs, they often bring laughter and joy to the patients and staff at Mt. Sinai Kravis Children's Hospital in Manhattan.

Touch-a-Truck

Touch-a-Truck construction equipment will be available for people to explore throughout the event. Climb into an excavator, a yellow Mustang 1155 lull lift that framers use to transport materials to work areas, and a boom lift that framers use to reach elevated work areas. The Greenwich Historical Society is undergoing an exciting campus reimagination that will be completed next fall. They are excited to have construction equipment and professional operators onsite for the 2017 Fall Festival.

Scarecrow Competition

The theme of this year's scarecrow competition will be "friendly monsters" in honor of *Sesame Street* characters Grover and Oscar the Grouch, who appear in the current exhibition. Basic scarecrow building materials (straw, burlap bag, and armature/"bones") are included in the fee, but participants are welcome to bring "accessories" to customize

their creations. Prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Last Chance! "Jim and Jane Henson: Creative Work, Creative Play"

"Jim and Jane Henson: Creative Work, Creative Play" closes at 4pm on October 8. This is your last chance to see Kermit the Frog and Oscar the Grouch in person in Connecticut! The exhibition also includes a detailed doll house Jim Henson modeled on his Greenwich family home, original artwork by both Jim and Jane Henson, and much more.

Timeline

12:30: Event begins.

12:30-3:30pm: Meet & Greet Walkaround Grover from *Sesame Street* will be posing for photos a half hour on, a half hour off; Touch-a-Truck construction equipment will be available to climb into; a food truck will be onsite.

1:00, 2:00, and 3:00pm: Tours of Bush-Holley House leave the Storehouse Gallery.

2:00pm: Puppet show.

2:30pm: Scarecrows must be completed to be entered into the competition.

3:00: Scarecrow competition prizes awarded.

Sunday, October 8

12:30 to 3:30 pm

Bush-Holley Historic Site, 39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, CT

greenwichhistory.org

Admission: Children under 3: free;

All other children under 18: \$5;

Adults: \$10; Family: \$25

Separate fee for the Scarecrow competition:

Members: \$10; Nonmembers: \$15

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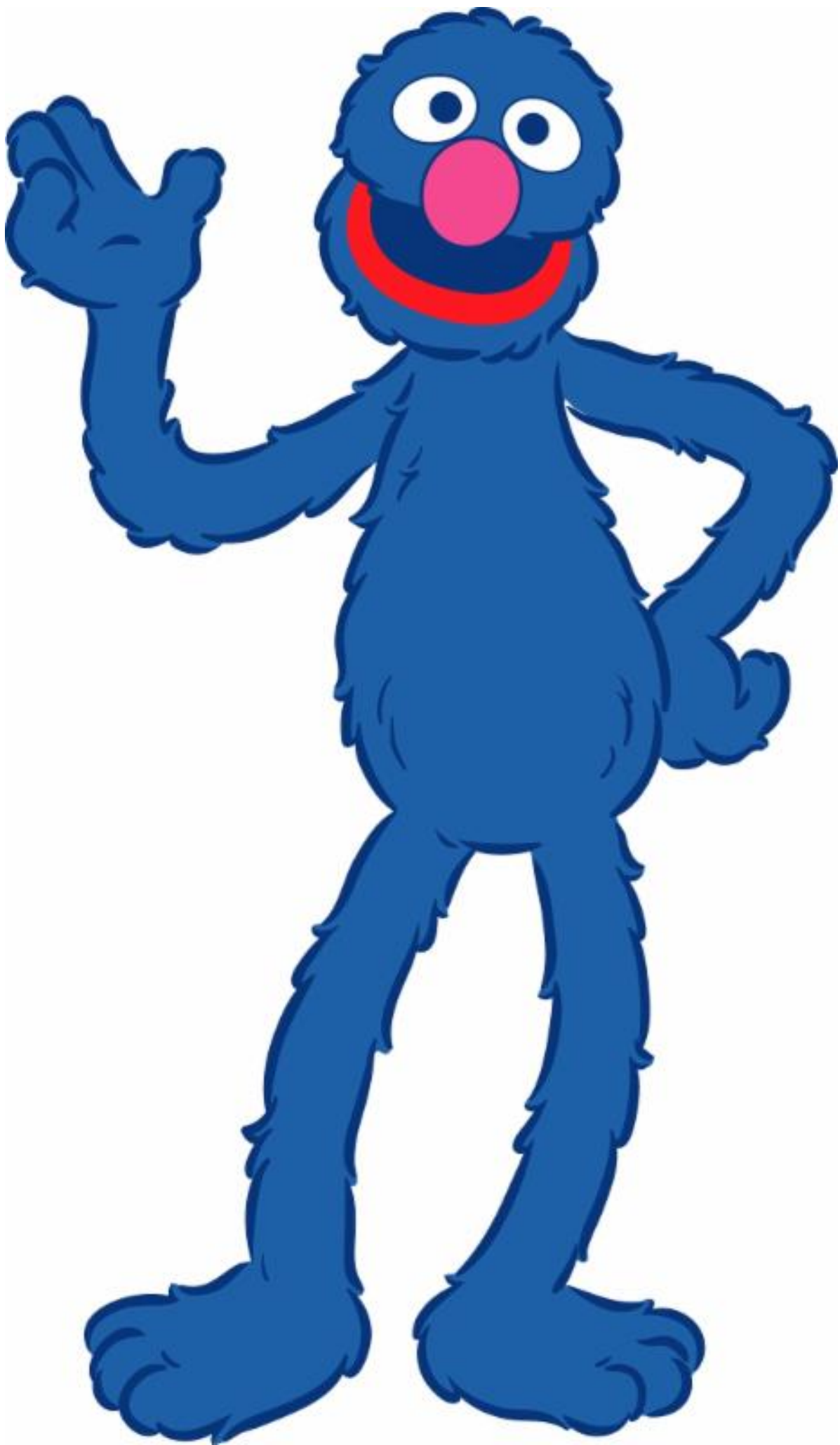
About the Greenwich Historical Society

The Greenwich Historical Society is dedicated to conserving and 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 and connect to history, and our preservation efforts safeguard an architectural heritage that includes the circa 1730 National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, the site of the first American Impressionist art colony.

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Chad Williams of WonderSpark Puppets



Joshua and Sienna Charlton flank their original creation at the 2015 Fall Festival. This year's scarecrow competition theme is "friendly monsters."

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