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Greenwich Historical Society to Hold Free Open House Day at Bush-Holley Historic Site June 8

Cos Cob, CT, May 16, 2013—The Greenwich Historical Society will participate in the Connecticut Office of Tourism's ninth annual Connecticut Open House Day on Saturday, June 8, 2013. The statewide event is designed to showcase Connecticut's diverse offerings of history, art and tourism, and the many notable people, places and events drawn from the pages of Greenwich history make for an especially rich tale. There's no better place to experience a bit of that colorful story than Bush-Holley Historic Site on Cos Cob Harbor, the home of the Greenwich Historical Society.

Bush-Holley House's unique presentation affords visitors the opportunity to experience two distinct time periods—the New Nation (1790-1825), when the house was owned by a wealthy, local merchant, and then its later life as a boarding house and home to the Cos Cob art colony (1890-1920). Eight evocative, well-documented rooms (including slave quarters rarely depicted in northern historic homes) feature art, furnishings and objects from the two periods including exemplary works by American Impressionist artists Childe Hassam, John Henry Twachtman and Elmer MacRae. The historic landscape and heirloom vegetable garden evoke the turn of the twentieth century when Cos Cob was a bustling, bohemian hub of intellectual and artistic creativity and ultimately the cradle of American Impressionism.

The Storehouse Gallery, also on site, features changing exhibitions and is currently offering *From Italy to America*, an installation celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the Italian American communities in Greenwich. The show also features a complementary exhibition of black and white photographs by Anthony Riccio, who has chronicled the Italian immigrant experience in Boston and New Haven as well as a vanishing way of life in the small towns of Italy.

Bush-Holley Historic Site is a National Historic Landmark (the only one in Greenwich), a member of Historic Artists Homes and Studios, a member of the Connecticut Art Trail and is accredited by the American Association of Museums. It literally offers something for everyone.

Celebrate Connecticut Open House Day by acting as a Greenwich cultural ambassador. Invite family and friends to see *From Italy to America* or to take a tour of Bush-Holley House. Admission will be free to all from noon to 4:00 pm. Docent-led tours of Bush-Holley House take place at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 pm.

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Bush-Holley House