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Newly Restored Feake-Ferris House to be Unveiled at Founder's Day Reception July 18 When This Place Matters! Photo Contest Winners Will Be Revealed

Greenwich Historical Society and Greenwich Point Conservancy Join Forces to Celebrate Town's Oldest House

COS COB, CT, May 14, 2018 -- Greenwich Historical Society and Greenwich Point Conservancy announced that the newly restored Feake-Ferris House (c1645-1689) will be the site of the free July 18 Founder's Day reception to announce the winners of the Historical Society's "This Place Matters!" photo contest. Attendees at the reception will be among the first to tour the lovingly restored home, the earliest part of which was erected in 1645 by Greenwich founders Elizabeth and Robert Feake.

"We're thrilled to showcase the newly restored Feake-Ferris House at the Historical Society's This Place Matters! reception," says Chris Franco, president, Greenwich Point Conservancy Board of Directors. "The multi-year restoration project at Greenwich's oldest house -- one of the oldest in America -- has rediscovered the spectacular original home of Elizabeth Winthrop Feake, namesake of 'Elizabeth's Neck,' as Greenwich Point was known for more than 200 years. The work has been made possible by generous contributions from town residents concerned about preserving our unique heritage. The Founder's Day reception to showcase love of town is a natural tie in to the Greenwich Point Conservancy's mission."

According to Greenwich Historical Society Executive Director & CEO Debra Mecky, the Feake-Ferris House is an ideal venue for the reception: "At a time when so many of our historic structures are being replaced, it's a privilege to showcase a home that is indelibly tied to our history. Feake-Ferris House is a treasured Greenwich landmark that matters a great deal to our town's heritage and character."

[This Place Matters! Photo Contest Participants Eligible to Attend Reception and Tour the Feake-Ferris House](#)

The first 50 individuals to submit photos for the This Place Matters! photo

competition will be invited to join the July 18 Founder's Day reception at the Feake-Ferris House and will receive priority registration for the event through June 25. Greenwich Town officials, guests of the Greenwich Point Conservancy, the Historical Society, and Greenwich Magazine will also be invited along with local press. Remaining seats will be opened to the public after June 25.

This Place Matters! photo contest is open to Greenwich residents of all ages. The top three entries that are 300 dpi, as selected by a panel of independent judges, will be published in Greenwich Magazine, Exclusive Magazine Sponsor of This Place Matters, and displayed at the Greenwich Historical Society's newly reimagined campus when it reopens this fall.

Participation is easy: Snap a photo of a favorite place in Greenwich and submit it with a brief statement about its location and why it makes Greenwich special, by July 6 to the Historical Society at shealy@greenwichhistory.org or via social media. For the latter, photographers should use the hashtag #thisplacemattersgreenwich and tag the Greenwich Historical Society: Instagram [greenwichhistory](#); Twitter [@GrnHistCT](#); Facebook [@GreenwichHistoricalSociety](#). Photos need to be 300 dpi to be published in Greenwich Magazine. Full contest details are at greenwichhistory.org.

The free reception at the Feake-Ferris House is July 18 at 10 am. A shuttle will be available to transport guests from the Greenwich Point parking area to the Feake-Ferris House.

About the Greenwich Historical Society

Greenwich Historical Society was founded in 1931 to preserve and interpret Greenwich history to strengthen the community's connection to our past, to each other and to our future. The circa 1730 National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, which began life as a home for prosperous merchants and gained recognition later as the site of the first American Impressionist art colony in Connecticut, is open to the public as a museum. Greenwich Historical Society operates a museum gallery with rotating exhibitions, educates thousands of school children annually, and produces a full calendar of programs and events that connect residents with the town's history. The Historical Society has embarked on a major capital campaign to advance its mission and secure its future at the forefront of America's historical institutions. A dynamic campus transformation is underway that will accommodate more visitors, expanded program initiatives and an increased endowment. The newly imagined campus will be completed in fall 2018.

About Greenwich Point Conservancy

Formed by residents concerned about preserving the historically important structures at Greenwich Point, the Greenwich Point Conservancy works with the Town of Greenwich, and in particular the Department of Parks and Recreation, to develop and implement plans for the restoration and preservation of the important historic structures at Greenwich Point, and to provide funding for related preservation

projects. Important projects of the Greenwich Point Conservancy at Greenwich Point have included the restoration of the Innis Arden Cottage, the Old Barn and the historic Gateway and Gateway Gardens. Learn more at greenwichpoint.org.



Rendering of the restored Feake-Ferris House courtesy of the Greenwich Point Conservancy.



Photo of the Feake-Ferris House with demolition sign courtesy of the Greenwich Point Conservancy. The oldest house in Greenwich -- home to town founders Elizabeth and Robert Feake and built beginning in 1645 -- was saved from the wrecking ball.



Greenwich Historical Society is running the This Place Matters photo contest, inspired by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to encourage local preservation and appreciation for everything that makes Greenwich special.



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