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***Connecticut's Cultural Treasures* Highlights the Bush-Holley House in Greenwich**

Premieres Thursday, August 1 at 8 p.m. on Connecticut Public Television (CPTV); encore broadcast on Sunday, August 4 at 10:30 p.m.

HARTFORD, Conn. (July 19, 2013) – Connecticut has an abundance of unique landmarks, nationally significant cultural resources and wonderful stories to tell. From historic landmarks and museums to parks and performing arts venues, the Constitution State is bursting with fascinating destinations and attractions.

Premiering on Thursday, August 1 at 8 p.m. on Connecticut Public Television (CPTV), with an encore broadcast on Sunday, August 4 at 10:30 p.m., this week's edition of ***Connecticut's Cultural Treasures*** features the Bush-Holley House.

The Bush-Holley House, located in the village of Cos Cob in Greenwich, is a historical landmark in Fairfield County. Built between 1728 and 1730, the home was bought in 1738 by Greenwich farmer and town selectman Justus Bush. He later passed the home on to his son David, who built and operated a tide mill there, as the home was strategically built on the Cos Cob Harbor leading to Long Island Sound. When David's son, Justus Luke Bush, took over the house, he continued to run the mill and built a storehouse next to the main house.

In 1848, the ownership of the house was passed from the Bush family to Josephine and Edward Holley. With its sparkling harbors, streams, stone fences and beautiful pastures, Cos Cob began attracting artists in search of landscape subjects. Impressionist painters like John Henry Twachtman settled in Greenwich, drawn to the town's rural setting and proximity to New York City, where he taught.

The Holleys began operating the house as a boardinghouse for artists in 1882. Twachtman began teaching art students in Cos Cob over the summer, and Cos Cob quickly became Connecticut's first art colony. For the next thirty years, the Bush-Holley House, became the center for students looking for summer accommodations. Today, it is a museum with sweeping harbor views and a rich history.

Made possible by the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network (CPBN), the parent company of Connecticut Public Television (CPTV) and WNPR, and the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), ***Connecticut's Cultural Treasures*** is a series of 50 five-minute vignettes that profiles a variety of the state's most notable cultural resources. These vignettes are designed to deepen an awareness and appreciation for Connecticut cultural resources for state residents, while also promoting the state's tourism economy.

The project strives to encourage Connecticut residents and visitors to look at the state more closely, in ways that go beyond the obvious star attractions – as important as those are. In addition to art museums, performing arts venues and historical museums, the series includes remarkable historic districts, nationally significant landmarks, historic parks, cemeteries and the Connecticut River.

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About the Department of Economic and Community Development

The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) is the lead state agency responsible for strengthening Connecticut's competitive position in the new economy. It does so by developing and implementing strategies to attract and retain businesses and jobs, preserving and promoting cultural and tourism assets, ensuring quality housing and revitalizing neighborhoods and communities.

About Connecticut Public Television

CPTV is a media service of the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network (CPBN). It is a locally and nationally recognized producer and presenter of quality public television programming, including original documentaries, public affairs shows and educational programming. CPTV has built a reputation as a leader in children's programming, including playing an historic role in bringing *Barney & Friends*™, *Bob the Builder*™ and *Thomas & Friends*™ to public television.

The station offers 11.5 hours of positive, nurturing children's programs each weekday, reaching 450,000 households each week. The Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network also includes WNPR, an affiliate of National Public Radio, Public Radio International and American Public Media. WNPR serves 276,000 listeners weekly in Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island with news and information. Its award-winning local programming includes *The Faith Middleton Show*, *The Colin McEnroe Show* and *Where We Live*. CPBN also includes two affiliate channels: CPTV4U, a 24/7 television channel featuring award-winning drama, news and talk programming, concert performances, independent films, nature shows, British comedy and more; and CPTV Sports, Connecticut's only 24-hour local sports network, covering statewide high school, college, semi-professional and professional sports. For more information, visit cptv.org.