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# **Greenwich Historical Society Announces Antiquarius Holiday Events**

Cos Cob, CT, October 30, 2014--Tickets are now on sale for Antiquarius 2014, the Greenwich Historical Society's eagerly awaited series of holiday events and its most important annual fundraiser. Festivities begin at a luncheon with AD100 designer Markham Roberts sharing his coveted design insights, key to creating the perfect home. The program will include remarks by Roberts, a video presentation and design Q&A session. Each guest will receive a complimentary copy of Roberts' book, Decorating: The Way I See It and be able to purchase Markham Roberts-designed tablecloth overlays and centerpieces after the luncheon. There will be a raffle for a tulipiere from Juliska and Greenwich Orchids, a mirror designed by Charlotte Barnes and holiday home decor by Geiger's Home & Garden.

On Friday, December 5, 2014, Antiquarius officially marks the beginning of the holiday season with "Sugarplums and Snowflakes," a Nutcracker-themed gala where guests can preview the Greenwich Winter Antiques while enjoying cocktails (courtesy of Horseneck Wines and Liquors and American Harvest Vodka), entertainment and a buffet supper catered by Marcia Selden Catering. The Greenwich Winter Antiques is managed by Frank Gaglio, Inc. and showcases more than 40 of America's most prominent dealers in fine art, period to mid-century antiques and exceptional jewelry. The show will open to the public on December 6 and 7, 2014, at Eastern Greenwich Civic Center in Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

Events continue with the Holiday Boutique, on December 9 and 10 and the Holiday House Tour on December 10. This year's Boutique will take place at Christ Church Greenwich Parish Hall and offers an exciting mix of new vendors and perennial favorites guaranteed to cover everyone's holiday list. On opening night, shoppers will enjoy passed hors d'oeuvres by Watson's Catering as well as wine and cocktails compliments of Donelan Wines and American Harvest Vodka. On the following day, visitors can continue to tick off holiday shopping needs before, during or after the Holiday House Tour.

The eagerly awaited annual Holiday House Tour will take place December 10 and feature five spectacularly decorated Greenwich homes. With inspiration at every turn, this year's tour showcases a farmhouse retreat with eclectic fine art collections, a stately Colonial, a grand Federal-style home with water views, the residence of a popular Greenwich-based designer and a vintage jewel with California-style. Transportation to the homes will be provided by shuttle bus from designated parking areas. A limited number of premier parking passes will allow holders to park on the street at four of the five houses rather than riding the shuttle bus. For those who really want to make a day of it, a buffet lunch will be available at the Milbrook Club from 11:30 to 1:30 pm.

Corporate sponsors include David Ogilvy & Associates Realtors - Christie's International Real Estate; Douglas VanderHorn Architects; Fireman's Fund Insurance Company and NEBCO Insurance Services. Moffly Media's *Greenwich* and *AtHome* magazines are official media sponsors for the event. A private party to honor patrons and sponsors will be held on Friday, November 7, 2014. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor or patron may contact Keri Reitman at 203-869-6899, Ext. 14.

Antiquarius leadership includes: Deborah and Chuck Royce, Honorary Chairs; Tiffany Burnette, Samantha Moro and Catherine Tompkins, Co-chairs of the Markham Roberts luncheon; Suzanne Frank and Lynne Wheat, Co-Chairs for Patron Development; Sandra Morgan and Laird Morgan Tolan, Co-Chairs of the Holiday House Tour; Holly Cassin and Catie Salyer, Co-Chairs of the Holiday Boutique; Lisa McAtee, Beth Taylor and Carrie Wallack, Co-Chairs of the Gala Preview Party; Ashley Allan, Chair of the Holiday House Tour Luncheon and Meg Nolan van Reesema, Chair of the Antiquarius Journal.

Antiquarius is a major source of funding for the Greenwich Historical Society that provides crucial financial support for the only organization in town dedicated solely to the preservation of Greenwich history. Proceeds help sustain beloved Bush-Holley House and Historic Site, the Historical Society's archives, lectures, exhibitions and award-winning educational programs that serve more than 12,000 visitors each year.

#### Calendar of Events

#### Decorating The Way I See It

# Lecture and Luncheon with Designer Markham Roberts

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Arrival and Seating: 11:00 am Lecture and Luncheon: 11:30 am sharp

Q&A and book signing to follow

The Belle Haven Club, 100 Harbor Drive, Greenwich, CT

Tickets: \$250/\$500/\$1,000. Seating is limited. Advance reservations required

## **Antiquarius Preview Party**

Friday, December 5, 2014

6:30 to 9:00 pm

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Road, Old Greenwich, CT 06870

Admission: \$150 per person; tickets must be purchased in advance

## **Antiquarius Greenwich Winter Antiques Show**

Saturday, December 6, 2014: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 7, 2014: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Road, Old Greenwich, CT 06870

Admission (allows unlimited reentry): \$15 per person; \$12 for seniors. Tickets purchased at the door.

#### **Antiquarius Holiday Boutique**

December 9, 2014: 6:00 to 8:30 pm

December 10, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Christ Church Parish Hall, 254 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830

Admission is free.

#### **Antiquarius Holiday House Tour**

December 10, 2014: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

House Tour: \$100 per person; premier parking pass: \$350.

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

The combination map/ticket and premier parking passes will be mailed a week in advance.

#### **Holiday House Tour Luncheon**

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

The Milbrook Club, 61 Woodside Drive, Greenwich, CT

Tickets: \$45

To order tickets for all events, visit www.greenwichhistory.org or call 203-869-6899, ext. 10.