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Greenwich Historical Society Seeks Storytellers for Story Barn November 17 Topic is "Lost in Translation"

Cos Cob, CT, October 3, 2016--One of the Greenwich Historical Society's most popular programs, Story Barn offers an evening of true personal stories served up in a cabaret-like setting without benefit of notes or screens. Emceed by Moth story coach, Nantucket Comedy Festival cofounder and comedienne Bonnie Levison, the progam offers fun, thought-provoking entertainment that puts a decidedly contemporary spin on oral history.

The Historical Society is looking for storytellers for its November 17 program, which will revolve around the theme "Lost in Translation." The theme, loosely tied with the Historical Society's current exhibition *An Eye to the East: The Inspiration of Japan,* is based on the concept that even our simplest attempts at communication can sometimes go awry. Interpretation can be broad, and stories can revolve around any personal experiences that have to do with misunderstanding or miscommunication.

In the past, topics have run the gamut from youthful misadventure, to a dastardly bridegroom, a grand dame's after-hours Christmas shopping expedition and a preteen's 1960s quest for tight chinos (think *West Side Story*) at some of Greenwich's toniest emporiums. Protagonists need not be human: Stories have also featured a very ungrateful chipmunk, a supernatural parrot and a law-breaking woodchuck.

Anyone over age 21 is invited to participate but must sign up and pitch their story in advance. If you have a tale to share, contact Anna Greco at <u>agreco@greenwichhistory.org</u> or call 203-869-6899, Ext. 31. A workshop is being offered for those who would like guidance or would like to polish their presentation before the event.

Story Barn: *Lost in Translation* November 17, 2016 Doors open at 7:00 pm; performance begins at 7:30 pm. Beer, wine and light refreshments are included in the price of admission. Greenwich Historical Society, Vanderbilt Education Center 39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807 Members: \$15; nonmembers: \$20. Reservations strongly encouraged. Tickets at www.greenwichhistory.org or call 203-869-6899, Ext. 10



Bonnie Levison emcees at the spring 2016 Story Barn

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