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Greenwich Historical Society to Host Genealogy Workshops

Series of Workshops Led by Expert Janeen Bjork Begins April 16

COS COB, CT, March 6, 2019--Genealogy is all the rage and now area residents have an opportunity to have an expert help them discover their family histories. Through a series of four workshops, participants will learn genealogy conventions, best practices and research strategies for finding links to their pasts.

The four-week class is being taught by Greenwich resident Janeen Bjork whose engaging and interactive presentation style uses audience participation with actual examples and case studies to prepare students to find family members and stories about their lives.

"Interest in genealogy has spawned a billion-dollar industry and is now considered the second-most popular hobby after gardening according to recent research published in *Time* and *USA Today*," says Greenwich Historical Society Curator of Library and Archives Christopher Shields. "With our mission to help forge stronger connections between the past and the future, we are well positioned to help area residents find the best paths for connecting to their histories. Janeen Bjork's expertise will enable all participants to discover how to unlock their stories."

While each of the four sessions build off each other, they can be attended individually. No prior genealogical research experience is needed, and attendees with specific questions can bring them to the class for discussion. Laptops and wireless devices can assist with research but are not required.

Genealogy Is for Everyone! Workshops

Tuesdays: April 16, April 23, April 30 and May 7

1:30 to 3:30 pm

Members: Single session \$15, full course \$50

Nonmembers: Single session \$20, full course \$70

Reserve by visiting greenwichhistory.org or calling 203-869-6899, Ext. 10.

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 the future. The circa 1730 National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, which survived the American Revolution and became the site of the first American Impressionist art colony in Connecticut from 1890 to 1920, is open to the public as a museum. Greenwich Historical Society also operates museum galleries with rotating exhibitions, educates thousands of school children annually, and produces a full calendar of programs and events that connect people with the town's history. Find out more at greenwichhistory.org.



Janeen Bjork will lead a series of genealogy workshops at the Greenwich Historical Society starting April 16.



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Greenwich Historical Society's Library and Archives Reading Room where the Genealogy is for Everyone! workshops will take place.



Curator of Library and Archives Christopher Shields helping a visitor using original source material held in the Greenwich Historical Society's Library and Archives.

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