

Education Front and Center

Education is core to our mission. Every year the Greenwich Historical Society interacts with thousands of students and teachers: all third-graders in Greenwich Public Schools, most local independent schools and school groups from neighboring towns in Connecticut and New York visit every year for interactive, inquiry-based programs that meet curriculum standards and complement classroom teaching.

Using primary source documents and collections housed in our library, archives and museum, our team of professional educators works with teachers to develop lessons that uniquely fit their goals.

In our last newsletter we discussed our successful 10-year partnership with Hamilton Avenue School. In this quick

overview of some of our other educational programs, we discuss more ways we are engaging a new generation in the appreciation of art and history.

What's New?

Economics at Bush-Holley House

In collaboration with the Greenwich High School AP Economics class, we developed a program that focused on how people adapted and acquired resources, services and goods during the two distinct time periods that the Bushes and the Holleys resided in the Bush-Holley House. We looked at how Bush-Holley House and its inhabitants adapted their lives and occupations to fit the changing economic landscape of the region and country in regard to farming, shipping, slavery, railroads, hospitality and globalization.

Slavery in Bush-Holley House

This spring we were approached by the seventh-grade teachers at Sacred Heart to create a program focusing on slavery in our region. Students learned how slaves Candis, Patience, Jack, Cull and Hester lived and worked, examining primary documents such as inventories, census records and bills of sale.



Skyping with Second-Graders

Second-grade standards focus on comparing life in the past with how we live today and how we learn about history. Students submit questions in advance, and through the use of Skype, a Greenwich Historical Society educator speaking from our offices appears on a classroom's smartboard screen and uses primary source documents and objects from our collections to illustrate the answers to their questions.

More Educational Programs

Sarah and Her Town

All third-graders in Greenwich Public Schools interact with the Greenwich Historical Society as part of their curriculum. Students relive the dramatic

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Opening Day Celebration: The Culmination of a Long-Held Dream

Stay tuned for our January-February 2019 issue to hear more about Opening Day.



Left: Descendants of Tobias Burke, original proprietor of Toby's Tavern, gather for a family portrait in front of the newly restored campus; Center: Reimagine the Campus Campaign Chairman Peter Malkin cuts the entrance ribbon and makes it official; Right: Scarecrow making in full swing

Story Barn: Once Upon a Time in Greenwich



Christopher Setter for Hearst Connecticut Media

Story Barn Emcee Bonnie Levison

Story Barn is an eagerly anticipated, biannual event at which various themes are explored through storytelling. Anyone can share a story but it must be true, last between five and 10 minutes and be told without notes. Usually, six to eight stories are shared during the course of the evening.

The theme will be “Once Upon a Time in Greenwich,” which connects the program with our current exhibition *History Is...*, a show that focuses on the personal aspects of history and

the myriad ways in which it can be interpreted. Storytellers are asked to use this theme as a starting point, but may branch out in any chosen direction from there. The program takes place in a cabaret-style setting, and wine, beer and snacks will be served.

Emcee Bonnie Levison is a consummate storyteller in her own right, and weaves all of the evening’s tales together in her own inimitable style, often punctuated by wry observations and sometimes, if we’re lucky, a tale of her own. Levison is a comedienne, co-founder of the Nantucket Comedy Festival, and producer and senior instructor for The Moth’s Corporate Program.

Friday, November 2, 7:30 to 9:30 pm
Doors open at 7:00 pm

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Members: \$15; nonmembers: \$20

We welcome new storytellers. If you would like to share your story, please contact Anna Greco at agreco@greenwichhistory.org or call 203-869-6899.



Candlelight 2018

Our annual Candlelight event is a festive evening that offers a tour of Bush-Holley House done up in holiday style. The family-friendly tours last roughly 45 minutes and interpret Christmas traditions as they were celebrated by the Bush and Holley families in the Colonial and art colony eras.

Music, hot chocolate, holiday treats, a visit from Santa Claus (5:00–7:00 pm) and craft projects for kids will also be offered in the Vanderbilt Education Center.

Tours are first-come, first-served and leave every 15 minutes until 6:30 pm. Visitors will also have the opportunity to see the exhibitions in the new museum building.

Sunday, December 16, 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Admission is free. Please help us plan by registering online at greenwichhistory.org.

Entrance to the event is through the new museum lobby.

FOR KIDS

Holiday Marionette Performance

Sharp Ears: The Adventures of Sly Fox

No Strings Marionette Company takes us to the Czechoslovakian countryside where a young fox is busy finding her way in the wide world. Forester Bartos encounters a fox kit and takes her home as a gift for his grandson. Catcher, the family dog, shows the kit how to live within the constraints of human rules. But will a full belly and safe surroundings entice the fox to compromise her wild ways?

A cast of handcrafted marionettes, both wild and tame, populates the forests and farmyard of the puppet stage. Puppeteers Dan Baginski and Barbara Paulson are in full view so the audience can experience the magic firsthand as the marionettes are brought to life. The performance, a tribute to a

1920 novel by Rudolf Tesnohlidek, engages the senses in a seamless blend of movement, music and masterful marionette manipulation.

The 40-minute show will be followed by a question-and-answer session where children can touch and inquire about the marionettes. There will also be a craft in the Education Center classroom where children can make their own marionettes.

No Strings Marionette Company is a two-puppeteer, touring marionette theater, concentrating on performance pieces for family audiences. Each production is created in-house, intimately involving the puppeteers with its evolution. The company also teaches their craft to a wide range of people through puppet-making workshops and residencies.



Saturday, December 8

Two performances: 1:00 and 3:00 pm

Members: \$10; nonmembers: \$15

Reservations required.

Vanderbilt Education Center entrance to the event is through the new museum lobby.

Victorian Summer: The Historic Houses of Belle Haven Park

Belle Haven is home to one of the first and most spectacular residence parks in the country. Its development between 1884 and 1894 transformed scenic pastureland into a bastion of Victorian luxury. *The New York Times* described it as “the flower garden of Greenwich, and, indeed, of the whole Connecticut shore.”

Victorian Summer: The Historic Houses of Belle Haven Park focuses on that great flowering, beginning with Frederick Law Olmsted’s storied firm laying out the park’s graceful, lamp-lit streets on which the architectural masterpieces of some of the Gilded Age’s most renowned architects were built for the illustrious movers and shakers of the day.

Victorian Summer features biog-



raphies of the estates, their architects and their predominant owners. Some of the homes are sadly gone or unrecognizable, but many shine on as brightly as ever, providing a glimpse of the Gilded Age and its aftermath.

Author Matthew Bernard moved with his family from California to Belle Haven in 1974 and was fascinated

by the stylistic and architectural idiosyncrasies of his family home. In a 40-year odyssey that began as personal research, the project expanded into an exploration of the architectural heritage of the entire neighborhood and its early history as a summer resort for Victorian-era titans.

Bernard will show a 20-minute film, which he produced in connection with the book, and follow up with a question-and-answer session. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event and also in the Museum Store.

Thursday, November 1, 2:00–3:00 pm

Members: \$10; nonmembers: \$15

Light refreshments will be served.

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Antiquarius Events Usher In a Spectacular Holiday Season



davidmonn.com

Enjoy all the fabulous Antiquarius events that mark the commencement of the holiday season each year in Greenwich, and prepare to be enchanted when Honorary Design Co-Chairs David Monn and Alex Papachristidis transform the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center into an elegant Winter Wonderland—the perfect set piece for celebrating and shopping. Monn is internationally known for orchestrating

noteworthy parties from White House state dinners to the Costume Institute Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Papachristidis, an *Elle Décor* A-Lister and a member of the *Architectural Digest* Top 100, is one of today’s foremost tastemakers, recognized for his eclectic and sophisticated flair.

Get into the holiday spirit of giving! Reserve now to support the Greenwich Historical Society’s most important annual fundraiser. ■

Opening Night for the Greenwich Winter Antiques Show

Celebrating Honorary Design Chairs David Monn and Alex Papachristidis

Friday, November 30,
6:00 to 9:00 pm

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

Generously sponsored by Betteridge

The Greenwich Winter Antiques Show Fine Art, Jewelry and Antiques

Saturday, December 1
10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 2
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

Produced by Frank Gaglio, Inc.

Rago Modern Design Lecture and Appraisal Day

Saturday, December 1
Noon to 5:00 pm

Appraisals by appointment.

Please contact Jennifer Pitman at jenny@ragoarts.com or 917-745-2730.

Holiday Boutique

Tuesday, December 4
6:00 to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, December 5
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Greenwich Country Club

Holiday House Tour

Wednesday, December 5
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Reservations required (rain or shine)

Generously sponsored by David Ogilvy & Associates

Holiday House Tour Luncheon

Wednesday, December 5
11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Greenwich Country Club
Reservations required

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Have a History of Shopping? You've Come to the Right Place

The new Museum Store at the Greenwich Historical Society will wow you. Every bit of merchandise is inspired by the art and gardens of Bush-Holley House (from Colonial times to the art colony era) and is specially selected to extend the visitor experience. Under the direction of Barbara Johann (learn more about



Barbara further on) and with nearly five times its former space, we've curated an irresistible go-to resource for gifts that will suit any occasion. Discover museum gifts and reproductions including jewelry, apparel, decorative

items, garden accessories, books and a wonderful selection of greeting cards. We also offer children's games, stuffed animals and educational toys.

Our inventory changes throughout the year, and we always stock a full complement of Greenwich-centric items. With all this at your fingertips, there's no need to fight the crowds on Greenwich Avenue in search of that perfect holiday or hostess gift! Park in our expanded new lot, enjoy a bite at the Artists' Café and shop at your leisure. Museum Store hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4:00 pm.

And don't forget to look out for monthly events and trunk shows. The new Museum Store is a win/win. Beautiful things to benefit a beautiful cause! Members always receive a 10 percent discount. ■

Pomeline-Greenwich Happy Hour Jewelry Trunk Show

Enjoy a glass of wine, meet designer Kirsten Rothe and check



out the gorgeous jewelry from her Pomeline 2018 line. Trained in both the history of art and studio art, Kirsten has been creating unique and elegant wearable art for 20 years. Drawing inspiration from both classical and contemporary forms, the Greenwich native of Danish descent is known for clean Scandinavian lines and shapes, to which she adds color and whimsy.

**Thursday, November 15
4:00-7:00 pm**

Museum Store

Admission is free and reservations are not required.

Sip and Shop Holiday Afternoon Tea

Enjoy holiday afternoon tea in the museum lobby and holiday shopping in the Museum Store. We'll be serving a variety of seasonal blends, savory tea sandwiches and traditional teatime sweets catered by Royal Tea Company, which has "served tea to everyone from Martha Stewart to the Duchess of York." Find gifts for everyone on your list at our fabulous new Museum Store and enjoy free gift wrapping. Members receive a 10 percent discount on Museum Store purchases year round.

Sunday, December 9, 1:00 pm

Members: \$35; nonmembers: \$40



History Is...

Through September 7, 2019

The first exhibition at the new campus, *History Is...* encourages us to reflect on the role history plays at different stages in our lives and illustrates how dynamic history is. Through displays of timepieces, headlines, artifacts and more, explore how we record time and events, how we move about, and how the structures we save and the things we collect give meaning to our lives and to our communities.

The new museum also exhibits paintings from the artists of the Cos Cob art colony, a short orientation film, a timeline and displays of recent acquisitions and seldom-seen objects.

Pocket Watch belonging to David Bush (1733-1797), made by Charles E. Disbrow



Meet New Development Director **Mary Vinton**

On September 17, 2018, Mary Vinton officially came on board as our new Director of Development.

Mary has spent most of her career working in communications and fundraising for a variety of nonprofit organizations in Fairfield and Westchester counties. Prior to joining the Historical Society, Mary was Director of Development & Communications for Neighbors Link in Mt. Kisco; she has also held the position of Director of Philanthropy at the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers in White Plains as well as Vice President of Development & External Affairs for Family Services of Westchester in Port Chester. Mary knows Greenwich well, having also served as Managing Director of



Development for Kids in Crisis and Director of Development for the Greenwich Library.

Said Debra Mecky, Executive Director and CEO, “Mary has 20 years of fundraising and communications experience. She will be immensely helpful as we begin to execute our new strategic plan and build endowment to expand programming. In addition, Mary will focus on planned giving, major and annual gifts.”

Mary was on the Board of Directors for the Association of Fundraising Professionals (Fairfield Chapter), was a Greenwich Rotarian and has consulted for the Pinwheel Project and the Convention to Eliminate Discrimination Against Women. She holds a BA in English from Stonehill College. ■

Barbara Johann and Kathy Stefanatos Join Our Staff



Our new Museum Store Manager has a long history with the Historical Society. As the former owner of Hoagland’s of Greenwich, Barbara Johann partnered for many years with past president Claire Vanderbilt and hosted holiday shopping days to benefit the Historical Society.

Barbara, who lives in Greenwich, has now returned to the fold to manage and buy for our new and expanded Museum Store. Barbara also created the store for the Osterville (Massachusetts) Historical Society. Her 30 years of experience and knowledge of the Greenwich market will be invaluable as we create and refine our beautiful retail store.

When you next visit the site, you are likely to see the smiling face of Kathy Stefanatos, our new Weekend Manager, who will be at the welcome desk Friday through Sunday. She hails from Norwalk and has a depth of experience in event planning and customer service gained from former stints at Notre Dame High School, Pharmco, Hoagland’s of Greenwich, Bloomenthal & Trow and St. Matthew’s Parish in Norwalk.



Say hello to our newest team members the next time you stop in. ■

Introducing Mike’s Organic Delivery



The new Artists’ Café at the Greenwich Historical Society is now offering Mike’s Organic Delivery items like cheddar

cheeses from grass-fed cows, organic fruit jams, cold-brew coffee and organic chocolates. Take these products from small, local artisans home or enjoy them on site. If you place an order online at mikesorganicdelivery.com and use the code HISTORY for a weekly or à la carte order (not a full-season package), Mike’s will donate 10 percent of your

purchase price to the Greenwich Historical Society.

Come meet founder Mike Geller in the museum lobby on November 15 to taste local apples and learn about the history of apple growers in the lower Hudson Valley. At the December 5 Antiquarius Holiday Boutique at the Greenwich Country Club, discover an assortment of gift baskets brimming with local and organic products from Mike’s Organic Delivery.

Mike Geller founded Mike’s Organic Delivery in 2009 as a bridge between consumers and small, local farmers. Based in a warehouse market

in Stamford, Mike’s Organic Delivery works with more than 40 different farmers, delivering organic produce, pastured meat, wild-caught fish, dairy products from grass-fed cows, pastured eggs, pantry items and prepared foods to Westchester and Fairfield counties. ■

Use the code HISTORY when ordering from mikesorganicdelivery.com and 10 percent of your purchase price will be donated to the Greenwich Historical Society.

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SAVE THE DATES:

November 1

Victorian Summer

November 2

Story Barn

November 15

Apple Tasting

Pomeline Jewelry Trunk Show

November 30

Greenwich Winter Antiques Show

Opening Night Party

December 1

Greenwich Winter Antiques Show

December 1

Rago Modern Design Lecture
and Appraisal Day

December 4

Holiday Boutique Opening

December 5

Holiday House Tour

Holiday House Tour Luncheon

Holiday Boutique

December 8

Marionette Shows

December 9

Afternoon Tea

December 16

Candlelight



Greenwich Historical Society chronicles the past, but the future is in your hands. Please remember us in your estate plan so that future generations may continue to explore the ongoing story of our community.

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events that shaped the lives of the Bush family. They become history detectives as they attempt to determine the identity of historic artifacts that Sarah Bush and her family likely used.

Patriots vs. Loyalists: The American Revolution

Cast in the role of Loyalist or Patriot, students debate the issues and events that led to the start of the American Revolution. They learn how the Revolution affected the Colonial Bush family, use primary source documents

to prepare arguments, see original Revolutionary War artifacts and engage in a lively full-class debate.

Teacher Development Days

Every year the Historical Society conducts professional development programs for teachers, including groups from Greenwich High School, and Darien High School, who take tours of Bush-Holley House and current exhibitions and get behind-the-scenes looks at our collections. We demonstrate how primary source documents, objects and artwork can be incorporated into research projects and classroom discussions.

Badge Workshops for Scouts, Summer Camp and More

We also host after-school programs including badge workshops for scouts. Our educators are deeply familiar with badge requirements for all levels of both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. In addition, our beloved summer camp uses Bush-Holley House and our staff, collections and archives to offer second-through eighth-graders a highly interactive summer experience with a wide variety of activities focusing on history and art. ■

HOURS

Office

Monday through Friday, 9 am–5 pm

Museum Store and Café

Monday through Friday, 9 am–5 pm;
Saturday and Sunday, 12–4 pm

Museum Galleries and Bush-Holley House

Wednesday through Sunday, 12–4 pm;
Bush-Holley House Guided Tours
1, 2 and 3 pm

Library and Archives

Wednesdays, 10 am–4 pm
and by appointment

ADMISSION

\$10 for adults

\$8 for seniors and students

Always free to members and
children under 18.

Free to all visitors the first
Wednesday of each month.

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