

AN AMERICAN STORY: FINDING HOME IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY

October 2 through January 6

This fall we are thrilled to feature the award-winning exhibition, *An American Story: Finding Home in Fairfield County*, which highlights the experiences of refugees and immigrants who have built new lives in southwestern Connecticut. A series of photographic portraits and biographical narratives share how 10 individuals from Cambodia, Congo, Cuba, Hungary, India, Venezuela, Colombia, Rwanda and Syria have rebuilt their lives and created a sense of home. Seeking safety and opportunity here, refugees and immigrants from around the world have added to the fabric of our communities. Three of the featured individuals have settled in Greenwich. As our neighbors, coworkers, parents, artists, students, friends and many others from our town are included in a wall of historic and contemporary photos; they are part of the Greenwich community setting down roots of their own. The exhibition also honors the 100th anniversary of the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI), founded in 1918 to help new immigrants on their journey to making a home in Fairfield County.

Join us for programs in conjunction with the exhibition:

MEMBERS PREVIEW PARTY

Tuesday, October 1, 6:00 to 8:00 pm; No charge

Join us in the Frank Family Foundation Gallery for a private reception to kick off this moving exhibit. Meet some of our featured subjects, friends from CIRI and the curators over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

OUR WOVEN COMMUNITY POP-UP SHOP

Fall Festival, Saturday, October 12 and at the Museum Store

OWC is a Bridgeport-based program that provides local resettled refugee women economic opportunity by creating beautiful handbags, scarves and other items using locally donated materials combined with fabrics from African countries to symbolize weaving of cultures; 100% of the proceeds benefit the artists and support program expenses.

THE GLOBAL REFUGEE CRISIS: EMERGING TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

**Dr. Sarah Deardorff Miller, Senior Fellow, Refugees International
Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 pm; Members \$10, Non-members \$15**

Dr. Miller will discuss the global refugee situation, including some of today's largest displacement crises. She will consider why refugees are increasingly unwelcome and highlight how our local experience relates to the broader international system.

STORY BARN: FINDING HOME

**Friday, November 15, 7:00 pm in the Barn;
Members \$15, Non-members \$20**

Story Barn is a highly anticipated biannual event that explores various themes through sharing personal stories from the sublime to the ridiculous. This fall's theme is based on immigration and relocation. The show is held in a cabaret-style setting and is expertly emceed by Bonnie Levison. Wine, beer and tasty snacks will be served.

THIS PLACE MATTERS Photo Contest 2019

This year, Greenwich photographers—professional and amateur alike—participated with artful, emotive and personal perspectives on the places in town that matter.

“This Place Matters” is a National Historic Trust campaign that encourages people to celebrate the places that are meaningful to them and to their communities. The campaign isn't just about photography; it's about telling the stories of the places we can't live without. Through “This Place Matters,” we hope to encourage and inspire an ongoing dialogue about the importance of place and preservation in all of our lives. This year's winners are featured below:



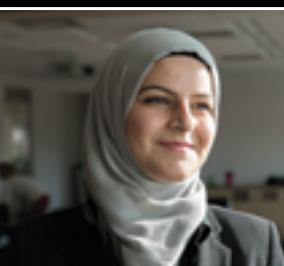
*First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich
Children's Service by Dana Charette*



Leave Them Cryin' by Jay Wilson



Tod's Point Barn in Snow by Barbara Heins



FACES & PROFILES



APPRECIATING KAREN FREDERICK

With gratitude, the Collections and Exhibitions committee members and staff bid farewell to Karen Frederick this summer. After almost 20 years, she is eager to explore other interests in her well-deserved retirement.

Karen first came to the Historical Society to work on the reinterpretation of Bush-Holley House in 2000 and soon fell in love with the collections, first as Collections Manager and then as Curator of Collections and Exhibitions. She has been a conscientious member of the Collections Committee and an uncompromising steward of Bush-Holley House.

Karen's passion for the special collections was evident in the many exhibitions she curated. *Flowers in Nature and Art*, *The Art of Japan*, *Enjoying the Country Life* and *Everyday Heroes* took Karen (and us along with her) on new and thoughtful paths to finding a sense of place in Greenwich. We wish Karen a rewarding and happy retirement and time for her many creative pursuits. We hope to see her from time to time in the place to which she has devoted so many of her myriad talents through the years.

WELCOME CURATOR MAGGIE DIMOCK



This September, we are thrilled to welcome Maggie Dimock as our new curator. Maggie brings excellent credentials and experience working with collections, exhibitions, programming and teaching, most recently as Curator of Collections and Exhibitions at Alva de Mars Megan Chapel Art Center, Saint Anselm College, in Manchester, NH. She has honed her skills at

Winterthur Museum and the Library of Congress. Maggie holds an M.A. in the History of Decorative Arts from The Smithsonian/Corcoran College of Art and Design and a BA in Art History and Anthropology, magna cum laude, from St. Mary's College of Maryland. Her research background is American decorative art of the late-19th and early-20th centuries, chiefly focused on women artists of the Arts and Crafts era.

CAI PANDOLFINO JOINS AS MARKETING DIRECTOR

Cai Boldt Pandolfino joined us as Marketing Director in June. Cai will be working on Communications and Marketing strategy, developing community connections and supporting our mission and outreach to the area. She was the founder of Green & Tonic and former owner of Plum Pure Foods, Director of Brand Marketing for Le Pain Quotidien and Director of Marketing for Cosi, Inc. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College where she earned a BA in Arts, History and Government and received an Academic Citation for Excellence. She is also a graduate of the Institute of Culinary Education in New York. A lifelong resident of Greenwich, Cai first discovered the Greenwich Historical Society as a summer camper and continues as a supporter of our mission.



Melani Lust

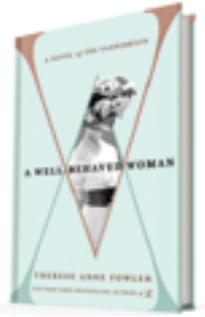
FABULOUS FALL EVENTS

88TH ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 18, 5:45 to 8:00 pm
Belle Haven Club

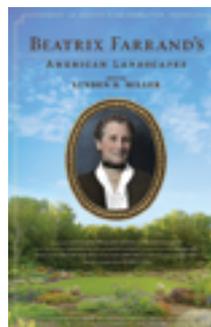
Celebrate our milestone year! Bestselling author Therese Anne Fowler will discuss *Alma Vanderbilt, the subject of A Well-Behaved Woman—A Novel of the Vanderbilts*. In an upcoming series in development by Sony Pictures Television, this dramatic and compelling Gilded Age tale follows Alva Smith, whose Southern family was destitute after the Civil War, as she marries William K. Vanderbilt, navigates rocky society and defies convention by becoming a leader in the women's suffrage movement. A perfect preview to our upcoming suffrage exhibit, *An Unfinished Revolution*.

Members: \$65, non-members: \$75; RSVP required



ART, HISTORY & LANDSCAPES:

Beatrix Farrand American Landscape Documentary Film



Thursday, September 26, 6:00 pm
Bow Tie Criterion Cinema, Greenwich

Join us, in partnership with The Smith Club of Greenwich-Stamford, for a screening of this new documentary that follows award-winning public garden designer Lynden B. Miller as she sets off to explore the remarkable life and career of America's first female landscape architect. This 62-minute film will be followed by a discussion with the film's narrator, Lynden B. Miller. **\$13**

FALL FESTIVAL: AROUND THE WORLD!

Saturday, October 12; noon to 4:00 pm
Rain date October 13

Bring the whole family for a festive day on the beautiful Historical Society grounds as we celebrate "Around the World," inspired by our current exhibition, *An American Story*. Enjoy the Caribbean rhythms with the Carnival Trio and sing, clap and dance your way through a journey of the Americas with Serious Coyote. A scarecrow building competition, face painting, crafts and food await the whole family, along with tours of the Bush-Holley House Museum and Galleries.

\$25 per family or \$10 per adult, \$5 per child over 2

Scarecrow Competition: Members: \$10, non-members: \$15



COFFEE WITH THE ARCHIVIST:
Greenwich Reads Fahrenheit 451

Friday, October 25, 10:00 to 11:00 am

In collaboration with the *Greenwich Reads Together 2019* selection of Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, join Archivist Christopher Shields as he highlights objects in our collection that relate our local history to the book's major themes: life in the 1940s

and 1950s, government surveillance, mental health and the importance of preservation. Participants will visit the Archives to see the objects and then take part in a book talk with coffee and tea in the café. **Free**

Durston Taylor



GENTLE YOGA & TEA WITH HELENA SVEDIN

Thursdays beginning September 12, 10:00 to 11:30 am in the Barn

Yoga emphasizes the importance of connection and sense of place—with the past, to our bodies and to each other. The connections to self and others facilitate a sense of well-being and fulfillment. Join us for gentle yoga in the Barn followed by tea in the Museum Café.

Single class: \$35; Full session (6 classes): members: \$100; non-members: \$150. Includes tea and gallery access.

TODDLER STORY-TIME WITH DEBORAH KUPPER

Wednesdays beginning September 18, 11:00 to 11:30 am In the Barn; RSVP or Drop in!

Storytelling is at the core of preserving our history and connecting generations. Toddlers (18 months–4 years) and parents meet at the barn each week where seasoned educator and Historical Society veteran Deborah Kupper enchants our littlest listeners with seasonal stories, songs and movement.

Free.

THE MUSEUM STORE & CAFÉ

Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Weekends, noon–4:00 pm

Treat yourself or someone you love to a perfect gift from our Museum Store and Café. Specially curated to reflect our mission, collection and exhibits, every purchase supports the Historical Society’s educational programs.

This fall the store will host Our Woven Community Pop-Up Store, new seasonal retail items for the holiday, a Pomeline Jewelry Trunk Show and Wine Tasting! Sign up to join our mailing list to stay abreast of news and events at the store and café!

Sign up at www.greenwichhistory.org.

GUIDED GALLERY TOURS

Wednesdays and Saturdays at noon

Join us for *An American Story: Finding Home in Fairfield County*, October 2, 2019 through January 6, 2020, and *An Unfinished Revolution: The Women’s Suffrage Centennial*, February 5 through September 6, 2020. **Gallery hours are noon to 4:00 pm Wednesday through Sunday, and guided tours of the exhibitions are at noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays only.**

BUSH-HOLLEY HOUSE TOURS

Wednesday through Sunday, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 pm

To learn more about these events, please visit greenwichhistory.org or call 203-869-6899.

Design Excellence!

ARCHITECTS WIN PRESTIGIOUS SARA AWARD

The Society of American Registered Architects (SARA) awarded David Scott Parker Architects with a SARA Award Design of Merit for professional design excellence for the Greenwich Historical Society’s reimagined campus. In its 24th year, the prestigious awards program celebrates the work of architects selected from a pool of hundreds of new projects throughout the region by an esteemed jury. Earlier this year, the Greenwich Historical Society was recognized with an award for Preservation Excellence from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation.



Laura McCormack

John Wasilewski, Debra Mecky and David Scott Parker

**3RD ANNUAL HARVARD CASE DISCUSSION
“A Nation Divided: The Challenge of Secession”**

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm



Join us for an engaging discussion, co-sponsored with the Greenwich League of Women Voters, about a moment in US history when the norms of democratic governance broke down and our nation split in two. Put yourself in the shoes of political leaders in 1861 and debate a key decision point leading up to the Civil War. All participants will read a short historical case and come ready to discuss it with a group of interested high school students and adults from our community.

Interested in participating? Please contact Anna Greco at 203-869-6899, ext. 31, or agreco@greenwichhistory.org.

A CALL FOR VISITOR SERVICES VOLUNTEERS

Visitor Services volunteers provide support for the Museum Store, café and galleries by being a smiling face at the front desk, a knowledgeable resource for guest questions, a promoter of Museum Store sales and a support to exhibition security. Enjoy plenty of perks from free admission and discounts to continuing education.

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EVENTS AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Did you know the Greenwich Historical Society has become a popular spot for hosting private and corporate events? Our award-winning campus has hosted weddings, showers, garden teas, birthday parties, intimate barn dinners, cocktail soirees, outdoor movie nights, gallery viewing parties, wine tastings and pop-up shopping nights. With our new catering partner, Watson’s Catering & Events, the options have become almost limitless! Inquiries welcome.

Find more details at www.greenwichhistory.org/events.



Jessica Ulrich



HOURS

HOLIDAY CLOSING

September 2
October 14

OFFICE

Monday-Friday,
9:00 am-5:00 pm

MUSEUM STORE AND CAFÉ

Monday-Friday,
9:00 am-5:00 pm;
Saturday and Sunday,
noon-4:00 pm

ADMISSION

\$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$7 group rate
FREE: Youth under 18, members, active military/
Blue Star and free for all the first Wednesday of
every month.

Visit all 21 museums on the Connecticut Art Trail
for \$25. Purchase your pass in the Museum Store.

MUSEUM GALLERIES

Wednesday-Sunday,
noon-4:00 pm

Guided tours Wednesday
and Saturday at noon

BUSH-HOLLEY HOUSE

Guided Tours
Wednesday-Sunday,
1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 pm

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

Wednesdays,
10:00 am-4:00 pm
and by appointment



SAVE THE DATES:

Antiquarius Opening Night

ANIMAL INSTINCTS

Designed by Bronson Van Wyck

Bronson Van Wyck is an authority on celebrating in style. An event planner of international renown, Bronson has organized some of the most memorable and imaginative parties of the past two decades in locations all over the world. This year our Antiquarius Opening Night festivities will feature Bronson's style of entertaining that

combines wit and sophistication with the gracious warmth of his Southern upbringing. An avid traveler, writer, photographer and host, his first book, *Born to Party, Forced to Work: 21st Century Hospitality*, will be published by Phaidon in fall 2019.

THE GREENWICH WINTER ANTIQUES SHOW OPENING NIGHT:

December 6, 2019

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: November 6 & 7, 2019

GREENWICH WINTER ANTIQUES SHOW: December 7 & 8, 2019

HOUSE TOUR & LUNCHEON: December 11, 2019

Tickets on Sale October 1, 2019, www.greenwichhistory/antiquarius

GRAPE ARBOR RECONSTRUCTION ON TAP FOR SEPTEMBER



As part of ongoing efforts to maintain vital elements in the landscape of the historic site, the arbor will be reconstructed to more closely match the details provided by historic images included in our archives. This project, which is being funded by Hortulus and a Community Development Block Grant, will also improve access on this path to the Vanderbilt Education Center for the benefit of visitors attending programs and events.

OUR MISSION

GREENWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY preserves and interprets Greenwich history to strengthen the community's connection to our past, to each other and to our future.