

BUSH-HOLLEY HOUSE

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ANTIQUARIUS 2019

njoy all the fabulous Antiquarius events that mark the commencement of the holiday season each year in Greenwich. Prepare to be enchanted when Honorary Design Chair Bronson Van Wyck transforms the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center into an elegant "Animal Instincts" inspired holiday wonderland—the perfect set piece for celebrating and examining the fine art, antiques and jewelry. Van Wyck, an event planner of international renown, combines his gracious Southern charm with wit and sophistication to create memorable parties for tastemakers around the world.

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

Patron packages and tickets are available online at greenwichhistory.org.





HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

A thoughtfully curated offering from monogrammed children's wear to cozy knitwear, fine jewelry and specialty foods. Find something special for everyone on your list, with a portion of the proceeds going to support art and education programs at the Historical Society.

Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 to 8:30 pm Thursday, November 7, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Christ Church Greenwich

OPENING NIGHTTHE GREENWICH WINTER ANTIQUES SHOW: ANIMAL INSTINCTS

Celebrating Honorary Design Chair Bronson Van Wyck

Preview the show and meet over 40 nationally recognized exhibitors featuring fine art, marine art and estate jewelry.

Don't miss Bronson Van Wyck's magical transformation of the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center with the theme "Animal Instincts."

Friday, December 6

Patrons: 6:00 to 7:00 pm; Ticket-holders: 7:00 to 9:00 pm Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

Generously sponsored by Betteridge

THE GREENWICH WINTER ANTIQUES SHOW FINE ART, JEWELRY AND ANTIQUES

Defining beautiful interiors for nearly 55 years as a trusted source for the finest 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century American, European and Asian decorative furnishings.

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sunday, December 8, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

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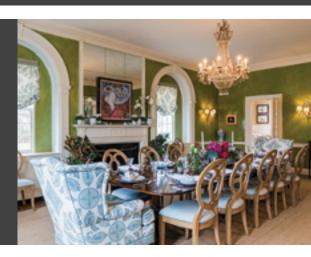
HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Showcasing some of Greenwich's most stunning homes decorated for the holidays. An intimate glimpse into the varying ways Greenwich residents live, gather and celebrate today.

Wednesday, December 11, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Reservations required (rain or shine) Generously sponsored by David Ogilvy & Associates

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 11, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Reservations required Milbrook Country Club



EXHIBITION-RELATED EVENTS



NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP

The Historical Society's 88th Annual Meeting included approving the slate of the Board of Trustees and an inspiring recap of our first year back "home" at our new campus.

This year, we celebrated the long and distinguished service of departing Co-Chairman Bruce Dixon. Co-Chair Haley Elmlinger

welcomed Catherine Tompkins as her new co-chair, and the board elected two new vice chairs, Barbara MacDonald and Anne Ogilvy.

ALEXANDRA CUMMISKEY AND HOLLY CASSIN JOIN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD

Alexandra Cummiskey has had a long and successful career as an equity research analyst. Outside of work, Alexandra has immersed herself in philanthropic causes ranging from inner-city education to helping to found an organization that delivers character education programs to middle school students. An avid sailor, she has been an active member of the Indian Harbor



Yacht Club. Alexandra and her husband, Peter, a Greenwich native, have lived in town for more than 17 years. She holds an AB from Smith College, and an MBA from Columbia University, and is a CFA charter holder.



Holly Cassin graduated from Georgetown University in 1998. She worked as a fashion and accessories editor for Hearst Magazines in New York City. Holly moved to Greenwich in 2012 with her college sweetheart and has three children, all at Greenwich Country Day School, where she's active in the Parent Association. Holly was introduced to the Greenwich Historical

Society and Antiquarius when she first moved to Greenwich and has been active since, chairing the Holiday Boutique and the Antiques Show Opening Night party. This year, Holly is enthusiastically working on the Antiquarius House Tour.

DANIEL SUOZZO JOINS AS SPECIAL EVENTS MANAGER

Daniel Suozzo joined us as the events coordinator at the Historical Society this summer. Daniel has enjoyed a long career in the designer fashion and events world, where he honed his meticulous, creative, entrepreneurial approach to events management and



design. He joined the team to support the range of events—from large scale development events, to programming and building the on-site event business.

AN AMERICAN STORY | Finding Home in Fairfield County



MEMBER PREVIEW

Our new exhibit, *An American Story* | *Finding Home in Fairfield County,* opened with fanfare at the Member Preview Party. We welcomed new friends from the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI) and the Fairfield Museum and History Center, the original curators of this award-winning exhibit. Icli Zitella, a Greenwich resident and Venezuelan composer featured in the exhibit, performed selections from his work "Vertices." Fairfield County residents featured in the exhibit, including eight from Greenwich, joined the celebration. Claudia Connor, CIRI president, noted in her remarks, "While we often talk about huge numbers of refugees and immigrants, each of those numbers represents a unique individual with a singular story."

STORY BARN: FINDING HOME



Friday, November 15, 7:00 pm Vanderbilt Education Center Barn

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 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.

Members: \$15, Non-members: \$20

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

THE MUSEUM STORE IS READY FOR HOLIDAYS!



The Festival of Tabletop Trees (see pg. 4) kicks off an exciting holiday season in the Museum Store. Support the Historical Society while you shop our curated selection of gracious host gifts, seasonal décor, clever gifts for clever children, Pomeline jewelry and items with a uniquely Greenwich flair. Weekends will feature hot chocolate and Christmas cookies for shoppers! Take a break from the holiday hustle, and enjoy our ample parking and complimentary giftwrapping service!

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Community Panel: CREATING HOME: NONPROFITS SUPPORTING SETTLEMENT IN GREENWICH

Wednesday, November 20, 6:00 to 8:00 pm Vanderbilt Education Center Barn

Panelists representing a range of organizations in town that work with refugees and immigrants will discuss their process through personal experiences and offer suggestions for how we can all support new members of our community.



Members: \$10, Non-members: \$15



TODDLER STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 11:00 am Vanderbilt Education Center Barn

Throughout the fall, seasoned educator Deborah Kupper will enchant our littlest listeners with traditional international folklore, songs and movement. **Free**

WITH OUR THANKS

The Greenwich Historical Society wishes to thank the individuals, foundations and corporations for their generous support of our exhibit *An American Story* | *Finding Home in Fairfield County.* The exhibition is supported by a generous grant from the Blavatnik Family Foundation. Additional grants came from First Republic Bank, Stephen and Nancy Fuzesi, The Jonas Family Foundation, The Malkin Fund, The Resource Foundation and the PepsiCo Foundation.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!

The Greenwich Historical Society relies solely on the generous philanthropy of individuals, foundations and corporations to create innovative and inspiring programs and exhibits. Donations to the Historical Society provide us with much-needed financial resources to sustain and advance our mission. Thank you to all our supporters and members who continue to help us provide meaningful experiences to our visitors! To learn more or to schedule a private tour, please visit greenwichhistory.org or contact Mary Vinton, Director of Development, at mvinton@greenwichhistory.org or 203-869-6899, Ext. 13.



AWARD-WINNING VIDEO

Former PBS chairman Bill Baker and Waldo Cabrera, executive producer with the National Video Journalist Network, were recognized with a 2019 Press Club Media Award for their video documenting the occasion of our new campus opening and providing background on the importance of the site. The informative and artfully produced video is available on our website at greenwichhistory.org.

MAKE HISTORY COME ALIVE!

The Greenwich Historical Society seeks a talented actress and educator to share the story of Sarah Bush (1742–1824) in the first person in off-site classroom visits throughout Greenwich from March through May. A historically accurate costume, script and training will be provided. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to Anna Greco at agreco@greenwichhistory.org.



NO STRINGS MARIONETTE COMPANY PRESENTS HANDSOME AND GRETEL

Saturday, December 7, 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm Vanderbilt Education Center Barn



No Strings Marionette
Company serves up a
scrumptious rendition of the
fairy tale classic: sister Gretel
and brother Handsome, lost
in the forest, are lured to the
candy cottage of a witch. A
cast of 14 hand-crafted
whimsical marionettes lead
this action-filled journey. This
marionette version ends with

the notion of children learning to speak for themselves in their own voice. Will Handsome discover his true potential in time to rescue his sister? Find out in this 40-minute show followed by a Q&A session and a make-your-own marionette.

Members: \$10, Non-members: \$15. Reservations required.

CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, December 15 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Our annual Candlelight event is a festive evening offering 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. Holiday music, delicious hot chocolate, holiday treats, a visit from Santa Claus (5:00 to 7:00 pm) and craft projects for kids will be offered in the Vanderbilt Education Center. Tours are first-come, first-served and leave every 15 minutes until 6:30 pm. Visitors are welcome to view the new exhibition galleries.

The festivities are free. Candlelight tours of Bush-Holley House are free for members and \$10 for non-members by advance registration.

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FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TABLETOP TREES
Includes Preview Cocktail Party and Candlelight Tours
of Bush-Holley House

Thursday, November 21, 5:30 to 7:30 pm In the Museum Store and Lobby

Get a jumpstart on your holiday decorating! The Festival of Tabletop Trees will bring the 2019 holiday decorating season to life with spectacularly decorated tabletop trees in the Museum Lobby. Some of our favorite local interior designers, gift shops and garden clubs have lent their talents to decorate three-foot trees, which will be available by silent auction to benefit education programming at the Historical Society. Come for light bites and cocktails, festive

candlelight tours of the Bush-Holley

House, live caroling and a Museum Store raffle and shopping discounts for members. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available all weekend for guests in the Museum Store. **Members: \$10, Non-members: \$12**

Thank you to our generous tree designers: Bruce Museum Gift Shop, Charlotte Barnes Designs, Dogwood Books & Gifts, The Drawing Room, Garden Club of Old Greenwich, Green Fingers Garden Club, Greenwich Garden Club, Habitat, Open Arts Alliance, The Perfect Provenance, Pomeline Greenwich, Sam Bridge Nursery and Sarah Blank Design Studio.

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.