

# Greenwich Historical Society

*Explore our colorful past*

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## **Celebrate CT Open House Day 2015 at the Greenwich Historical Society**

*Cos Cob, CT*, May 1, 2015— CT Open House Day is a statewide event created to encourage Connecticut residents to enjoy and serve as local ambassadors for the state's cultural treasures. In Greenwich, that treasure is Bush-Holley Historic Site, the town's only National Historic Landmark and home to the Greenwich Historical Society. The Historical Society has plans to mark the occasion with a full menu of family activities, including a collage workshop, a "letterboxing" scavenger hunt and a museum shop tent sale offering gifts and books for all ages and interests at very special prices.

From noon to 2:00 pm, artist Carol Nipomnich Dixon will lead a workshop on designing two-dimensional collages crafted from papers, fabrics, photographs, found objects and natural materials. All art supplies will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring copies of favorite photos, newspaper articles or other items to incorporate into their work. Ms. Dixon will provide expert guidance on how to juxtapose color, texture and imagery to create new and personal visual statements. The drop-in workshop will take place in the Vanderbilt Education Center, and all ages are welcome.

Letterboxing began in 1854 when a hiking guide left a bottle with his calling card by Duck's Pool in Dartmoor in southern England for others to find. Today's letterboxing no longer requires a calling card, but Open House visitors can experience a "box-hunt" by starting at the Storehouse Gallery, where they will receive clues and a personal log before ranging over Bush-Holley Historic Site to find a hidden letterbox. As they follow a trail of clues, they'll learn why Bush-Holley Historic Site is so important to our town's history.

Family friendly tours of Bush-Holley House will take place at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 pm, and *Greenwich Voices*, an “audio exhibition” where visitors can tune in to hear diverse reflections on life in Greenwich, will be open throughout the event.

For those who work up an appetite, **Bobby Q's** will be on hand to offer some very tasty fare. On the menu: pulled pork sliders, pulled chicken sliders, mac n'cheese, pit beans, cornbread and Gorgonzola salad! CT Open House Day at the Historical Society offers something for just about everyone!

CT Open House Day at the Greenwich Historical Society

June 13, 2015, Noon to 4:00 pm

Admission is free and reservations are not required.

Greenwich Historical Society/Bush-Holley Historic Site

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