

# Greenwich Historical Society

Explore our colorful past

news+programs

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## GREENWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

is dedicated to promoting Greenwich's unique and colorful past. Our Archives actively chronicle the life of our town for future generations, our programs and exhibitions help people of all ages better understand their connection to history, and our preservation efforts safeguard an architectural heritage that includes the National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, the site of the Cos Cob art colony.

## BUSH-HOLLEY HISTORIC SITE

is a member of the Connecticut Art Trail, a partnership of 15 world-class museums and historic sites across the state. Discover collections rich in history and heritage, including European masterpieces, American Impressionism, ancient art and contemporary culture.

## HOURS

### Storehouse Gallery

Open Wednesday through Friday,  
12–4 pm

Docent-led tours of Bush-Holley House  
1, 2 and 3 pm

Closed Monday and Tuesday

### Library and Archives

Wednesdays, 10 am–12:30 pm  
and 1 pm–4 pm, or by appointment

## ADMISSION TO STOREHOUSE GALLERY

\$10 for adults

\$8 for seniors and students

Free for Historical Society

members and children 6 and under

Admission is free the first Wednesday  
of every month.

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## DIRECTIONS

Off I-95 at exit 4. Visit

[www.greenwichhistory.org](http://www.greenwichhistory.org)  
for details.

## Support the Annual Fund: It's a Beautiful Thing



Spring is one of the loveliest times of the year in Greenwich. Wherever you look, the landscape is in bloom with a profusion of flowering trees, bushes and spring bulbs. It's yet another reason to be proud of our beautiful community. In fact, we have found that one of the things that fans of the Greenwich Historical Society share is pride in this unique town. As citizens, we look for ways to support the people and institutions that make living here so special. One way you can help to maintain that quality of life is by making a gift to the Greenwich Historical Society's Annual Fund Campaign.

Your gift supports a Greenwich institution that continually contributes to the beauty and vitality of the community with:

- The Library and Archives, which actively chronicles the life of our town for future generations.

- Education programs and exhibitions that allow people of all ages to better understand their connection with past citizens and events.
- Preservation initiatives that safeguard an architectural heritage that includes the National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, the site of the Cos Cob art colony.

Annual Fund contributions from individuals make up the largest source of funding for the Greenwich Historical Society's operations. Your gift of any size will help meet this year's goal of \$550,000. Please use the envelope in this newsletter to make a tax-deductible gift before June 30, 2013. You'll be proud you did!

Remember the Greenwich Historical Society in your estate planning! For information on how to do this, please call Anne Bradner, Director of Development, at 203-869-6899, extension 15.

FROM ITALY TO AMERICA

continues with these great programs.

**Bella Notte:** An Evening of Italian Wine and Song



Left to right: Singers Amy Buckley, Abby Powell; Pianist Larissa Friedenberga

Juilliard-trained professional opera singers Abby Powell and Amy Buckley with pianist Larissa Friedenberga will present “Bella Notte,” an evening of Italian art songs and arias from the baroque to the bel canto period. The focus of the program will be memorable songs of women in Italian opera: women in love, women rejected, women plotting, women winning over enemies—all from the stories by beloved composers. This beautiful night of wine, women and song will take place in

a cabaret-like setting and is one you won’t want to miss.

Thursday, May 16, 2013; 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
Vanderbilt Education Center

Members: \$15; nonmembers \$20  
Reservations required.

To reserve, visit [www.greenwichhistory.org](http://www.greenwichhistory.org) or call 203-869-6899, Ext. 10.

The exhibition will be open for viewing from 6:00 to 7:00 pm prior to the program.

**It’s Relevant Interview with Anthony Riccio about FROM ITALY TO AMERICA**

It’s Relevant produces daily news videos on events in the Stamford/Norwalk/Greenwich area. After hearing from First Selectman Peter Tesei about the *From Italy to America* exhibition, reporter Kwegyrba Croffie recently paid us a visit prior to Anthony Riccio’s gallery talk on March 18. The resulting interview, which also includes commentary by guest curator Kathie Bennewitz and archivist Christopher Shields, may be seen online via a link on our website, [www.greenwichhistory.org](http://www.greenwichhistory.org), or at <http://stamford.itsrelevant.com/content/13742/Personal-Artifacts-Tell-A-Story-At-Bush-Holley-House>.

**FROM ITALY TO AMERICA to Culminate with an Afternoon of Feasting and Fun for the Whole Family**

The exhibition will end on June 30, but we’ll be creating even more memories before it’s over. Join us for *Festa Al Fresco*, a potluck supper where you bring your favorite family dish to share and we supply the entertainment and the wine. Show off your own family history of great eating in one of four categories: anti-pasti/appetizers, pasta/main dish, sides and salads, desserts (enough to serve 10–12) to share. The exhibition will be open for one last look, and there will be live music, activities for kids and some of the best home-cooked Italian food this side of the Atlantic. Mangiamo!

Saturday, June 29, 2013, 4:00 to 7:00 pm  
Rain date: Sunday, June 30, 2013

Bush-Holley Historic Site

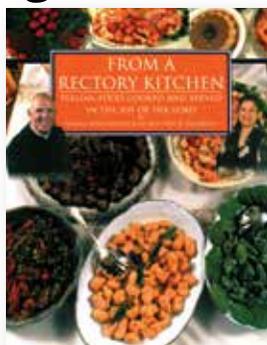
Reservations required. Please let us know what you would like to bring when you reserve.

\$10 for adults; \$5 for kids 6 to 12.  
Kids under 6 are free.

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**Recipes from the Rectory Kitchen: Italian Cooking with Father Matthew**

Father Matthew Mauriello, pastor at St. Roch’s Church in Chickahominy, is famous throughout the diocese for his generous, “made-from-scratch” meals. On Saturday, June 8, 2013, Father “Matt” will lead an informal cooking demonstration on the basics of Italian cooking. The afternoon’s menu will be taken from his book *From a Rectory Kitchen*, a compilation of recipes derived from a 20-year collaboration with his good friend and cooking companion Franca Bosia Bertoli, a native of northern Italy (Father Matt’s family hails from the



south). The result will be a delicious three-course luncheon beginning with mouthwatering bruschetta, followed by Lasagna Bolognese and luscious homemade tiramisu for dessert. Beverages will also be provided. Besides learning how to prepare these authentic Italian recipes, Father Matt will talk about their origins and how they have evolved into today’s popular Italian American versions. Buon appetito!

Saturday, June 8, 2013; 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Vanderbilt Education Center

Members: \$20; nonmembers: \$25

Space is limited and pre-registration is required

# OPEN HOUSE DAY

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Connecticut  
still revolutionary

## Connecticut Open House Day

The Historical Society is once again participating in the Connecticut Office of Tourism's ninth annual Connecticut Open House Day.

The statewide event is designed to showcase Connecticut's diverse offerings of history, art and tourism. You can act as a Connecticut cultural ambassador by inviting family and friends to see *From Italy to America* or tour Bush-Holley Historic Site. Admission will be free to everyone all day.

## Coming this summer: Greenwich History: The Perspective of Time



Photo by T. Z. Brill

### An Exhibition of 40 Juried Photographs by the Photography Club of Lower Fairfield County

July 17 – September 2, 2013  
Greenwich Historical Society  
Storehouse Gallery  
39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, Connecticut

## History on Wheels Bike Tour of Greenwich Point

In partnership with the town's Experience the Sound Festival, the second annual History on Wheels family bike tour will take place on Sunday, June 23, 2013, at Greenwich Point. As you pedal around the point, you'll find out how this idyllic 19th century island estate built by millionaire J. Kennedy Tod on the original 1640 Greenwich founder's Elizabeth Neck, evolved into a beloved recreational facility. Engage with local historians and naturalists stationed throughout the park to learn about Tod's original beachfront golf course, the historic "Chimes" and other remaining buildings, how the eagle statue came to stand guard over the estate's pond, and much more. You'll stop along the way to hear stories and see vintage photos that capture different eras taken from the Historical Society Archives. The tour is open to bike-riding singles, families and children over seven years old who are able to ride a bike. Kids will enjoy their very own scavenger hunt as part of the tour. Experience the Sound is co-sponsored



by the Greenwich Shellfish Commission and To The Point, whose aim is to expand the community's awareness of coastal marine life, nature, outdoor recreational pursuits and the environment by showcasing local organizations and educational institutions that care for and promote them.

Sunday, June 23, 2013, 2:00 pm

Gather at Innis Arden Cottage, Greenwich Point. Bring bikes and wear helmets (water bottles recommended). Participation is free.

For more information or to reserve, please call 203-869-6899, Ext. 10.



Visit us on Facebook to see changing Greenwich History articles and event announcements.

## June Second Sunday Family Program

### Make a Memory Jar

The exhibition *From Italy to America* is filled with family memories and treasures. Share your family memories by constructing representations of them out of found materials and preserving them in Mason jars. All craft materials will be supplied by us. You are welcome to bring personal items such as copies of photos, trinkets and clippings to contribute to your project. Drop in any time between 12:30 and 3:30 pm.

Sunday, June 9, 2013, 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Storehouse Gallery

The program is free with museum admission.



## Spring Advisory Council Event

The Greenwich Historical Society Advisory Council's 2013 spring event was held on April 13, at the Eagle Hill School, former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, gifted to her by her father C. W. Post on the occasion of her marriage. Guests toured the historic property (which also served as the campus of the Daycroft School before becoming Eagle Hill School) and learned about its architectural origins and transformation from private estate to school campus.

Following the tour, Nancy Rubin Stuart, author of *American Empress: The Life and Times of Marjorie Merriweather Post*, provided a fascinating glimpse into Post's rich and remarkable life as a businessperson, socialite, philanthropist and political influencer. A "woman ahead of her time," Post grew from helping to glue cereal boxes in her father's barn during her early years to



*Author Nancy Rubin Stuart and Cole Rumbaugh, Great Grandson of Marjorie Merriweather Post*

transforming the family's Postum Company into corporate giant General Foods.

The Advisory Council is composed of distinguished community members who serve as ambassadors in support of the Historical Society's mission. The event was graciously chaired by former board members Anne Niemeth and Thomas P. Clephane.

## Bush-Holley Historic Site Featured on CPTV

Connecticut has an abundance of unique landmarks, cultural resources and wonderful stories to tell, and Bush-Holley House ranks high among them. We have recently been tapped to participate in *Connecticut's Cultural Treasures*, a series of five-minute vignettes that profiles the state's most notable cultural resources. A film crew was here in late March to capture footage of the site and to interview Cos Cob art colony expert and former board chair Susan Larkin and Executive Director Debra Mecky.

Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network, the parent company of CPTV and WNPR, and the Department of Economic and Community Development have formed a partnership to promote Connecticut's remarkable treasures, including historic landmarks and museums, parks and performing arts venues.

The series broadcasts on Thursdays at 8 pm on CPTV (with encore broadcasts on Sundays at 10 pm) and is available online at [CTVisit.com](http://CTVisit.com) and [CPBN.org](http://CPBN.org).

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