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Greenwich Authors Talk: Reba and Dave Williams

Cos Cob, CT, June 6, 2013—Not only have Reba and Dave Williams pursued long and productive careers in the world of business and finance, along the way, they also amassed what was thought to be the largest collection of fine art prints by American artists in private hands. They created 17 exhibitions from their collection that circulated to more than one hundred museums worldwide (including the Greenwich Historical Society in 2008), with Reba writing most of the exhibition catalogs. In 2009, they donated their amazing print collection to the National Gallery of Art.

Both have now embarked on new careers as writers, and both have drawn on their experience as art collectors for their first books. On Thursday, June 27, 2013, Reba and Dave Williams will talk about their respective publications and the writing process. Dave's *Small Victories: A Print Collector's Story* is a memoir published by David R. Godine and due for release early next year. Reba's *RESTRIKE*, recently published by Delos, is a mystery with an art world focus. In fact, her overarching goal in this first novel was to create two compelling characters, Coleman and Dinah Greene, whom she plans to feature in subsequent mysteries, including the second in the series, *Fatal Impressions*, due out March 2014.

Dave Williams grew up in Austin and attended the University of Texas. After graduation, he was commissioned as a Navy ensign. Upon discharge, he attended Harvard for an MBA and went on to Wall Street. He spent forty years in the investment research and management field, his last position at Alliance Capital (now AllianceBernstein) as Chairman and CEO. After retiring, he attended MFA writing schools.

Reba Williams grew up in North Carolina, graduated from Duke with a BA in English, earned an MBA at Harvard, a PhD in Art History at CUNY and an MA in writing at Antioch University. She worked for more than 30 years in business and finance, in research at management consultants McKinsey & Co., as a securities analyst on Wall Street, as a contributing editor at *Institutional Investor* magazine and as a senior executive at an investment management firm. She is a past president of the New York City Art Commission and a former vice-chairperson of the New York State Council for the Arts and has served on the print committees of several leading museums. She has written numerous articles for art and financial journals. Reba and Dave currently live in Connecticut, New York, and Southern California with their Maltese, Muffin.

Prior to the program, refreshments will be served in the garden of Bush-Holley Historic Site at 6:30 pm. The program will commence at 7:00 pm. Copies of *RESTRIKE* will be available for purchase, courtesy of Diane's Books. To attend, please call 203-869-6899, Ext. 10 or email assistant@greenwichhistory.org.

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Thursday, June 27, 2013

Reception at 6:30 pm; program begins at 7:00 pm

Greenwich Historical Society, Vanderbilt Education Center

39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807

Admission is free but reservations are suggested.

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Dave and Reba Williams