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**Greenwich Historical Society Hosts Frolic at French Farm**

*Cos Cob, CT, August 14, 2013*—The Greenwich Historical Society invites the entire family to visit French Farm for an afternoon of art and nature in a unique private landscape. Kids will get up close and personal with the farm’s animal occupants, enjoy a treasure hunt, make pressed cider, explore the fossil garden and enjoy nature crafts and activities on the lawn. Adults can take a tour focusing on horticulture led by noted landscape designer Florence Boogaerts or a tour concentrating on the property’s history, cultural landscape and collections led by long-time Farm resident Jacek Nidzgorski. Artists may set up their easels during the event, and visitors are welcome to take photographs for their personal enjoyment (permission to publish photos must be obtained from Friends of French Farm).

French Farm holds a unique place in Greenwich’s historic landscape. It is comprised of the remaining four-acre heart of a 35-acre residential farm, originally built between 1905 and 1910 by AIA President H. Van Buren Magonigle for Mary Billings French. It was the first Greenwich property listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is also a designated Local Historic Property. Now a living work of art created by the late David R. A. Wierdsma, French Farm skillfully weaves natural and man-made objects throughout garden rooms formed by specimen plantings. This bucolic property also features the Farm’s original chicken coop, cow barn, silo and greenhouse.

Light refreshments served on the main lawn will include seasonal bites, tea sandwiches and sweet and savory pastries created by celebrity chef John Barricelli of SoNo Baking Company and Martha Stewart *Everyday Cooking* fame.

The event is made possible by the David R. A. Wierdsma Fund and chaired by Historical Society board members M.E. Kjaernested and Barbara MacDonald and former board chairman Susan Larkin.

Sunday, September 15, 2013. Rain or shine.

1:30 to 4:30 pm

516 Lake Avenue, Greenwich, CT

Admission is \$35 for adults and \$10 for children ages 4 to 12. No charge for children 3 and under. Advance reservations are required. Refreshments, wine, beer and cider are included in the price of admission. For reservations, visit [www.greenwichhistory.org](http://www.greenwichhistory.org) or call 203-869-6899, Ext. 10.



The pterodactyl nest tower is one of the whimsical structures that Wierdsma tucked into the landscape at French Farm.