

Cultural Landscape Lecture by Marc Peter Keane: Karesansui, Japanese Stone Gardens, Old and New

Cos Cob, CT, September 28, 2016--Marc Peter Keane, internationally known garden designer and author, will be at the Greenwich Historical Society on Thursday, November 3, to talk about the history and tradition of *karesansui* gardens, those enigmatic arrangements of stone and sand. His lecture will explore how the gardens first came about and why they are designed the way they are. Beginning with their early roots as sacred stones called *iwakura*, the gardens developed into the highly stylized forms we see today. Keane will talk about his own work designing contemporary *karesansui* gardens, including the Spiral Garden in Kyoto Prefecture's oldest extant residence (a designated cultural property), the Tiger Glen Garden at the Johnson Museum of Art and a recently completed courtyard garden in Manhattan called Thrust! The evening will begin with a pre-lecture reception and end with a brief Q&A session.

Marc Peter Keane is a landscape architect based in Ithaca, New York. He lived in Kyoto, Japan, for 18 years, designing gardens for private individuals, companies and temples, and continues his work from his studio in Ithaca, NY. He has authored four books on the subject of *karesansui*.

Keane's lecture is being held in conjunction with the Historical Society's exhibition, *An Eye to the East: The Inspiration of Japan*, at the Storehouse Gallery. Through paintings, prints, photographs, carvings, ceramics and textiles, *An Eye to the East* looks at the influence of Japanese art and culture in the late 19th and early 20th centuries with a special emphasis on the Cos Cob art colony. Attendees may visit the exhibition free of charge before the lecture from 6:00 to 6:45 pm.

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Doors open at 6:30 pm; light refreshments will be served

45-minute lecture begins at 7:00 pm

Greenwich Historical Society, Vanderbilt Education Center

39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807

Members: \$15; nonmembers: \$20

For advance tickets, visit www.greenwichhistory.org.