

New Greenwich History Museum Connects Visitors to Town's Illustrious Past and Influential American Impressionist Art Colony

October 6 Opening Will Unveil Visionary \$12 Million Campus

COS COB, CT, August 2, 2018 – The boldly reimagined campus opening at the Greenwich Historical Society October 6 will relay the national significance of this pivotal New York City suburb and Gateway to New England. David Scott Parker Architects designed the new campus, which features a nationally accredited museum, library and archives, café, store, and restored Impressionist-era gardens.

The reimagined campus is home to the circa 1730 National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House, which gained recognition as one of the earliest American Impressionist art colonies. Trailblazing painters such as Childe Hassam, John Henry Twachtman, J. Alden Weir, and Elmer MacRae were part of the Cos Cob art colony 1890-1920.

Other noteworthy Greenwich residents include: Ernest Thompson Seton, a founder of the Boy Scouts; Col. Raynal Bolling who began the Air Force Reserve Command of the U.S. Air Force; Crayola founders the Binneys; sports and entertainment luminaries including Tom Seaver and Diana Ross; and scions of industry such as the Rockefellers and Vanderbilts.

Campus highlights:

- **State-of-the-art museum galleries** - A former railroad hotel has been meticulously restored to its early 20th century appearance to complement state-of-the-art museum galleries. The inaugural exhibition *History Is...* will prompt visitors to consider how their place in history evolves over their lifetimes, and examines how history can be interpreted.
- A carefully curated **Museum Store** and **Artists' Café**.
- **Library and archives** for discovering more than 40,000 items that document Greenwich's rich heritage.
- **Impressionist-era flower and vegetable gardens** will be restored according to historical documentation.

Free Opening Weekend: Register at greenwichhistory.org

Saturday, October 6, noon to 4:00 pm

The family-friendly opening party will feature scarecrow making, children's crafts and games, live music, food trucks, beer and wine and campus tours.

Sunday, October 7, noon to 4:00 pm

Campus tours at 12:15 and 2:15; Bush-Holley House tours at 1, 2, and 3pm.

About the Greenwich Historical Society • 47 Strickland Rd., Cos Cob, CT 06807 • greenwichhistory.org
Greenwich Historical Society was founded in 1931 in Greenwich, Connecticut to preserve and interpret Greenwich history to strengthen the community's connection to our past, to each other and to our future.

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