

Weston Historical Society



For Immediate Release:

“Landmark Homes of Weston Across Four Centuries”

Exhibit, Lecture and Film Series

April 9 to July 16, 2015

House Tour May 3, 2015

WESTON, CT, March 27, 2015--The Weston Historical Society (WHS) proudly announces an exhibit, event series and house tour this spring celebrating Weston’s distinctive architectural and cultural heritage. This multifaceted program “Landmark Homes of Weston Across Four Centuries” opens April 9 with the first in a series of documentary films and lectures, followed by the opening of the Museum exhibit on April 26, and an elegant house tour on May 3.

The Exhibit: April 26 to July 16:

The Landmark Homes Exhibit in the Historical Society's Museum will introduce visitors to the various architectural styles of residences to be found in Weston across four centuries, the people who created them, as well as some of the celebrities who have called Weston their home. A display of original architectural designs by Weston High School students, antique tools and building materials used in the construction of Weston homes also will be featured.

The House Tour: May 3:

“Our Landmark Homes program features a distinctive house tour on May 3. This exciting tour is a fund raiser that will benefit our educational programs,” said Dallas Kersey, WHS president. “Joining us in celebrating Weston's heritage are our honorary chairs, Susan and Jose Feliciano, long-time Weston residents and supporters of the Weston Historical Society. We thank them for their ongoing enthusiasm and commitment to preserving Weston's history.”

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On the afternoon of Sunday, May 3, six extraordinary Weston homes dating from the 18th to 21st centuries will open their doors to the public. The point of departure for the house tour is the historic Cobb's Mill Inn, where tickets, brochures and tour maps can be picked up from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. The tour itself goes from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., during which time the public may visit the six featured homes in any order they wish.

The historical society recommends that visitors start their day with a delicious champagne and omelet brunch, individually prepared by Chef Patrick, to be served at Cobb's Mill Inn from 11:30 am to 1 pm (optional, \$20).

House tour tickets are \$75 per person (\$65 for members) and include a reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Coley Homestead, headquarters of the Weston Historical Society, 104 Weston Road.

Advance reservations are encouraged and can be made until April 30 on the Weston Historical Society's web site, www.westonhistoricalsociety.org. Tickets may also be purchased on May 3 at Cobbs Mill.

Documentary Film Series and Lectures: April 9 to May 31:

Thursday, April 9 at 7 pm, Weston Public Library: "My Architect: A Son's Journey." Director Nathaniel Kahn searches to understand his father, noted architect Louis Kahn, who designed the addition to Yale University's Art Museum and the Yale Center for British Art, the Salk Institute, the Kimbell Art Museum, and other significant structures.

Thursday, April 23 at 7 pm, Weston Public Library: "Regular of Super: Views on Mies van der Rohe." This documentary connects Weston with internationally renowned Mies van der Rohe, who designed some of America's iconic buildings and one exceptional home on the May 3 house tour. It profiles the German-born architect, who immigrated to Chicago in the late 1930s. He designed the Seagram Building in New York City, Farnsworth House and many other notable buildings.

Sunday, April 26 at 2:30 pm, Weston Historical Society: "Architecture is for Everyone" with speaker and architectural historian Christopher Wigren, deputy director of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. Mr. Wigren will talk about architecture as "the art and science of creating places," with a focus on selected works of Connecticut architecture from Colonial saltboxes to tobacco sheds. Attendees will leave with a new perspective on what they are seeing as they look around Weston.

Sunday, May 17 at 2:30 pm, Weston Historical Society: “Planning and Building the Samuel Senior Dam” with George Logan, director of environmental management and government relations at Aquarion Water Company. He will speak on the construction of Weston’s Senior Dam and the Saugatuck Reservoir.

Sunday, May 31 at 2:30 pm, Weston Historical Society: “Beauty & the Beast: Three Centuries of Connecticut Architecture” with cultural historian William Hosley, principal of Terra Firma Northeast and former director of the New Haven Museum and Connecticut Landmarks. He has been an award-winning curator at the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford.

Donations are welcome on admission to the exhibit, lecture and film series.

Please check the website, westonhistoricalsociety.org, for details on the program, schedule and for updates.

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