Cultural historian to speak May 31 at Weston Historical Society on Connecticut architecture

WESTON, CT, May 22, 2015-- The Weston Historical Society will host William Hosley on Sunday, May 31 at 2:30 p.m. for a lecture entitled “Beauty & the Beast: Three Centuries of Connecticut Architecture.”

The lecture will be held at the Society’s museum on the Coley Homestead, 104 Weston Road. It is part of the spring exhibit series, “Landmark Homes of Weston.” The exhibit will be on display through July 16 on Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Landmark Homes of Weston exhibit will be on display through July 16. The exhibit 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 exhibit will be open through July 16.

William Hosley, the principal of Terra Firma Northeast, is a cultural resource consultant, planner, writer, historian, speaker, preservationist, photographer, exhibition developer and
material culture scholar. He has served as director of the New Haven Museum and Connecticut Landmarks, where he cared for a chain of historic attractions throughout Connecticut. Prior to that, as an award-winning curator and exhibition developer at the Wadsworth Athenaeum, in Hartford. As an expert in heritage tourism, Mr. Hosley has studied, lectured and advised hundreds of museums and heritage destinations around the country. He has developed successful organizational development plans for numerous state cultural attractions, including the Butler-McCook House (Hartford), Nathan Hale Homestead (Coventry), Colt Collection at Wadsworth Athenaeum, and Coltsville National Historic Park (Hartford).