Heartwarming Holiday Homecomings!

A Polish Christmas with Martha Hall Kelly will transform the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden in Bethlehem on Saturday, December 1st. Join us for this special day celebrating the holidays and the work of Caroline Ferriday, the inspiration for New York Times bestselling author Martha Hall Kelly’s novel Lilac Girls. Experience the Hay, Caroline’s beloved Connecticut home, staged in traditional Polish fashion as inspired by her house guests. Learn about Advent and Polish Christmas traditions, including holiday delicacies and customs.

Wrap up your tour by meeting Martha Hall Kelly in Caroline’s kitchen and have her sign your copy of Lilac Girls. Then carol your way to Memorial Hall to enjoy light refreshments followed by an author presentation with question and answer session. Martha will discuss Lilac Girls, including her research process, and where she took artistic license. Attendees will also gain insight about Lost Roses, the Lilac Girls prequel that tells the story of Caroline’s mother Eliza (coming April 9th, 2019).

Individual Tickets are $50/$40 for CTL Members. Patron Tickets are $100/$90 for CTL Members and include a Lilac Girls hardcover, a Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden pewter ornament in honor of Caroline Ferriday’s charitable work, premier seating for author presentation, and a tax-deductible contribution. Limited availability; registration required at www.ctlandmarks.org or by calling 860.247.8996 x 23. All proceeds benefit Connecticut Landmarks and the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on Sunday, December 2nd.

Holiday magic and merriment are also coming to the Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden in Suffield and we can’t wait to celebrate! Make your holiday memories in our
Dear Friends,

As we look forward to our upcoming holiday programs and events, I’m delighted to look back on the highlights from CTL’s outstanding 2018 Season. I hope that you had a chance to attend a program, visit our properties, and rekindle your appreciation of local history and a sense of the wonderful place that we call Connecticut.

This summer marked the 16th year of our Hartford Youth Employment Program, and brought in new participants to our Young Friends of Hale in Coventry and the Hempsted Youth Program in New London. These programs provide real life experiences that help to shape the participants’ lives and are just a few of the ways CTL is helping to “keep history young”.

CTL strives to present history in exciting ways for those “young at heart”. Be sure to peruse the enclosed calendar to find programs for art appreciators, DIY enthusiasts, foodies, and of course history lovers! Also on the calendar – and the menu – are wonderful upcoming teas sure to warm your hands and hearts this chilly winter.

We have some exciting news! CTL was awarded a $166,000 Museums for America matching grant from the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) to support the interpretation of the Palmer-Warner House in East Haddam. The project builds on three prior IMLS-funded CTL projects that rethink historic house museum interpretation to make it more meaningful to visitors. CTL utilized a proven model of audience research, combined with a scholars and museum practitioners panel, to ground the interpretive planning process. Under our other current IMLS grant “Important Things Happened Here”, CTL has contracted designer Margaret Middleton to develop exhibits that support dialogue-based interpretation and reflect youth priorities and interests, ensuring our future generation is connected to history and place.

Our historic sites are beautiful places to make warm memories with friends and family this holiday season. We once again welcome Martha Hall Kelly, the New York Times bestselling author of Lilac Girls, to the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden for A Polish Christmas on December 1st! Tour the festively decorated house and learn about Lost Roses, the Lilac Girls prequel that tells the story of Caroline’s mother Eliza (available April 9th, 2019). We are in the planning stages of a Lost Roses launch event at the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden in Bethlehem for June 2019 when our roses are in peak bloom – visit www.ctlandmarks.org for more information as we enter the New Year.

Celebrate the holiday season at the gorgeous Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden expertly decorated by Old Hill Gardens on December 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th with our Home for the Holidays tours. Have your camera ready to capture a moment or two as children enjoy activities throughout the weekend. On December 8th and 9th, bring your beloved bear for a sweet treat and a celebration of the holidays with a children’s Teddy Bear Tea. Make your holiday memories in our special location—the exquisite property is also available to host your holiday event or gathering for up to 50 people!

Wishing you the happiest of holiday seasons,

Sheryl Hack
Executive Director
Preservation & Conservation Update

Connecticut Landmarks continues to press forward and to make significant strides on important preservation and conservation work at our properties. We’d like to update you on the restoration projects that we began this fall. In East Haddam, CTL contracted Mike Einsiedel, a timber framer, preservation carpenter, and owner of Yankee Restoration & Remodeling LLC, who specializes in post and beam and preservation work, to restore the Palmer-Warner Barn. Einsiedel began the project on September 4th by examining and diagramming the building. Each timber was photo documented and labeled with letters and numbers that were transferred to drawings, creating a map for reassembly that will ensure the original builder’s efforts are replicated. The sections of the barn were then deconstructed. Each piece will be evaluated for reuse as Einsiedel creates a foundation, and installs French drains before putting the barn back together using original historical, and historically accurate, materials.

In Hartford, the long awaited repair of the Butler-McCook Greenhouse and the replacement of the Main Street entrance to the Butler-McCook Garden and property began on October 15th. CTL hired Birch Hill Landscape & Design, LLC to replace the c. 2000 Butler-McCook Garden entry. The project includes replacing the wooden entry with black metal fencing in keeping with the fencing that borders the property's South Prospect and Pulaski Mall sides. Permeable pavers – identical to those in the Bull House parking court – are being installed to ensure proper site rainwater management between the Main Street sidewalk and the garden. A cut bluestone patio has been laid at the base of the Butler-McCook house’s rear porch steps, replacing the weathered blue stone pavers. Plantings, including low hedges that speak to the boxwood hedges that front the Bull House, will help to create a unified appearance for the overall property. The outcome will be an appropriate, inviting entry to the site's 1865 Jacob Wiedenmann garden that serves as a serene refuge in downtown Hartford.

Work has also commenced on the Butler-McCook Greenhouse Project. The Greenhouse Restoration Plan was approved by the State Historic Preservation Office and the City of Hartford's Historic Commission. The entire structure has been deconstructed and will be replaced in exact likeness, reusing existing materials whenever possible. The project includes re-grading the ground surface, pouring a new foundation with crushed gravel overlay, and installing a new brick wall, wood shingles to match the existing, and new operable windows.
Hale Root Soup with Cider
By Bev Wilnauer, Museum Interpreter at Nathan Hale Homestead

If an 18th-century farm family planned well, preserved well and had the luck of a good harvest, there would be some vegetables in the root cellar to make one pot meals as supplies ran low. Apple cider was a staple of the Hale Homestead and its use in this recipe makes a beautiful and warm winter dish. Cooking can be done at the hearth or on the stove.

- 1 cup each of diced root vegetables (Parsnips, Carrots, Turnips, Onions, Potatoes)
- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup apple cider
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- Diced garlic cloves to taste
- Dried or fresh chopped thyme, sage & bay leaf to taste.

In a large soup pot, toss vegetables in ¼ cup melted butter and fry until lightly brown and savory. With vegetables nearly done, add diced garlic cloves and the remaining ¼ cup of butter. Add the apple cider and cook until it has reduced by half. Thin with 4 cups of stock, or water, and season with thyme, sage and bay leaf. Bring to a boil and simmer until tender. Then season with salt & pepper & serve!

Heart Warming Tea Time Series at the Isham-Terry House

 Gather your friends, grab a date, or gussy-up the children and join us at the Isham-Terry House for a fun and fantastic Tea Time Series. On select Sundays, from 2 to 4 pm, themed teas will include sweet and savory nibbles and a variety of teas suited to the season. All ages will enjoy a make-and-take craft and a tour of the grand house. The Tea Time Series is hosted by John Bates, of Hartford’s Town & County Club.

Don your holiday attire and join us for a Victorian Holiday Tea on December 2nd. Learn the art of creating Victorian paper ornaments – a great way to upcycle beautiful paper, magazines, and past holiday cards!

Steeped in romance, a Vintage Valentine Tea is certainly fitting for two on February 10th. Spoil yourself and a loved one with a particularly sweet spread while learning about vintage jewelry – perhaps your special someone needs a hint? Then craft a vintage valentine to pass along sentiments to your sweetheart.

Shake off winter and spring into a new season at a Mad Hatter & March Hare Tea on March 31st. The young – and the young at heart – will love this whimsical event and children are welcome to bring their dear bears and plush hares. To top this series off in style, we will fashion fascinator hats for our fabulous selves, or special plush guests. So jump into your inspired attire and join us for this very important date!

For more information about the Tea Time Series at Isham-Terry, and CTL’s other holiday celebrations, please see our calendar, follow us on Facebook, and visit us at www.ctlandmarks.org.
Slave Dwelling Project Conference

In October, our Hempsted Houses Site Administrator & Project Manager Aileen Novick presented at the 5th Annual Slave Dwelling Project Conference: Slavery, Resistance, and Community. The conference was hosted by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University. The keynote speaker was Colson Whitehead, best-selling author of The Underground Railroad, and winner of the National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize.

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For this year’s conference, McGill sought representatives from northern sites to present a panel session on, “Interpretation of Slavery at Northern Historic Sites.” This panel included: Libbie Hawes from Cliveden of the National Trust, Inc. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Dr. Georgette Grier-Key presented on Sylvester Manor, Long Island, New York; Aileen Novick of Connecticut Landmarks; and Maryann Zujenski, National Park Service, Salem Maritime National Historic Site.

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In an effort to engage young people with this difficult topic, Novick created a school and youth program geared towards middle school students which focuses on enslaved people who fought against slavery. McGill spoke to the participating students, and to the public, at this year’s Juneteenth Celebration. He spent a night sleeping at the Hempsted Houses, adding it to his list of over 90 sites in 18 states. McGill is scheduled to return for 2019’s Juneteenth event on June 8th.

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special location by celebrating the season at the festively decorated House, designed by Old Hill Gardens! On Saturday and Sunday, December 1st and 2nd, and again on Saturday and Sunday, December 8th and 9th join us for Home for the Holidays tours from 1 to 4 pm, where you’ll experience the season’s splendor. Enjoy children’s activities and light refreshments throughout the weekend. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are $12 for adults; $7 for children ages 6-18 (under 6 free).

Then bring your beloved bear for a sweet treat and a celebration of the holidays with a children’s Teddy Bear Tea on Saturday, December 8th at 11 am and 1 pm, and Sunday, December 9th at 1 pm. Holiday cookies and a tasty herbal tea will warm the heart and body. A short story dedicated to the bear you love will finish our time together. Admission is $5 per child; $10 per adult. Reservations required at 860.668.0055 or phelps.hatheway@ctlandmarks.org.

Connecticut Landmarks’ Home for the Holidays Weekend Tours and Teddy Bear Tea are sponsored in part by Hoffman Auto Group.
Let’s Go!

Festive Holiday Events for the Whole Family

Connecticut Landmarks’ historic museums are open for regular tours from May through October. Admission is $12 for adults; $10 for seniors, students & teachers; $5 for town residents & children ages 6 -18; free for children younger than 6, veterans & CTL Members. A special family price of $25 is available for families with two adults & any number of children. To register for programs, or for more information, please contact the museum directly or visit www.ctlandmarks.org.

Home for the Holidays

Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden
Sat., Nov. 24, 9:30 – 11:30 am;
Sun., Nov. 25, 12 – 2 pm;
Tue., Nov. 27, 3 – 5 pm
Wreath Making
Make a holiday wreath for your home using greens & natural materials. Back by popular demand, George & Carol McCleary, site horticulturists, will lead the workshops. $30 per wreath for a family or an individual, including materials & admission to the house. $25 for CTL Members. Bring your own clippers. Space is limited; registration required at 203.266.7596 or bellamy.ferriday@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat., Dec 1, 12 – 5 pm
Snow Date: Sun., Dec. 2
A Polish Christmas
Tours: 12, 12:30 & 1 pm
Book Talk at Memorial Hall: 3 – 5 pm
Tour the decorated house with a focus on the Polish traditions the Lapin brought to Bethlehem & hear New York Times bestselling author Martha Hall Kelly speak. Light refreshments served. $50 per person/$40 for CTL Members. Reservations required at 860.247.8996 x 23 or online at www.ctlandmarks.org.

Tue., Dec. 4, 6 – 8 pm
Make a Holiday Centerpiece
Make a holiday centerpiece for your home using greens & natural materials. George & Carol McCleary, site horticulturists, will lead the workshops. $30 per wreath for a family or an individual, including materials & admission to the house. $25 for CTL Members. Bring your own clippers. Space is limited. Registration required at 203.266.7596 or bellamy.ferriday@ctlandmarks.org.
Fri., Dec. 7, 5 – 9 pm
Sat., Dec. 8, 10 am – 4 pm

**Christmas in Bethlehem**

Sip hot cider & tour the festively decorated Bellamy-Ferriday House! Admission is free with a $5 donation or a donation to the Bethlehem Food Bank. For town festival details, visit: ChristmasTownFestival.com.

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**Butler-McCook House & Garden**

Mon., Dec. 31, 12 – 5 pm

**First Night Hartford**

Celebrate New Year’s Eve on Main Street with a kid-friendly craft & a tour of the Butler-McCook House. Learn about the House’s rich connections to Asia by getting a head start on Lunar New Year celebrations. Make Japanese nengajo (New Year’s Cards) to send for the upcoming Year of the Boar. Then, as Lunar New Year concludes with the Lantern Festival, we will create Chinese paper lanterns to brighten your festivities. FREE with First Night wristband.

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**Isham-Terry House**

**Tea Time Series**

Enjoy teas with savory & sweet nibbles suited to the season. Tour this sparkling house & celebrate our seasonal theme with a craft. A perfect outing for friends & family; children are welcome. Inspired outfits encouraged! $20/$15 for CTL Members. Registration required at isham.terry@ctlandmarks.org or 860.247.8996 x 12.

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**Phelps–Hatheway House & Garden**

Sat. & Sun., Dec. 1 & 2, 1 – 4 pm
Sat. & Sun., Dec. 8 & 9, 1 – 4 pm

**Home for the Holidays Weekend Tours**

Experience the season’s splendor at the elegantly decorated Phelps-Hatheway House. Children’s activities throughout the weekend. Light refreshments served. Weekend Tour Tickets: $12; $7 for children ages 6 -18.

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**You Rock!**

Congratulations to the **Suffield Garden Club** on earning **Overall Winner for Decoration of a Historic Building** from the National Garden Clubs, Inc! The Suffield Garden Club pulled out all the stops to create room after room of stunning masterpieces in the **Phelps-Hatheway House** for **Home for the Holidays 2017**.

A toast to the West Hartford & Suffield Garden Clubs!

Because of garden beauties, another historical year of beautiful blooms blessed us. Your work brings all who visit the Gardens joy & hope. May we always have the pleasure to grow together!

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Summer & Fall Highlights

CCW from TR: Campers, dressed in 18th-century costumes, line up for a laundry relay race and tackle a few chores at Phelps-Hatheway House & Gardens’ Colonial Camp. Tom Manning, Curator at the American Clock and Watch Museum, lead a discussion at the Isham-Terry House on Eli Terry, CT inventor and clock maker. Victims of the Headless Horseman roamed our fields and scared guests at the Nathan Hale Homestead’s 13th Annual Haunted Corn Maze. The Japan Society of Greater Hartford hosted Japan Day, a free cultural festival, at the Butler-McCook House & Gardens. Mini draft ponies were used in a timber-framing demo by Mike Einsiedel at the Palmer-Warner House during East Haddam’s Fall Celebration. YEP encounters the @IceCreamForADream truck while exploring Hartford’s History. YEP celebrates their graduation with a group selfie.

Follow more of our memorable moment on Facebook @ConnecticutLandmarks.
CTL Continues Commitment to Collaborative Youth Programming

CTL's school programs are designed to maximize the students' educational experience outside of the classroom and support the Common Core, C3 Inquiry Arc, and Connecticut Social Studies Frameworks. We have over 600 schoolchildren joining us at the Nathan Hale Homestead and the Hempsted Houses for field trips this fall!

The Hempsted Houses are welcoming 300 of the city's 3rd graders to learn about colonial work, as part of the New London Maritime Society's Local-History Program, which brings the students to six different local historic sites each year. The students tour the 1st floor of the House, learning about Joshua Hempsted and Adam Jackson. The students try their hands at quill pen writing, and use buckets and yokes to glimpse what farm chores would have been done on the site. In the Stone House, students learn about the work of Nathaniel Hempsted. The students take turns at the rope machine, and each group takes the rope they made back to the classroom. The students then see our loom and learn how flax and wool were used to make clothing in New England. Students use wood cards and see the hackles used to make flax into linen. The Hempsted Houses also hosted groups from St. Joseph's Elementary School to study colonial crafts, and from Mitchell College to study northern slavery.

At the Isham-Terry House, the 3rd year of collaborations with faculty members from the Nursing Program at Capital Community College will engage nursing students with deeper and more interactive medical content. Supported in part by a grant they received from the CCC Foundation, their fall research will explore historical surgical implements utilized in 18th- and 19th-century medicine, the apothecary system utilized in pharmaco-therapeutics, and diagnostics utilized in treating patients with orthopedic and mobility issues.

The Butler-McCook House continues their collaboration with the CREC Museum Academy to pilot a more hands-on program, exploring Hartford Past and Present, for elementary school students. This fall we are testing CTL's outreach component to be taught in classrooms. Once fully developed, these programs will be taken into Hartford Public and other area magnet schools where funding and time for field trips have been drastically cut. We are also engaging with Johns Hopkins University's Graduate Museum Studies Program whose students in Karen Wizevich's Evaluation Theory Techniques for Museums class are completing a site-based project at the Butler-McCook House. They are evaluating current usage and content in the Main Street History Center exhibit, and will offer proposals for re-envisioning this space in conjunction with our dialogue-facilitation project. To enable this collaboration, the CTL staff has provided interpretive materials, attendance data, youth focus group feedback, and is participating in video conferences with the class.

To learn more about CTL's wide variety of youth and educational programming, visit www.ctlandmarks.org/educational-programing.
Meet Our 2018 Hartford Youth Employment Program Students!

This summer, our Youth Employment Program (YEP) students had the opportunity to explore Connecticut history, the role of museums and museum jobs through workshops, guest speakers and field trips around Connecticut. YEP students worked hard to acquire career competencies – the “must haves” employers interviewed by Capital Workforce Partners require to begin a career in any field – with students achieving near full competency by the end of the summer through activities such as filling out tax forms, creating resumes and practicing their interview techniques. YEP students tracked their summer experience through Photo Voice and Journey Mapping projects that promote thoughtful analytical skills and display the connections between museums and students. The year culminated in a celebration of diverse journeys at a cultural potluck with family, mentors, and friends made along the way!
Welcome to the CTL Family!

Margaret Middleton is a designer and developer of thoughtful, playful learning experiences for visitors of all ages. Her passion about the intersection of museum work and social justice movements will advance the efforts of CTL to rethink the interpretation of historic house museums, and enhance their value as engaging places of meaning. Middleton will work with CTL to develop exhibits that support dialogue-based interpretation and reflect youth priorities and interests, ensuring that the sites have a place in our future. She will design exhibits for the Butler-McCook House & Garden, the Hempsted Houses, the Nathan Hale Homestead and the Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden over the next 18 months.

Meet our Fall Intern!

Kenny Beardsley is a senior at the University of Connecticut, double majoring in the fields of English and Journalism. This fall semester he is working with CTL’s Marketing & Development team. After graduation he plans to take a year off to travel nationally and internationally. Eventually, he would like to work with non-profit groups or find his niche within the world of politics.

Thank you to our New Members


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Includes 3 hour rental of space for up to 50 people (with additional 1/2 hour set-up & clean-up times).

Call or email for pricing & booking information:
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