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News from Wistariahurst Museum

Wistariahurst Comes Alive!

The Skinner Servants' Tour

A LIVING HISTORY OF WISTARIAHURST

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Portrayal of Skinner Housekeeper
Hattie Reilly performed by Patricia Mew

Step back in time for a unique opportunity to experience Wistariahurst like never before! Back by popular demand, *THE SKINNER SERVANTS' TOUR: A Living History of Wistariahurst* will be performed over two weekends this February in collaboration with Holyoke-based educational theater company, Enchanted Circle Theater. Immerse yourself in living history as you enter the home of the Skinner Family in 1927. This dramatic theater production is designed to draw you into the compelling relationship between the Skinner Family and their servants.

Based on primary source documents, and performed in the magnificent 26-room mansion that is Wistariahurst, *The Skinner Servants' Tour* takes you behind the scenes of the Skinner Family household. The servants that were employed by the Skinner Family were numerous and played an invaluable role in managing the Skinner Family estate. This site-based play is about the life of the Skinner Family, premier silk manufacturers of the 20th century and prominent residents of Holyoke, as told through the voices of their family servants. The performance tells a remarkable story that is both educational and wonderfully engaging. Wistariahurst welcomes visitors into its halls for a rewarding cultural experience. Join us for this lively event. More than a House Tour. More than a play.

"A fascinating time capsule - a triumph of logistics. Entertaining, informative and thoroughly delightful."

- Chris Rohmann, WFCR

PERFORMANCE DATES

- Friday, February 4th @ 7:30
- Saturday, February 5th @ 7:30
- Sunday, February 6th @ 2:00
- Friday, February 11th @ 7:30
- Saturday, February 12th @ 7:30
- Sunday, February 13th @ 2:00

For reservations call Wistariahurst Museum (413) 322-5660

Tickets: \$25/\$20 students & seniors.

Purchase tickets on the web at www.wistariahurst.org

Learn more about the lives and histories of the Skinner Family Servants in the February Gallery Exhibition, *A Million Things to Get Done: Working at Wistariahurst*. Diary excerpts, letters and photographs reveal the untold stories that the Skinner Servants left behind. On display through February. Admission to the Gallery is \$3.

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January Gallery Exhibition: *Vacancy*

Featuring Photographer Jeffrey Byrnes



"Main Street" by Jeffrey Byrnes

This January, the Gallery will premiere a new exhibition entitled *Vacancy* by photographer Jeffrey Byrnes. An opening reception will be held on **Thursday, January 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** with an opportunity to meet Byrnes and see Holyoke through a photographer's lens. *Vacancy* is a black and white photographic essay of a changing Holyoke. This ongoing documentary project began in 2009 when Byrnes started photographing the city and its vast amount of vacant lots. Jeffrey Byrnes' body of work is a socio-economic view of Holyoke's potential and its opportunity to re-visualize vacant lots and abandoned areas into a viable community with commercial and profitable spaces. Through his lens, Byrnes creates an intimate connection with each space, captures each of these vacant places as a portrait, and artistically

displays the personalities and characteristics of each vacancy. *Vacancy* is on view in the Gallery throughout the month of January. Admission to the gallery \$3.

Join Jeffrey Byrnes at Wistariahurst on **Saturday, January 15 from 12 to 2 p.m.**, for a **High Dynamic Range Photography Master Class**. This session is designed to demystify the High Dynamic Range process, (HDR) which is a set of photography and computer techniques that allow a greater range of light between the lightest and darkest areas of an image. If you enjoy photography and would like to know more about HDR, this class offers you a great opportunity to learn from an experienced photographer. Reservations are required; admission is \$10 per person. *Class is limited. Please call (413) 322-5660 to register.*



"Marciano fought his first bout at the Valley Arena in Holyoke"

Documentary Viewing: "Fight Town"

Saturday, January 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Producer and director PJ Moynihan has emerged as a fresh voice in film and television since founding Digital Eyes Film in 2003. His first feature-length documentary, *Fight Town: Sport and the Growth of an Urban Community* (2004), was nominated for a Massachusetts Historical Preservation Award, and has recently been re-formatted for television broadcast. On **Saturday, January 22**, *Fight Town* will be screened at Wistariahurst. The film tells the story of Moynihan's hometown, Holyoke, and the role of sports in its development. After the viewing, there will be time for questions as well as refreshments. DVD copies of the original

release will be available before & after the show. This film is also available for purchase in the Musum Gift Shop. Admission to the film screening is a suggested donation of \$5.



Refreshing Programs for the Body and Soul

Tuesdays in January at 10 a.m. – Tai Chi and Tea!

Sessions are Jan. 4, 11, 25 & Feb. 1, 8, 15. Admission \$10 per class.

Thursdays in February at 9:30 a.m. – Beat the Winter Doldrums with Yoga!

Sessions are Feb. 3, 10 & 17. Admission \$12 per class or \$30 for series



Chamber Music Society at Wistariahurst

Sunday, February 27 at 3:00 p.m. Aventuras Latinas: Latin American Classical Sounds will fill the air, bringing sultry life to a wintry day! *Tickets \$15*

Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 p.m. Friends & Lovers Part III: A spring program devoted to the romantic music of the two Schumanns, Robert and Clara, and their intimate friend and colleague, Johannes Brahms. *Tickets \$15*

Collections: A Monthly Lecture Series Exploring Historical Collections and Their Care!

Photographs, books, recordings, souvenirs and mementoes help us to keep a record of our lives and experiences. These collections when shared and passed on by a community become a collective memory, so citizens can feel connected with one's society, region and nation. A community's collections can take many forms such as memorials and monuments, oral histories and motion pictures; and these collections can reside in many places, such as museums, libraries, and with private collectors. *Collections* is a monthly series of lectures investigating public and private collections as well as how to care for and put those collections to use.



On **Monday, January 24, at 6 p.m.** in the Carriage House, Archivist Jim Massery will guide the audience through the history of the Holyoke Public Library by examining its collections. Massery will speak about how the library has evolved over the years and what that has meant in regards to the collections and its impact on the community. On **Monday, February 28, at 6 p.m.**, Jeremy Smith, Digital Specialist and archivist with the UMASS Amherst W.E.B. Dubois Digitizing Project will lead a basic workshop on organizing and digitizing your personal print and digital photography collections. Smith will recommend "best practices" for maintaining one's own personal photography collection. Cheryl Harned, Curator of the Skinner Museum at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, will present an insightful lecture with images about the eclectic collections amassed by Joseph Allen Skinner on **Monday, March 28 at 6 p.m.** From fire arms to buildings, the J.A. Skinner Museum collection is full of interest. Visitors are invited to reflect on Skinner's sense of self, his sense of his place in time, and his relationship to the items in the collection. All of these lectures have a suggested donation of \$5.

As a special interest program for genealogists, on **Monday April 18, at 2 p.m.**, Jeanne Nudd Elliot, Archivist and Genealogist for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will lead a rousing workshop on how to take advantage of all the rich information in the NARA collections. Come join other family researchers and discover how to keep track of the information you find and learn from an experienced professional about the many resources available to you at NARA in Pittsfield, MA. Reservations are necessary. An admission fee of \$6 is requested for this workshop.

Russian Tea with Samovar Sunday, January 23 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Wistariahurst will awaken with the scents and flavors of Saint Petersburg, with crepes, pastries, and a selection of teas served from samovars! Wistariahurst will host two seatings of a Russian Tea in the beautiful setting of the Music Room. An interesting element of Russian tea tradition is the samovar, an ingenious and beautiful urn which heats the water for tea and has been used for centuries. The first historically recorded samovars appeared during the 18th century, made by the Russian Lititsyn family. The Lititsyns were not the inventors of the samovar, but were the first documented samovar-makers. The Lititsyns' beautiful designs later became very influential in the history of samovar-making and by the 19th century samovars were a common feature of the Russian tea culture.

A traditional type of Russian tea, known as Russian Caravan, will be one of the teas served by Crepes Tea House on January 23. Russian Caravan was originally imported from China via camel caravan. The trip was very long and the trade route was dangerous. As a result, the tea supplies were unsteady. Russian tea merchants blended the incoming tea cargoes; the tea was usually a combination of China and India black teas with a distinctive smoky flavor acquired from the caravan's campfires. You won't want to miss taking part in this unique tea experience. Tea and pastries to be provided by Crepes Tea House of West Springfield. Reservations necessary as seating is limited. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please call (413) 322-5660 to reserve your seat!



Russian samovar
photo by Yannick Trottier, 2005

WISTARIAHURST MUSEUM Upcoming Events Winter 2011

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Tuesdays in January at 10:00 a.m. – Tai Chi and Tea!

Learn the principles of Tai Chi – a practice of movement and breathing to help lessen stress, build strength and improve ones health. Join Instructor Heather Duncan at Wistariahurst for a 45 minute session that promotes wellness. Start your session with refreshing tea and follow it up with Tai Chi. Sessions are Jan. 4,11,25 & Feb. 1,8,15 (6 sessions total). Beginners welcome. *Admission \$10 per class. Call the Museum to sign-up!*

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Monday, January 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Make a Reusable Bag: Plastic Reduction Project

In a world in which we choose plastic over paper, reusable bags are becoming more and more popular. Participants from 8 to 18 will create a unique and fashionable bag as a replacement for plastic. *\$9 per participant; reservations required*

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Monday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. – Collections Lecture Series: History of the Public Library through its Collections

As part of *Collections*, a lecture series addressing the care of historical items, library archivist Jim Massery will talk about the history of the acquisitions at the Holyoke Public Library. *Suggested donation \$5*

February Gallery – A Million Things to Get Done: Working at Wistariahurst

Maintaining Wistariahurst required the labor of many people. The Skinner staff worked daily to keep the Skinner household running smoothly. Their names, faces, and stories were rarely recorded by the Skinner family, but hints are found in letters and diaries, as well as glimpses of them seen in photos. *A Million Things to Get Done* is an exhibit that captures some of the faces, voices and personalities of these mysterious men and women. On view during the month of February. *Admission to the gallery \$3*

Thursdays in February at 9:30 a.m. – Beat the Winter Doldrums with Yoga!

Join VegaYoga & Movement Arts at Wistariahurst for a series of yoga sessions. Get rid of those winter blues while learning standing poses such as Tree Pose, Extended Triangle Pose, or Warrior, and get refreshed by the happiness and new self exploration felt after an hour of yoga. Sessions are Feb. 3, 10 & 17. Beginners welcome. *Admission \$12 per class or \$30 for series Call the Museum to sign-up.*

February 4th, 5th, 6th & 11th, 12th & 13th – Skinner Servants' Tour: A Living History of Wistariahurst

Find yourself in living history at Wistariahurst for the popular and entertaining production of the Skinner Servants' Tour presented by Enchanted Circle Theater. The Skinner Servants Tour is a dramatic tour of Wistariahurst with costumed performers in the role of the Skinner Servants; based on historic journals, diaries, photos and oral histories. *Sponsored by Valley Advocate & Preview Magazine.*

Show times are Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Reservations necessary. *Tickets \$25 / \$20 students*

Friday, February 18 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. – I LOVE Wine! A Wine Tasting to Benefit Wistariahurst

Learn about wine, try new flavors and meet new friends at Wistariahurst's third "I Love Wine Event." Don't miss this fun and flavorful event! Light refreshments will be provided. All proceeds will benefit Wistariahurst Museum. The event is sponsored by Liquors44 and Historic Holyoke at Wistariahurst. Reservations necessary. *Advance tickets are \$25 each/\$40 couple; Door admission is \$30 each/\$50 couple*

Monday, February 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. – Tea & Etiquette

Step back in time and sip tea in a Victorian mansion while exploring the basics of etiquette. Activities include making introductions, learning tea party table manners, being a good guest, thank you notes and more. Appropriate for ages 8 to 18. *\$10 per participant; reservations required*

Tuesday, February 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Victorian Fans

Create and learn the language of Victorian fans - a necessary part of every woman's attire. Decorate fans with pictures, lace, and many other accessories to generate a fan worthy of any young lady. Appropriate for ages 6 & older. *\$5 per participant; reservations required*

Wednesday, February 23 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Victorian Hatboxes

Besides her fan, a Victorian woman would not have gone anywhere without her hat. Most women had multiple ornate hats and would have used hatboxes to carry & protect them. Participants ages 6 to 18 will have a chance to decorate their own mini Victorian Hatboxes. \$5 per participant; reservations required

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Diaries and journals are one of the many ways that historians have learned so much about the Victorian era. Bookmarks were originally made from silk and were intricately embroidered. Participants ages 6 to 18 will have the opportunity to create their own secret diary and Victorian bookmark. \$5 per participant; reservations required

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Latin American Classical Sounds will fill the air, bringing sultry life to a wintry day! The program will feature Villa-Lobos, *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5*; Copland, *El Salon Mexico*, arr. L. Bernstein; and Ginastera, *Pampeña Suite No. 2*. Included in the program will be works by Piazzolla, Revueltas, Paul Bowles, and Guastvino. Free refreshments at intermission. Tickets \$15

Monday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m. – Collections Lecture Series: Digitizing Your Photographs Workshop

As part of *Collections*, a lecture series addressing the care of historical items, digital archivist Jeremy Smith will lead a workshop on digitizing your photography collection. Smith is part of the UMASS Amherst WEB Dubois Project. Suggested donation \$5

March Gallery Exhibit – Circling Holyoke: Paintings by Greg Stone

Gregory Stone is a painter and sculptor based in Holyoke. His new show, *Circling Holyoke*, features landscapes, buildings & portraits encapsulating the area surrounding Holyoke and the city itself. On view during the month of February. Admission to the gallery \$3

Monday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. – Call for Gardeners at Wistariahurst

An introductory meeting will be held to provide information on the Garden Restoration and garden workdays at Wistariahurst for interested volunteers. The Wistariahurst gardens offer an opportunity for new and experienced gardeners to work alongside Master Gardeners and Holyoke Wistariahurst Gardeners in the restoration and improvement of the gardens and landscape. For information, please call Wistariahurst at (413) 322-5660. We'd love to see you in the gardens this spring and summer!

Wednesday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. – The People Who Came Out of the Darkness: A History of the Ancient Celts

Dr. Donald D'Amato returns to Wistariahurst to relate the history of the people who once occupied all of Europe and parts of Asia a thousand years ago. Admission \$5/ \$3 Seniors & Students

Friday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. – Opening Reception of Circling Holyoke

Meet artist Gregory Stone at the opening of *Circling Holyoke*. Admission to the gallery \$3

Monday, March 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Master Class with Gregory Stone

Local artist Gregory Stone will give a demonstration based on his work with oil painting. Reservations necessary. Admission \$10

Saturday, March 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. – Allegro: An Introduction to Music

Spend the day as Belle Skinner would in her Music Room at Wistariahurst Museum. Participants ages 8 to 18 will explore the exciting musical world with the chance to hear several different types of instruments and make one as well. A wide range of music and rhythms will be sampled, and imagination stirred! \$9 per participant; reservations required

Monday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. – Collections Lecture Series: The Joseph Allen Skinner Collection

As part of *Collections*, a lecture series addressing the care of historical items, Cheryl Harden, curator of the Skinner Museum at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, will talk about Joseph Skinner and his amassed collection. Suggested donation \$5

Friday, April 8 or 29 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Save the date for the Annual Spring GALA

Celebrate the spring at Wistariahurst with live entertainment and delicious cuisine prepared and served by Seth Mias Catering. The evening will include music, an auction of the area's finest food, attractions, art & more. You won't want to miss it!

Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Pisanki Workshop

Carol Kostecki, a well-known pisanki artist, will lead a hands-on demonstration of making pisanki in the style especially popular in Eastern Poland and the Ukraine—the art of dyeing eggs for a traditional Easter holiday. Appropriate for adults and children 12 and up. Reservations necessary. \$30 per participant

Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 p.m. – Chamber Music at Wistariahurst: Friends & Lovers Part III

The Chamber Music Society at Wistariahurst returns with a spring program devoted to the romantic music of the two Schumanns, Robert and Clara, and their intimate friend and colleague, Johannes Brahms. In short, a rich and varied program of music touched with the special intensity and introspection of these three composers. Free refreshments at intermission. Tickets \$15

Monday, April 18 at 12:00 p.m. – Genealogy Workshop for Kids!

Kids and young adults can learn about their heritage by finding ways to trace their family history. Find out what characteristics make up your identity, play fun new games, and take part in activities that relate to what their ancestors experienced. Reservations necessary. \$5 per participant

Monday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m. – Genealogy Workshop

As part of *Collections*, a lecture series addressing the care of historical items, Jeanne Nudd Elliot, administrator for the National Archives and Records will lead a workshop in discovering your heritage and how to trace a family history. Reservations necessary. \$6 per person

Saturday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m. – Chena River Marblers' Demonstration

Regina and Dan St. John of Chena River Marbling will give a demonstration on the art of marbling, a craft that captures intricate patterns by applying and manipulating colors on a liquid's surface. The St. Johns will talk about their marbling techniques, a mix of renaissance traditions combined with 21st century processes. Reservations necessary. \$10 per person

Schools out! It's Victorian Craft Week at Wistariahurst

Reservations are required for all programs

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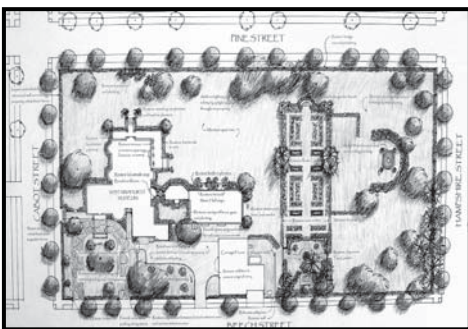
Diaries and journals are one of the many ways that historians have learned so much about the Victorian era. Bookmarks were originally made from silk and were intricately embroidered. On this day, participants will get to create their own secret diary and Victorian bookmark. Appropriate for ages 6 & older. *Admission fee \$5*

March Gallery Exhibit: *Circling Holyoke*

Paintings by Gregory Stone

In March, the Gallery will display the work of Gregory Stone, a local artist—new to the Holyoke art scene. Stone has focused on capturing the city and its surrounding locales. In his latest paintings, Stone prefers plain air settings, bringing streetscapes and local culture to life in his work, painted right from the sidewalks. Meet Gregory Stone at the opening reception of *Circling Holyoke* on **Friday, March 11 from 6 to 8 p.m.** Known as both artist and sculptor, Stone has been featured in over forty one-man shows and numerous exhibitions throughout the United States. Stone is a Massachusetts native, hailing from Athol. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Painting and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Sculpture, both from Boston University. Stone has also shown at the Springfield Museum, as well as the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. His works are on view in the Gallery throughout the month of March. *Admission to the gallery is \$3.*

Join us at Wistariahurst on **Monday, March 14 from 6 to 8 p.m.** for a **Master Class in Oil Painting** with Gregory Stone. During the class, Stone will give a demonstration of portrait painting. While he works, Stone will provide explanation and take questions from participants. Reservations are required; admission is \$10 per person. *Class is limited. Please call (413) 322-5660 to register.*



Become a Wistariahurst Gardener

Dedicated volunteer gardeners are creating an inspiring urban green space by restoring the landscape to reflect the breathtaking gardens and grounds Belle Skinner worked so attentively to sculpt. Their generous contributions are reflective of continued commitment to help the community preserve and maintain this historic property.

The Wistariahurst gardens offer an opportunity for new and experienced gardeners to work alongside Master Gardeners and Wistariahurst Gardeners in the restoration and improvement of the gardens and landscape. The primary goal is education and enjoyment of gardening. An introductory meeting will be held to provide information on the Garden Restoration and garden workdays at Wistariahurst for interested volunteers. Save the date and plan to attend on **Monday, March 7 at 6 p.m.** We'd love to see you there!

Winter Keepsakes at the Wistariahurst Gift Shop



Wistariahurst Museum Gift Shop Hours
Saturday, Sunday, Monday 12 p.m. – 4p.m.

Ring in the new year with a visit to the Gift Shop at Wistariahurst. Now, visitors can do more than just experience Holyoke's past with a tour of the site, but can take home a piece of history as well. The Gift Shop offers keepsakes and mementoes and features a wide selection of books and DVDs with themes ranging from historical documentaries to Victorian fashion, cookbooks and more!

Soon to premiere in the Gift Shop are Wistariahurst's Historic Deck of Cards, specialized playing cards that celebrates Holyoke's people, places and history - a great gift for any Holyoke history buff. Discover fascinating facts about the city with cards that display figures who made historic imprints on the community, and landmarks that have shaped Holyoke's landscape.



As always, the gift shop features many novelties including jewelry, hand painted cards and youth items, such as Victorian paper dolls. From tote bags to note cards, travel mugs to bookmarks, any visitor can find a keepsake at the Wistariahurst Gift Shop. Be sure to pick up a 2011 Wistariahurst calendar displaying striking photographs of the museum.

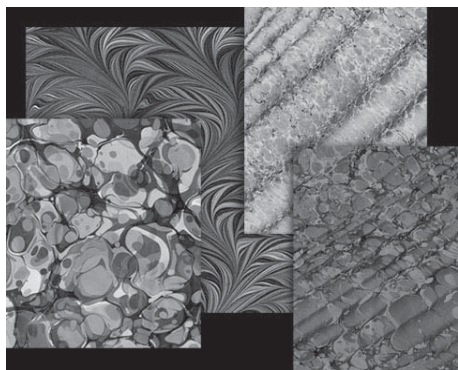


New Arrivals: Adornments Unique to Wistariahurst

Ornaments featuring some of Wistariahurst's most iconic features are now available for purchase. Artistic designs of the much admired peacock window, marble lions and grand mansion have been created and fired onto brass plates and framed in silver-toned settings. Designs were created by award-winning artist Ken Kantro to express and celebrate the diversity of art and ornament across time and culture. These designs have also been made into bookmarks & paperweights and are sold in the Museum's Gift Shop!

Save the Date for Wistariahurst Museum's 2011 Gala Event Friday, April 8 from 6 - 9 p.m.

Wistariahurst will host its Annual Spring Gala on Friday, April 8. This festive evening will feature delicious food, live music, drink and plenty of cheer all for a good cause – raising funds to benefit the Museum! Seth Mias Catering will prepare and serve the evening's special cuisine. The event will include an auction of the area's finest eateries, attractions, art & more. Celebrate the spring at Wistariahurst! You won't want to miss it! Tickets will be sold in advance through the museum and at the door. The event is sponsored by Historic Holyoke at Wistariahurst and all proceeds directly benefit the Museum. We hope to see you there!



Decorative Marbling Demonstration with Chena River Marblers Saturday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m.

The art of marbling is a wondrous process that involves the capturing of an intricate pattern from the surface of a liquid onto paper and other surfaces. Using traditional methods which have been passed down through Renaissance Italy by bookbinders, the craft has its roots in the Middle and Far East. Originating in China and Japan, marbling traveled the silk route into Persia and Turkey and on into Europe. Chena River Marblers' work has been deeply influenced by varied marbling traditions but their craft incorporates 21st century

innovations as well. On **Saturday, April 23**, Wistariahurst will host a demonstration that will give the audience an opportunity to witness the creative process as well as become familiar with the tools and equipment necessary to facilitate the work. Regina and Dan St. John, from Chena River Marblers in Amherst, are practitioners of the art of marbling. Each marbled piece is one-of-a-kind. Learn more about marbling in this fascinating program. Reservations are required; admission is \$10 per person.



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Support Wistariahurst Museum

The fulfillment of the museum’s mission will happen through your gifts of time, talent and financial resources. We hope you will join Wistariahurst’s growing number of friends in supporting the Museum through generous contributions. Please consider making a gift in support of ongoing endeavors at Wistariahurst.

Your Gift is Meaningful. Thank you for your Generosity.

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The Museum is open for guided tours every Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 12-4 pm. Historic House Tours are \$7 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. The Gallery is open every Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 12-4 pm. During these hours, the **Carriage House & Gift Shop** is also open. **Hours for Archive Research** are Monday from 9a.m. -7p.m. & Thursday 9a.m. - 1p.m., or by appointment. For more information or a schedule of other upcoming events, please visit our website at www.wistariahurst.org or call (413)322-5660.