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William Hosley to Give Presentation at Simsbury Historical Society

Historian, Museologist and Preservationist to offer lecture and slideshow on "Making History/Making Place: A Celebration of Connecticut's Local Museums"

AVON, CT: Historic Sites of Connecticut's Farmington Valley is pleased to offer a slideshow and lecture with William Hosley, a cultural resource development consultant whose body of work focuses on the Connecticut River Valley and community-based historical organizations. *Making History/Making Place: A Celebration of Connecticut's Local Museums* takes place on **Sunday, November 5th at 1:00 pm** at the **Simsbury Historical Society's Ellsworth Center**, 800 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call Nancy Anstey at 860-676-8878 or visit www.fvva.com.

Connecticut has 169 towns and as many community-based historical museums. Most are small. Many are run by volunteers. No two are alike. They preserve and present great local items and stories; they collect; they offer public programs; they advocate for preservation; they serve schools and greet tourists. They are a civic miracle. In this presentation, William Hosley tells their story and why they matter.

Mr. William Hosley, the principal of Terra Firma Northeast, began his career at the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation in 1977. He was formerly Director of the New Haven Museum and Connecticut Landmarks, where he cared for a chain of historic attractions throughout the state. Prior to that, as a curator and exhibition developer at Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Bill organized major exhibitions, including *The Great River: Art & Society of the Connecticut Valley* (1985); *Sense of Place: Furniture from New England Towns* (1993); and *Sam & Elizabeth: Legend and Legacy of Colt's Empire* (1996). "Community-based historical organizations are my pet passion," says Mr. Hosley. "They function as outposts of local learning and have substantial untapped potential for advancing the goal of place-based education."

Proceeds from the presentation benefit **Historic Sites of Connecticut's Farmington Valley**, whose mission is to enhance appreciation of the Farmington Valley's rich history by promoting communication among heritage groups and offering unique programs. Historic Sites is part of the **Farmington Valley Visitors Association**, a non-profit corporation, whose mission is to serve as a resource for residents, and to promote the Farmington Valley to individuals and businesses wishing to relocate to the area, and tourists wishing to experience all that the Farmington Valley has to offer.

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Making History / Making Place

A Celebration of Connecticut's Local Museums

Picture Show & Lecture by William Hosley



Sunday, November 5, 2017 • 1:00pm • \$5.00

Ellsworth Visitor Center, Simsbury Historical Society

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