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Chestnut Hill Conservancy Presents Discovering Chestnut Hill: 'Three Houses from the Sixties' Lecture



Vanna Venturi House (Courtesy of the Chestnut Hill Conservancy)



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The Chestnut Hill Conservancy is delighted to announce an upcoming lecture event that promises to delve into the fascinating world of modern architecture in Chestnut Hill. Join us for an illuminating evening as Professor Witold Rybczynski discusses and compares three internationally recognized, remarkable modern houses in Chestnut Hill. The "Three Houses from the Sixties" event will be held on Wednesday, November 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting, 20 East Mermaid Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19118.



During this illustrated lecture, Rybczynski will discuss and compare three Chestnut Hill homes well-known to those interested in modern architecture – the Vanna Venturi House, the Margaret Esherick House, and the Dorothy Shipley White House – as seen through the lens of their architects' intentions. Rybczynski "found the creative combination of three interesting houses, three talented architects, and three adventurous women to be irresistible."



Esherick House (Courtesy of the Chestnut Hill Conservancy)

Rybczynski, an internationally renowned architect and author, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this lecture. Born in Edinburgh to Polish parents and raised in London, he studied architecture at McGill University in Montreal and later taught there for twenty years. Rybczynski is the Emeritus Professor of Urbanism at the University of Pennsylvania, having designed and built houses as a registered architect. He has conducted practical experiments in low-cost housing across the globe, from Mexico and Central America to Nigeria, Tanzania, India, the Philippines, and China. His writings have graced the pages of prestigious publications such as the Atlantic, New Yorker, New York Review of Books, and the New York Times. Rybczynski served on the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts from 2004 to 2012.

Rybczynski first visited Chestnut Hill as a student in 1965 – on a field trip from Canada to see important American architecture, including visiting the newly-built Esherick House. He lived with his wife, Shirley, in Chestnut Hill for almost 30 years after his 1993 appointment as the Martin and Margy Meyerson Professor of Urbanism at the University of Pennsylvania.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to gain insights from an architectural luminary who has experienced modern architecture's evolution and Chestnut Hill's transformation. After the lecture, copies of his newly released book, "A Story of Architecture," will be available for purchase during a book signing.

Admission for this exceptional event is \$15 for Chestnut Hill Conservancy and docomomo Members and \$25 for Non-Members. Registration is required and can be completed through the following link: [Register Now](#).

The "Three Houses from the Sixties" lecture is made possible by the Chestnut Hill Conservancy's generous sponsors, supportive businesses, and the sponsorship of John B. Ward & Co. Arborists.

For more information about this event and the Chestnut Hill Conservancy, please visit chconservancy.org.



About the Chestnut Hill Conservancy:

Founded in 1967 as the Chestnut Hill Historical Society, the Chestnut Hill Conservancy is an educational center and advocate organization for the architecture, open space, and social history of Chestnut Hill and surrounding communities. With an archive of over 47,000 photographs, maps, records, and more, plus engaging programming and a unique easement program that made Chestnut Hill the nation's first urban accredited land trust, the Chestnut Hill Conservancy is a powerful and essential resource for residents of the area and beyond.

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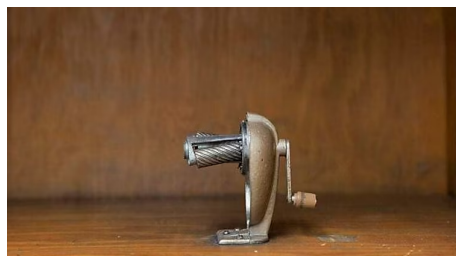
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