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Joseph Pell Lombardi Lecture To Be Held At Putnam History Museum

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Joseph Pell Lombardi will speak at the Putnam History Museum on March 11.
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Join the Putnam History Museum for a presentation by world-renowned architect, Joseph Pell Lombardi on March 11 at 3pm. The lecture will be an explanation of how and why Valhalla Highlands came into being and its cultural and historical significance to the nation. Lombardi will share a brief history of the North Highlands from the late 18th century to the early 20th century, followed by the history of Valhalla Highlands. He will also share his personal experiences in the Lake Valhalla community during the 1940s and 1950s, including the impact of World War II. Joe has been a part-time resident of Philipstown for most of his life including, for many years, having owned the James H. Haldane House on Paulding Avenue in Cold Spring. For more information about Lombardi, please visit <http://www.josephpellombardi.com/>.

Joseph Pell Lombardi is an architect with degrees in both Architecture (B.Arch.) and Historic Preservation (M.Sc.). In 1969 he established his New York City based architectural firm as one of the first to specialize exclusively in conservation, restoration, adaptive re-use and contextual new buildings. Through offices in New York, France and Hungary, he has served as architect for over 1,000 projects.

His practice ranges from the conservation of Château du Sailhant, a 9th to 16th century château-fort in the Auvergne region of France to large-scale adaptive reuse projects such as Liberty Tower, an early 20th century 33-story Gothic skyscraper in New York City's Financial District converted to residential use. As both architect and principal, Mr. Lombardi's 1978 conversion of Liberty Tower introduced residential use to lower Manhattan.

Mr. Lombardi owns many of the projects in which he is involved. He is the owner of the National Historic Landmark, Armour-Stiner (Octagon) House, the only Roman temple form, domed octagonal house in the world and the first property to have been sold into private ownership by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He also owns and is conserving several other major historic homes.

Joseph Pell Lombardi served on the Venice Committee of the World Monuments Fund and was Chairman of the World Monuments Fund Founders Society. He has served on many boards including the New York City Historic House Trust, the New York City Historic Districts Council, the National Trust for Historic Preservation – Lyndhurst Advisory Council and the Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee for the Alliance for Downtown Manhattan. He is a member of the Society of Architectural Historians.

In 1990, Joseph Pell Lombardi was awarded the Victorian Society in America Preservation Award; in 1991, the Preservation League of New York State Achievement Award; in 1993, the New York City Landmarks

Preservation Commission Certificate of Merit and in 1995 the Municipal Art Society of New York Preservation Award.

Numerous articles have been published about his work and for many years he has given an annual lecture at Yale University's School of Architecture.

Please note that seating is limited. To guarantee your seat, please register through our lecture Eventbrite at www.putnamhistorymuseum.org. Admission is \$5 for the general public and is free for members. Note the special early lecture start time and join us after the lecture for some light refreshments. The Putnam History Museum is located at 63 Chestnut Street in Cold Spring, New York 10516. Please contact Rachel Ornstein at 845-265- 4010 or rachel@putnamhistorymuseum.org with any questions.

Also, stop by the PHM on Saturday March 11 from 11am-3pm for special winter hours! This is a rare opportunity for you to view the museum during our seasonal closure. We invite you to come explore the exhibitions before the lecture at 3pm. This includes PHM's new exhibition, *The World of Anna & Susan Warner*, where you can learn about their life on Constitution Island, and the impact and legacy of their written works. This exhibition is co-organized by Putnam History Museum and Constitution Island Association, and is funded in part by our business sponsors: Central Hudson, Health Quest, and Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union. Funding also provided by grants from Malcolm Gordon Foundation, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, and New York Council for the Humanities. Don't forget to check out our 10-pounder Parrott cannon and new acquisitions wall too!

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