

RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.

GREG VAN ANTWERP

CONFESSIONS OF AN URBAN ARCHEOLOGIST.



Greg Van Antwerp confesses that from early in his life he has been looking for odd and interesting items at tag, estate, and yard sales. While in college, he would search these sales before going to work at a summer job. 30 years later, this hobby has turned into a passion for research, restoration and storytelling. This is how Greg describes the title “Urban Archeologist.”

In 2009, Greg began writing about his discoveries for a website he created called, “Confessions of an Urban Archeologist” (www.urbanarcheologist.net). There, he provides over 500 accounts of his most interesting “finds” with photos, short-subject documentaries, and background stories of how each item was uncovered.

Greg’s take on urban archeology is like most who visit these sales. “I am amazed at what is offered - lifetimes of work, art, writing, travel, photography; evidence of the joys of living, and the challenges of surviving, all made available to anyone willing to pay a few dollars. Pictures, journals, letters, treasured collections serve as a rare and precious glimpse into the past.”

There is no limit to the things Greg has found - some poignant, some important, some humorous. For example: the Purple Heart documents and news clippings of a soldier lost in Africa during WWII; the childhood home movies of a famous Broadway playwright; Glass negatives from the 19th century; a 1933 baseball scrapbook; a doctor’s kit from 1920 . Every weekend brings another opportunity for a new discovery and another story to tell.

Currently, Greg is writing a weekly article for an online publication and conducting a series of speaking engagements in and around Connecticut.

Greg’s professional life has been spent working in community television management and media production. He also enjoys cartooning, photography, and writing. He is a devoted father and husband, and during his weekend expeditions Greg is known to travel with his favorite companion/assistant - his daughter - by his side.

Our business meetings begin at 10, and our speakers are scheduled for 10:30. No Charge, and No Reservations are required. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com. See our website greenwichrma.org.