



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
Invites you to its meeting, March 29 at 11 AM at the  
**First Presbyterian Church, 37 Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.**  
The program will also be shown on Webinar: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

## **C. Griffith Mann, PH.D.**

### **“Unicorns and Heroes: John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Tapestries at The Met Cloisters”**



Dr. C. Griffith Mann will present a talk entitled “Unicorns and Heroes: John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Tapestries at The Met Cloisters,” an in-depth look at the Unicorn Tapestries and the Heroes Tapestries. The Unicorn Tapestries are among the most beautiful and complex works of art from the late Middle Ages that survive. Luxuriously woven in fine wool and silk with silver and gilded threads, the tapestries vividly depict scenes associated with a hunt for the elusive, magical unicorn. The Heroes Tapestries, representing the Hebrew heroes (Joshua and David), the Christian hero (King Arthur), and

the pagan heroes (Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar), are thought to have been made around 1400. Once part of a larger ensemble featuring Nine Heroes, these remarkable tapestries are among the earliest large-scale tapestries to survive from a moment when these ensembles were part of princely collections and are currently being conserved at the Met.

Dr. Mann was appointed The Metropolitan Museum of Art’s Michel David-Weill Curator in Charge of the Department of Medieval Art and The Cloisters in 2103. In this role, he is responsible for the medieval collections and curatorial staff in the Met’s main building and for directing the staff and operations of The Cloisters, the branch of the Metropolitan Museum dedicated to the art and architecture of medieval Europe. Dr. Mann received his B.A. in art history and history from Williams College and his Ph.D. in medieval art from The Johns Hopkins University. A specialist in the arts of late medieval Italy, he has published on civic patronage, painting, and devotion in Tuscany.

Griff is a graduate of Greenwich High School, class of 1987.

Next week: April 5, Jim Himes, U.S. Congressman, Representing Connecticut’s 4th district, “Conversation with Jim Himes.”

*The Greenwich Retired Men’s Association offers a free program every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. For additional information see [www.greenwichrma.org](http://www.greenwichrma.org) or contact us by email at [info@greenwichrma.org](mailto:info@greenwichrma.org).*