



RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
Invites you to its meeting **March 29, 2017** at
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT.

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“John Singer Sargent and Friends”



John Singer Sargent was an American artist (1856–1925), considered the "leading portrait painter of his generation" for his evocations of Edwardian era luxury. During his career, he created roughly 900 oil paintings and more than 2,000 watercolors, as well as countless sketches and charcoal drawings. Many of these subjects were his close friends. His *oeuvre* documents worldwide travel, from Venice to the Tyrol, Corfu, the Middle East, Montana, Maine, and Florida.

After a long period of critical disfavor, in part due to his ex-patriot life abroad and uncommon lifestyle, Sargent's reputation has increased steadily since the 1950s. In the 1960s, a revival of Victorian art and new scholarship directed at Sargent strengthened his reputation. Sargent has been the subject of large-scale exhibitions in major museums, including a retrospective exhibition at the Whitney Museum of American Art in 1986, and a 1999 "blockbuster" traveling show that was exhibited in Boston, Washington D. C. and London.

In 2015 the Met exhibited “Sargent: Portraits of Artists and Friends,” 90 images of artists, writers, actors, and musicians, many of whom were his close friends. Because these works were rarely commissioned, he was free to create images that were more radical than those he made for paying clients. He often posed these sitters informally—in the act of painting, singing, or performing, for example. The portraits constitute a group of experimental paintings and drawings—often intimate, witty sensual or highly charged—and will be the subject of Ms Knox's presentation.

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Next week: Colonel Perry Baltimore III, “CHAMPS: Children Against Mines Program”

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free program every Wednesday that is open to the public, both men and women; no reservations are required. Our social break starts at 10:40AM followed promptly by our speaker at 11:00AM. Programs are at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 West Putnam in Greenwich. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact info@greenwichrma.org