

Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park Welcome Wadsworth Atheneum Chief Conservator

What is involved in maintaining a Museum? On June 28, 2018, the Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park will continue its program, “Musings on Museums” as we take a look behind the scenes at a Museum. To explore this topic, we will welcome Ulrich Birkmaier, Chief Conservator of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford.



Mr. Birkmaier has explained, “As Chief Conservator of the Atheneum’s encyclopedic collections, I am responsible for the care, preservation, research and conservation of the more than 50,000 objects and paintings. Additional responsibilities include public outreach, preventive conservation, and environmental monitoring which includes storage, pest management, safe display, and standards for traveling works of art.”

Mr. Birkmaier, who joined the museum in 2000 as Paintings Conservator, has served since 2012 as the Chief Conservator. He received his diploma in Conservation from the Istituto Per L’Arte E Il Restauro in Florence, and completed his studies at the Doerner Institut, Bayerische Staatsgemaldehyesammlungen, Munich, Germany.

When Mr. Birkmaier was promoted to Chief Conservator, Robin Jaffee Frank, the Kriebler Curator of American Paintings and Sculpture said, “The museum’s commitment to the excellent care, preservation, treatment, and technical analysis of its vast collection is at the very core of its mission. We look forward to his continued leadership...”

The public is welcome to attend, at 7 p.m., at the Fort Trumbull Conference Center, this free presentation- the third in our 2018 series- *Musings on Museums*. New members are always welcome. Come early as seating is limited. Bring a friend, stay for refreshments, and get to know us.