CHS receives planning grant from CT Humanities
Richard Welling exhibit coming October 2014

Hartford, CT (January 2014) – A Public Presentation Grant of $18,273 has been awarded to the Connecticut Historical Society (CHS) by Connecticut Humanities (CTH) to develop an exhibit on Richard Welling, a noted Connecticut artist whose highly detailed ink drawings chronicled the changing architectural skyline of Hartford, New York City and other cities.

The exhibit, Richard Welling’s Hartford (working title), will open at CHS in October 2014 and is made possible by the CTH grant and the Welling family, who bestowed to CHS the contents of his Hartford studio in 2012, as well as financial support for the digitization of the collection. Over 5,000 items were included in the gift including sketches, photographs, drawing implements and finished works.

The main goal of the grant funds is to develop an overall plan and help give direction to the Welling collection and exhibit plan. The purpose of the grant is threefold: (1) to digitize the Welling prints and drawings in preparation in order to make them accessible for exhibition and public viewing, (2) to facilitate a panel of experts to interpret and prioritize the collection and to develop the themes of the exhibit (3) to organize a focus group of local community members, civic leaders and partners with the goal of assuring the exhibit delivers a relevant perspective on urban renewal and local community interests and concerns.

About the Connecticut Historical Society (@ConnHistSoc):

Founded in 1825, the Connecticut Historical Society is a non-profit museum, library, research and education center. CHS strives to inspire and foster a life-long interest in history and ignite a passion for learning about history through research assistance, exhibitions, tours and programs for all ages. Visit CHS online at chs.org or call 860-236-5621.

About Connecticut Humanities (@CTHumanities):

Connecticut Humanities (CTH) is a non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities that funds, creates and collaborates on hundreds of cultural programs across Connecticut each year. These programs bring together people of all ages and backgrounds to express, share and explore ideas in thoughtful and productive ways. From local discussion groups to major exhibitions on important historical events, CTH programs engage, enlighten and educate. Learn more by visiting cthumanities.org.