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“Stone Stories” A Special Lecture with Marble Sculptor Julie Warren Conn

PROGRAM: *Stone Stories* / a Sunday Lecture with Julie Warren Conn

DATE: Sunday, April 30, 2017, at 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to tour the Museum of East Tennessee History for free



(Knoxville, TN) In a special lecture on Sunday, April 30, Julie Warren Conn will discuss her career as a sculptor working with Tennessee Marble and will share her memories of an older generation of stone carvers in Knoxville, whom she describes as Italian, "true stone carvers, working as Michelangelo did centuries before...with simple hammers and chisel." The sculptors were employed by Candoro and Gray Eagle marble companies in Knoxville to work on several buildings in Washington, D.C.

A native of East Tennessee, Conn earned the first Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in Sculpture from the University of Tennessee. She and husband Dr. Philip Conn, retired president of Western Oregon University, now live in Lexington, Kentucky, where she maintains a studio and showroom. Her work can be seen in places ranging from the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C., to the Holiday Inn headquarters in Stamford, Connecticut. Her largest piece is a 30-ton installation outside GlaxoSmithKline's U.S. headquarters in the Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

The lecture is presented in conjunction with the East Tennessee Historical Society's feature exhibition *Rock of Ages: East Tennessee's Marble Industry*, on display at the Museum of East Tennessee History through May 14, 2017. The program is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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