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## *The Splendor of Cuba: 450 Years of Architecture and Interiors*

*Speaker: Michael Connors, Author and Adjunct Professor,  
New York University, New York, New York*

*Monday, May 5, 2014*

*1:15 pm Lecture with refreshments following*

*The Bruce Museum – One Museum Drive, Greenwich, Connecticut*

Michael Connors, Caribbean historian and design expert, is regarded as the expert and arbiter of West Indian architecture and decorative arts. He will deliver a lecture featuring photographs from his latest two books, *Havana Modern: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Architecture and Interiors*, (2014) and *The Splendor of Cuba: 450 Years of Architecture and Interiors*, (2012). Connors' lecture will focus on the stunning and architecturally important private homes and buildings that have been meticulously preserved, previously unphotographed and mostly inaccessible to visitors. His illustrated presentation represents the last 450 years of Cuban architecture and interiors from the baroque palacios and grand mansions of the colonial era through the art nouveau and art deco periods to the high modernism that prevailed just before Castro's revolution. Many of the island's cities will be featured including Trinidad, Santiago de Cuba, Pinar de Rio, Santa Clara, and Havana.

Michael Connors has more than thirty years of experience in writing, consultation, appraisals and teaching in fine and decorative arts fields. One of the world's leading scholars in the study and documentation of colonial-era furnishings of the Caribbean, he has worked throughout his distinguished career to promote wider understanding of these materials and to ensure their preservation. Connors received an MA from University of the Americas and a Ph.D in decorative arts from New York University where he taught decorative arts and appraisal methodology. He also taught European and American furniture courses at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. In 1987, Connors established his own company, Michael Connors International, a gallery in New York City.

The lecture will begin at 1:15 pm, with refreshments immediately following. Admission for non-members is \$20. *For reservations and information please email [greenwich.antiques.soc@gmail.com](mailto:greenwich.antiques.soc@gmail.com).*



*The Palacio de los Capitanes Generales*



*View of Ernest Hemingway's  
living room, Finca Vigia.*