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"What's Old Is New Again!" Reopening Weekend at Southold Historical Society July 1, July 3, and Ongoing at Southold Historical Society

The first few days of July are going to be exciting at Southold Historical Society. After the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in shuttered museum locations in 2020, the 2021 season promises to be extra special.

Southold Historical Society has announced that beginning on July 1, their museum locations will be reopening. Events are planned to celebrate this occasion.

On July 1 at 4pm, the museum will be revealing a new look – both a new logo and an updated name. After a brief ceremony, visitors are invited to explore the buildings which have been reinvigorated. Refreshments will be served.

In the Ann Currie-Bell house, the seasonal exhibit, "The Roaring Twenties," curated by volunteer Lee Cleary, will be on view. This exhibit offers a glimpse into this exciting decade including three overall themes: prohibition, rum-running, speakeasies; lifestyle and fashion; and women's suffrage. At the Thomas Moore/Samuel Landon house, the "Enslavement in Southold" exhibit has been reinterpreted to include the narrative of the enslaved people within the story of the house. Initially, the exhibit was contained to one room, but with the reinterpretation, the historic house now incorporates the enslaved people throughout — as would have been the case in the 1750s. Attendees at the July 1 kick-off celebration will get to be the first to preview these exhibits and more. The Reichert Family Barn has also been updated and includes new interpretive labels to help visitors guide themselves through.

Additionally, the shops at the Prince Building will be open on July 1. Volunteers at the popular Treasure Exchange Shop will welcome shoppers back to discover a unique find. All proceeds will benefit the museum.

On July 3 at 12:30pm, the museum is hosting a Brick Dedication at the Boxwood Garden on the Maple Lane Complex. After having to postpone last spring, all are invited to come celebrate the newest installation of commemorative bricks and share some of the sentiments behind them. Light refreshments will be served. Attendees are welcomed to tour the Maple Lane Complex following the ceremony. Regular hours at the Maple Lane Complex will be Saturday and Sundays from 1-4pm from July 3 to September 12.

The season would not be complete if it didn't also include the reopening of the Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse. Beginning on July 3, volunteers will greet visitors and guide them through the museum. The lighthouse tower is temporarily closed. Regular hours at the Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse will be Saturday and Sunday from 11am-4pm from July 3 to September 12.

Suggested admission, which includes access to both locations is \$5/adult and \$10/family. At the July 1, "What's Old Is New Again!" event at the Maple Lane Complex, all visitors are complimentary guests of Southold Historical Society.

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