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Southold Historical Museum

PROMOTING INTEREST IN AND EDUCATION ABOUT THE HISTORY OF SOUTHOLD

From the President

IT'S TIME FOR A BREAK !

With everything going on in the world, do you feel like you need a break?

Consider a visit to the Southold Historical Museum:

Prince Building -Treasure Exchange
& Museum Gift Shop.
54325 Main Rd., Southold.

Maple Lane Complex - over 10 interesting buildings.
55200 Main Rd., Southold.
Open Sat. & Sun. 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse.
3575 Lighthouse Rd., Southold.
Open Sat. & Sun. 11:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Bring the whole family.
People are friendly & knowledgeable.
Exhibits are very interesting.
Environment is picturesque & relaxing.
And you get in touch with the History of Southold.

Our dedicated volunteers will welcome you with a smile. You and your wallet will return home happy.

Questions? Call: 631 - 765-5500.

John E. Barnes

From the Executive Director

Currently, there is a long "to-do" list alongside my keyboard. Gone are the days of crossing everything off a to-do list. However, I think this is a good thing! We are a vibrant, productive museum filled with the energy of eager volunteers, inquisitive visitors, and dedicated staff. There are always ideas and projects in the works and more in the hopper. That's what keeps the Museum thriving! A completed to-do list is a farce.

As we head into the summer months, filled with activity, I want you to know how gratified we feel when you participate. Whether in-person, online, (via Zoom, social media, etc.) or on the telephone, when we see your name, we know we are doing something right. Connecting with you is significant. Thank you for that!

I am not going to highlight all the upcoming activities - I will let you read on. However, I would like to mention how wonderful it was to have thoughtful volunteers and young people taking part in Step Back in History Week after a two-year hiatus. Seeing the faces of the children is a great reminder of why we commit to fulfilling the mission of preserving history.

Many Thanks,

Deanna Witte-Walker

HISTORY AS YOU LIKE IT!



Fort Corchaug by Rosemary McKinley

Though the name sounds like defensive architecture, the Corchaug fort was used as a trading post. Of the eight known Native American stockade sites from the historical records, it is the only stockade which has been found. Fort Corchaug was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999. Robert Solecki, an archeologist from the area, conducted digs here that showed a log fort. It was a wampum producing center with wigwams, woodlot, creek, and treed area for protection. Today, it is found in Downs Farm Preserve, in Cutchogue. The actual fort cannot be seen today because what is left is underground. The present hamlet of Cutchogue took its name from the Corchaugs.

Wampum, or wampumpeag, is defined as a string of seashell beads. White beads came from whelk shells, and purple and black shells came from quahog shells. The purple color was considered more valuable.

Older people gathered the shells and piled them, washed, and cut them into shapes to be made into necklaces, and bracelets. These were then used as adornment. Wampum belts were also made to tell a story of an event that happened to the group.

People often say that wampum was used as money back then but that was by the European settlers. Shells were exchanged for goods, as a medium of exchange.



Step Back in History Week is Back!



Special thanks to our volunteers and all who participated in our recent Step Back in History Week! Students from local districts in kindergarten through sixth grade came to explore Southold's history. They visited the historic Maple Lane Complex, including the 1822 Bay View Schoolhouse where they learned about what it was like to take lessons in an historic one-room school; as well as the Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse, where they explored the community's rich maritime history. The children love the adventure and we're so thankful for the volunteers who offer their time to teach students about our local history.

BAINBRIDGE INTERNSHIP!



Do you know a student that would be right for the job? Encourage them to apply to work with us this summer! Deadline June 3, 2022. For more information visit our website or email info@southoldhistorical.org.

Upcoming Events

- May 28 - Horton Point Lighthouse Reopening/New Exhibit - Volunteers are anticipating your arrival at the lighthouse, which will be open Saturdays and Sundays between 11:30 am - 4:00 pm. The Nautical Museum will be hosting the new exhibit, "Undercover: Stories of Rum Running in Southold" which highlights the recollections of some local residents during Prohibition.
- June 4 - Pickleball Tournament - Pickleball has been described as an infectious game that promotes laughter, fun, and healthy activity. Join in the fun on June 4 from 8am-1pm, (rain date June 5) at Tasker Park. Preregistration is filled, but additional players might be needed the day of the event. You can also come to cheer on the players and participate in the raffle. Thank you to our sponsors, The Poliwoda Team and Maroni Southold.
- June 11 & 12 - Annual Yard Sale on the porch and lawn of the Prince Building at 54325 Main Rd., Southold. This year, we are offering two days to hunt for treasures! Main Rd. in Southold at 8:30am each day. No early birds please. Cash only. Kindly bring a reusable bag to bring home your finds. *We are accepting donations for the yard sale from members. Kindly call the office at 631.765.5500 to arrange drop off.* (Please note: while furniture is popular, we prefer only small, light pieces that can be moved by one person.) Thank you.
- July & August - Lighthouse Lecture Series sponsored by Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital. Keep your eyes out for a flyer in the mail soon.
- July & August - Summer Socials for members. These small gatherings in yards/patios area hosted by trustees and members. Look for more information in the mail as well.
- July 1-31 - *10 Squared* Online Exhibition and Sale - The ever popular *10 Squared* Online Exhibition and Sale is back. Don't miss your chance to purchase a unique, one of a kind piece by one of the many local artists who participate. The theme of this summer exhibit is entitled *Ten Squared: Paint the North Fork*. In this non-juried exhibition, artists submit pieces that are 10" x 10". Each work will be sold for \$100, half of which will benefit Southold Historical Museum.

Upcoming Events (con'td)

- July 2 - Maple Lane Complex Reopening/Summer Exhibit - The Maple Lane Museum Complex will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1pm - 4pm. Come see the new exhibit, *Summer Colonies of Southold* in the Mayne Gallery at the Ann Currie-Bell house. Southold has been a popular destination for many years, especially in the early-mid 1900s. Come discover the beginning of these various summer colonies.
- July 4 - Independence Day Parade - Look for the Southold Historical Museum parade float!
- July 16 - Sip of Summer Party - 5-7pm at the Reichert Family Barn on the Maple Lane Complex. Join us for a casual evening for members and friends with wine, hors d'oeuvres, and friendly company. Look for invitations in the mail.
- July 30 & 31 - Antiques Craft Fair - Southold Historical Museum is once again partnering with the Old Town Arts and Crafts Guild to present the Annual Antique, Fine Art, and Crafts Fair on July 30 and 31, 2022. Held at the Maple Lane Complex, the fair will have vendors selling fine art, antiques, pottery, photography, handmade crafts, and vintage treasures. The event supports both local non-profits. This has been a beloved summer favorite since 2016. The historic grounds coupled with the wide variety of vendors create a superb event. Live music makes it even more fun!
- August 6 - Ice Cream Social - After a two-year hiatus, the Ice Cream Social is returning on Saturday, August 6 from 1-4pm at the Maple Lane Complex. This family event offers fun, games, and history all wrapped into one. Entrance to the grounds is \$5 per adult. Kids 14 and under enter for free. Ice cream and food may be purchased on the site all day long.

Would you be interested in helping at one of the events? We know long-term commitment might be hard for some, but maybe you have a few hours to assist at the gate of the Antiques, Fine Art, and Crafts Fair or the Ice Cream Social? We would love to hear from you! 631.765.5500 or info@southoldhistorical.org



Participants from our Annual Scavenger hunt had a sunny, warm weekend to have an adventurous time exploring and learning about Southold!

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Museum Office: Mon. - Fri. 10am - 2pm
Museum Gift Shop: Mon. - Fri. 10am - 2pm, some Saturdays 11am - 2pm
Treasure Exchange: Thurs. - Fri. 10am - 4pm, Sat. 11am - 3pm
Nautical Museum at Horton Lighthouse: Sat. And Sun. 11:30am - 4pm
Maple Lane Complex: Sat. And Sun. 1pm - 4pm (beginning July 2)

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