

Southold Historical Museum PRESS RELEASE For Immediate release Press Contact: Deanna Witte-Walker, Executive Director

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## Southold, NY Southold Historical Museum Announces Annual Membership Drive

Southold Historical Museum's annual membership drive is underway! The Museum, made up of members living both locally and across the nation, is aiming to recruit new members and to encourage current members to renew at this time. Members are a central part of private non-profit (501c3) organizations like Southold Historical Museum. Not only does the museum benefit by having members, membership to Southold Historical Museum has its benefits too.

Members receive invitations to lectures, exhibits, and special events, discounts at the Museum Gift Shop, a quarterly newsletter, as well as a passport which includes a one-time-use complimentary admission to the Museum's multiple locations. Plus, new members receive a tote bag with the attractive logo.

Members support the many programs that take place throughout the year such as the Step Back in History program for local students, the lecture series, local art exhibits and sales, the Revolutionary War Reenactment, and the Candlelight Tour. They also help promote interest in and education about the history of Southold. Not only is the Museum charged with preserving the historical buildings and archives, it is also responsible for teaching about the local history through exhibitions, educational programs, guided tours, and more. Members help make this possible.

"I am not sure that the Museum would exist without its members," Executive Director Deanna Witte-Walker said. "Members help to support the mission while also fostering a sense of community pride. We hope that members also feel more connected to the Museum knowing they are helping contribute to the success."

There are various annual membership levels to choose from. Those who select higher levels of membership earn benefits such as invitations to a private social event and at some levels, private tours with the director. Businesses that might be interested in supporting the museum events are asked to inquire about the separate "Business Sponsorship" opportunities.

Although the membership drive kicks off in the month of February, it continues through the end of the year. Or course, new and renewing members are welcome at any time.

Annual memberships can be initiated or renewed online at <u>www.southoldhistorical.org/membership</u>. Membership envelopes are also available in the office at 54325 Main Rd., Southold. Additionally, envelopes can be requested in the mail by calling 631.765.5500 or emailing <u>info@southoldhistorical.org</u>. Southold Historical Museum's Office and Museum Gift Shop is open Monday through Friday from 10am-2pm.

For more information on this membership drive or any other museum programs, please call (631) 765-5500 or email <u>info@southoldhistorical.org</u>.