



Southold Historical Society

PROMOTING INTEREST IN AND EDUCATION ABOUT THE HISTORY OF SOUTHOLD

What's New?

See what Southold Historical Society has been doing to fulfill the society's mission!

“Cheers to 60 Years” Raffle

Southold Historical Society is pleased to announce the “Cheers to 60 Years” Raffle. The raffle which takes place from now through August 31 offers prizes for all different tastes. The ticket price is \$60. Call 631-765-5500 or visit our website:

www.southoldhistoricalsociety.org for more information!

We Have a Mystery!

Can you help? We shared this photo back in May, and we have received a few guesses as to where it might be. The photo shows two gas stations and the description says “the Elwood Garage area, looking west.” The image was taken by local photographer, Charles Meredith. See page 5 of our newsletter to see the image.



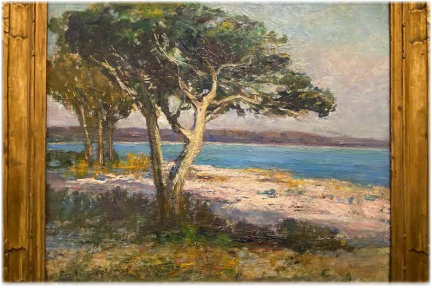
From the Director

Dear Society Members,

It has been a few months since we sent a newsletter, as we have all had to change the usual routine. But I hope that like we have here at the historical society, you have been able to persevere.

Since mid-March, the buildings have remained closed to the public. As you likely know, volunteers play a very large role in the function of the Society. The Board of Trustees has made the wise decision to prioritize the safety and well-being of those dedicated individuals by delaying opening of the buildings for an indeterminate period of time. For now, we will continue to avoid indoor interaction of our volunteers with the public, but we look forward to the time when we will be fully-open again.

Fortunately, despite this halt in some of our usual activity, the board, staff, and volunteers have been working on other initiatives to help fill these voids. This newsletter highlights many of these creativities. Plus, we have been augmented by the financial support of our community. Because of your generosity, we have been able to maintain the museums and sustain our programming (albeit in a new format). **(cont'd on page 2)**



Collections Corner: Artist Highlight

Caroline Bell (1874-1970) known as "Dolly," was a North Fork hunter/gatherer. She hunted beautiful outdoor vistas to paint and gathered a like-minded group of students and artists to accompany her on her adventures.

Born into a renowned family of studio photographers, Bell's family moved around a lot and lived mostly in hotels. Childhood summers were often spent in Mattituck. After her mother died in 1907, Bell moved to Mattituck, where she eventually built a home and studio.

Initially self-taught, she studied painting with Edward August Bell and Whitney Hubbard. Later, she became associated with painters in Rockport and Gloucester in Massachusetts, studying with Emile Gruppe and Anthony Thieme.

As a teacher, Bell never charged for lessons, living on family money and sales from her work. She would determine a North Fork spot to paint, and then place each student at what she felt was an ideal vantage point. She exhibited widely on Long Island, in New England, and in New York City, and was a member of many prominent art associations.

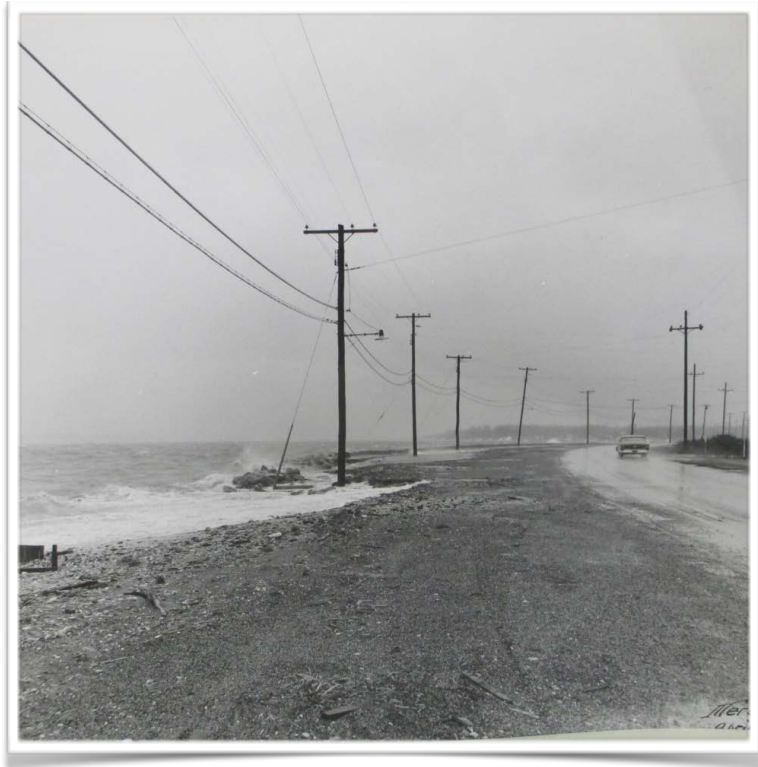
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And though the buildings are closed to the public, our staff has been busy working throughout the pandemic. In early June (NYS Phase 2), administrative staff was able to return to our office space. We have made a successful transition with some staff working from home and some in the Prince Building.

With kind regards,

Deanna Witte-Walker, Executive Director

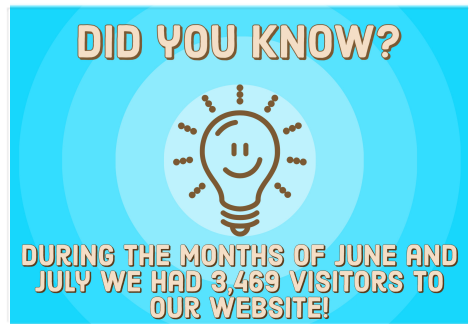
Collections Corner: Facebook Fan Favorite



This post from our Collections Corner gained a lot of attention from folks on Facebook and Instagram. It was our most popular with almost 3,000 views on Facebook! Here is what our collections manager, Amy Folk, had to say about this image!

"This photograph depicts the East Marion-Orient Causeway, in 1961, before the seawall was built.

In the foreground the waves have cut away enough of the land that the utility pole is in danger of collapse. Lester Albertson, the Town Supervisor at the time, requested the concerning area be photographed. And, the barrier and wall were installed along most of the length of the causeway to hold back the erosion. "



Collection Corner Featured Items List

If you missed any of our Collections Corner highlights, please check out our website for past posts! Here are a few items that we have featured over the past few months.

- The Albertson Livery.
- Painter, Whitney Myron Hubbard (1875 - 1965).
- Painter, Edith Mitchill Prellwitz (1864 - 1944).
- Painter, Thomas Currie-Bell (1873 - 1946).
- Thirteen stars and thirteen stripes flag found in a Southold home and donated by the Latson family.
- Painter, Joseph Beckwith Hartranft (1890 - 1982).
- 1900 Little- Wonder Vacuum Cleaner from the Willsway house on Hobart Street in Southold.
- Painter, Henry Prellwitz (1965 - 1940).
- Image of the cure-all blue glass pane in the Ann Currie-Bell house.

What Have We Been Up To At SHS?

Our Executive Director, Deanna Witte-Walker, states "Though our buildings are closed; Southold Historical Society is still "open"... and that couldn't be more true! We have been working diligently to fulfill the society's mission. Here is a glimpse into what we have been working on in response to the historic COVID-19 pandemic of 2020.

MISSION RELATED AND COMMUNITY EFFORTS

- Weekly featured highlights from the Society's collection, entitled Collections Corner. You can follow this via our weekly eBlast, our website, or on Facebook and Instagram.
- Featured local artists from the Society's collection, entitled Paintings Highlight. You can follow this also via our weekly eBlast, our website or on Facebook and Instagram.
- Blog Submissions: Society and community members have submitted to our blog which features personal narratives and historic photos of important times in Southold's history. Submissions include, Hurricane Gloria, The Northeast Blackout, Hurricane Carol and the Blizzard of '78. If you would like to read or submit to our blog, you can do so on our website.
- Virtual Exhibits: Our website features virtual exhibits that highlight the Ann Currie-Bell house, the Hallock and Currie-Bell family as well as the Story of Captain Henry Green.
- Our website underwent a major overhaul. It is now easy to navigate and is filled with fascinating information about local history, landmarks, and much more! New content is being added all the time...Please take a look when you get a chance!
- Virtual Ice Cream Social: 2019 saw the return of the Ice Cream Social and while we had plans for its return in 2020, the pandemic had other plans. Not to be deterred, we moved our social to a virtual platform! Join us Saturday, August 22 at 4 PM via Zoom for an event not to be missed!

What Have We Been Up To At SHS? (continued)

MISSION RELATED AND COMMUNITY EFFORTS CONTINUED

- Social Media: We have garnered a lot of attention on Facebook and Instagram with our weekly posts! Our viewership has increased significantly, and there has been a lot of fun dialogue about the unique history we present!

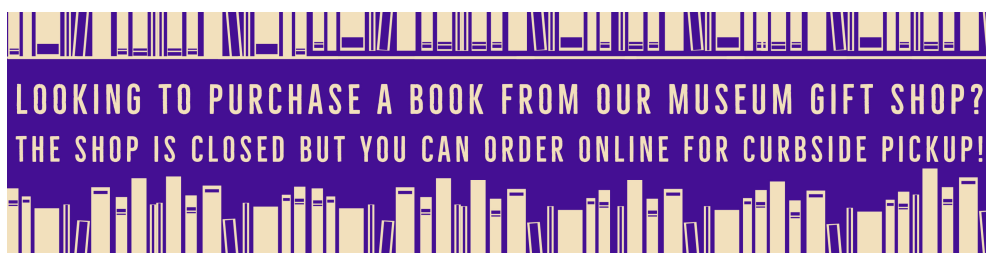
FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

- During the early days of the shutdown, we reached out to our community for support with a "Three Ways to Help" fundraising initiative. This initiative was a success and we saw an increase in membership!
- President's Initiative Campaign: We reached out to our members with our "Because Campaign." Like other museums and non-profits, we faced a crisis when we had to cancel fundraisers and events, which eliminated our ability to raise funds to support our annual property and museum expenses. We are grateful for everyone who participated.
- 10 Squared Art Exhibit and Sale: This year, the Art Exhibit and Sale, entitled: "Our Local Natural World" at Southold Historical Society went online. We had a very successful sale with almost 40 pieces of art sold! Thank you to all who supported this program.
- "Cheers to 60 Years Raffle": Our fundraising committee came up with this great idea that has been well received! Tickets can be purchased for \$60 through 8/31 for a chance to win one of five fantastic prizes!
- Summer Socials: Board Members graciously offered to host small cocktail parties at their homes. Each attendee has made a \$50 donation to the society. The offer has been well received and we were thrilled that despite the current situation, that so many are able to join us for one of our Summer Socials hosted by our generous board members!

BUILDING/EXHIBIT EFFORTS

Over the past few months, much has been accomplished to help improve our buildings and grounds. Here is a sampling of some of the work that has been accomplished!

- Barn, Barn Annex, Barn Attic and Buttery - artifacts, tools and equipment oiled, cleaned, and organized.
- Horton Point Lighthouse - painting of posts in lighthouse basement with dry lock.
- Large garbage items disposed of and transfer of textile shelving and boxes to the Collections Center.



We Have a Little Mystery!



Can you help us identify where this photo was taken?

The description we have of the photo is "the Elwood Garage area, looking west." Two sets of gas pumps, Sinclair and Socony, are identifiable in the photo as well as Elwood Garage. Across the street is Fischer's garage.

We would love to expand the description. Please share what you know and remember. Perhaps you might even have another photo of the garage you'd like to share? You can reach us via email at info@southoldhistorical.org , our website www.southoldhistoricalsociety.org or via phone at 631-765-5500.



Coming Soon & Looking Ahead...

Here is a little view of some upcoming and exciting new things happening at Southold Historical Society!

- August 22, 2020 at 4 PM. To register for the virtual Ice Cream Social or to view our new Virtual Exhibit, please log on to our website, www.southoldhistoricalsociety.org!
- Another online Art Exhibit and Sale is being planned for late fall. You won't want to miss it!
- The Board is discussing alternate plans to celebrate the Annual Tree Lighting.
- The annual Winter Lecture Series is in development. Look for it later this year!
- Our Executive Director wants to put a call out to you, our members. You will notice that since we have fewer in-person programs and events right now, this newsletter has a different focus. We have tried to include updates about some of the virtual happenings (especially for those who do not go online) and to also share some more collection related information. Perhaps you have been doing some reading or research during the pandemic that you would like to share? Or perhaps you live in an historic home that others would like to read about? We invite you to write a short article or poem for the newsletter. For more questions or comments, please reach out to me at d.walker@southoldhistorical.org or 631.765.5500 ext 2.



SOUTHOLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WE'VE GONE VIRTUAL!!

TUNE IN VIA ZOOM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 FROM 4 - 5 PM!!

- LIVE PERFORMANCE BY BRADY RYMER.
- CHILDREN'S READ ALOUD BY SOUTHOLD FREE LIBRARY'S CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN DANA BRUEY.
- SLIDESHOW OF PAST ICE CREAM SOCIALS.
- ICE CREAM MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS.
- ICE CREAM SUNDAE KITS FOR \$20 AVAILABLE FROM COUNTRY CORNER CAFÉ.

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VIRTUAL EXHIBIT



HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW VIRTUAL EXHIBIT BY SOCIETY VOLUNTEER AND HORTON POINT LIGHTHOUSE ENTHUSIAST, MARY KORPI? VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

SHS Brain Teaser!

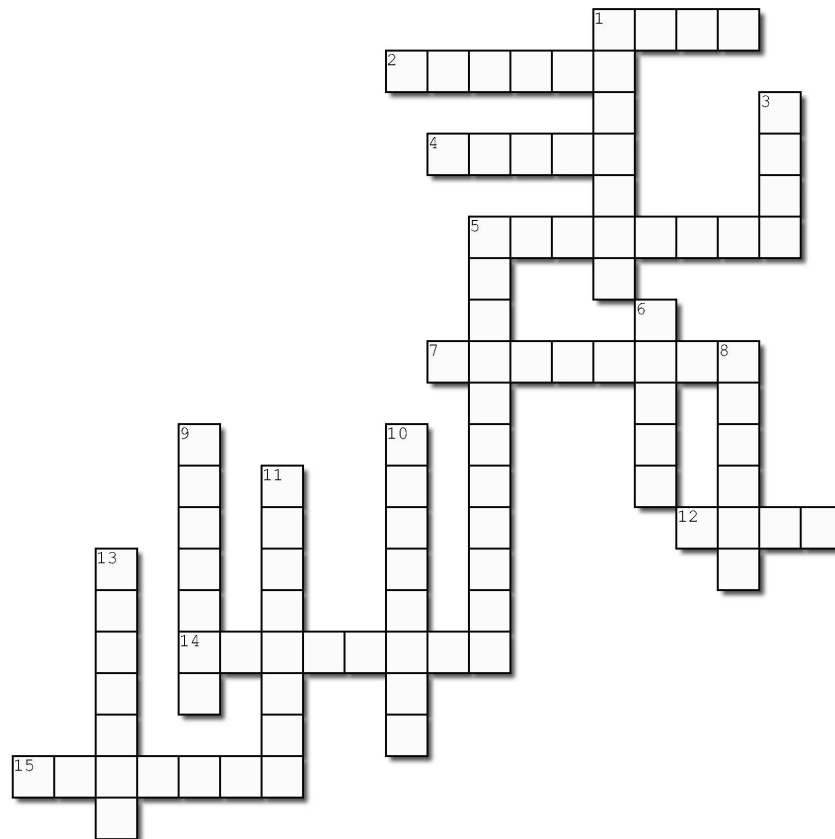
Who doesn't love a good puzzle? We decided to do something new and fun to test your knowledge about what's new at Southold Historical Society. Try your hand at the puzzle.....this one could earn you a \$25 Visa Gift Card! All you have to do is complete this crossword puzzle and send it in for a chance to win!

Name: _____

SHS Newsletter Crossword Challenge.

Phone: _____

Complete the crossword puzzle, then send in your completed puzzle back to:
 Southold Historical Society, PO Box 1, Southold, NY 11971 for a chance to win a \$25 Visa Gift Card.
 Thank you to our Gift Card Sponsor Peconic Energy Corp.



Across

1. Our website features a _____ submitted by community members and includes personal narrative and historic photos about topics such as Hurricane Gloria and the Blizzard of '78.
2. Southold Historical Society is holding a _____ to celebrate it's 60th Anniversary.
4. Facebook and Instagram are examples of Social _____.
5. The most popular post on Facebook was a photograph that depicts the East Marion - Orient _____.
7. We have a photo mystery of a picture of _____ Garage.
12. We gained new membership through our fundraising initiative 'Three Ways to _____.'
14. Our website features virtual _____ that highlight Ann Currie - Bell House, Captain Henry Green and others.
15. This year our Ice Cream Social went _____!

Down

1. The President's Initiative was the ' _____ Campaign.'
3. During the months of June and _____ our website had 3,469 visitors!
5. Our new weekly highlight of items from the Society archives is called _____ Corner.
6. The 10 Squared Art Sale was entitled: Our _____ Natural World.
8. Board Members hosted small cocktail parties called ' _____ Socials' to help support the society.
9. The photographer of the mystery photo was _____ Meredith.
10. The Collections Corner featuring local artists from the society's collection is called ' _____ Highlight.'
11. Our website underwent a major _____.
13. The Barn, Barn Annex, Barn Attic, and the _____ were thoroughly cleaned and organized.



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