

## Southold Historical Society PRESS RELEASE

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June 17, 2020 Southold, NY Southold Historical Society Announces New Website

"Though our buildings are closed; Southold Historical Society is still 'open'," states Society Executive Director Deanna Witte-Walker. Southold Historical Society's newly updated website is filled with fascinating information about local history, landmarks, and much more.

In an effort to fulfill its mission to create and promote interest and to further knowledge in history, education, and culture, Southold Historical Society has increased their efforts to provide material that is relevant to a variety of different interests. Have fond memories as a camper at Pinecrest Dunes Camp? Check out their website. Want to discover more about Albert Einstein's time spent on the North Fork? Check out their website. Curious about that building in the Hamlet which you walk past every day? You guessed it – check out their website.

Southold Historical Society may not be able to open its doors at this time; however, their website is "open" 24/7. Plus, new content is being added all the time. For example, just last week, the Society posted four virtual exhibits on their site. These virtual exhibits highlight the Ann Currie-Bell house which is a c. 1900 house that has been the foundation of the Society since 1960, the Hallock and Currie-Bell family, and the Story of Captain Henry Green, a whaling captain of Sag Harbor.

Southold Historical Society maintains 3 museums locations – the Main Road Museum Complex, the Nautical Museum in Horton Point Lighthouse and an office, archives and shops at the Prince Building. Though people cannot visit the museums right now, they can hear and read these same narratives online via the virtual exhibits.

Society Executive Director, Deanna Witte-Walker states, "I am proud of the accomplishments of our talented staff here at Southold Historical Society. Both the updated website and the virtual exhibits were done in house. Rachel Johnson, our office administrator, is a technological wiz and has a keen eye for aesthetics and Amy Folk, our Manager of Collections is a wealth of historical information and also has a great 'radio voice'." She continues, "This is a great example of the substantial work that can be done from home. Our Board of Trustees has had the insight to encourage such projects throughout the quarantine and the result has been successful.

The website address is <a href="www.southoldhistoricalsociety.org">www.southoldhistoricalsociety.org</a>. To provide feedback, including but not limited to suggestions for additional topics of interest for the website, please email <a href="mailto:info@southoldhistorical.org">info@southoldhistorical.org</a>.