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Series of Mini-lectures at Horton Point Lighthouse

Southold Historical Society is pleased to offer a series of “mini-lectures” this summer season at Horton Point Lighthouse. With a nautical museum housed inside the lighthouse, the museum has decided to broaden the perspective by offering talks which are centered around a maritime theme on the front porch and lawn. All lectures are free. Attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chair.

July 10, 2021 at 2pm. “Ever Wonder What It Is Like to Live at a Lighthouse?” by Mary Korpi.
Rain date, July 11, 2021 at 2pm.

Join us for an engaging look into the life of the only lady lighthouse keeper to serve at Horton Point in Southold. Stella Maria Prince Terry lived at the lighthouse from 1870 through 1904, more than half of her life, and yet she was the official keeper for a mere 16 months. What was it like to live at 'the edge of the world'?

Mary Korpi, a docent at Horton Point, has done extensive research into the history of the Prince family and Stella in particular. She will speak to some of the fascinating details of this courageous woman who casts off society's restrictions and dedicates herself to the work of a lighthouse keeper.

Saturday, July 23, 2021 at 2pm. “Shipwrecks of Dead Man’s Cove” by Ben Gonzalez. Rain date Sunday, July 24, 2021 at 2pm.

Ben Gonzalez, a lighthouse volunteer, oyster farmer, and retired marketing executive, will share the stories he uncovered while doing research for the “Dead Man’s Cove” exhibit. Historically, the hidden boulders and the underwater sandbar were particularly troublesome and at times, perilous, for navigators on the Long Island Sound before Horton Point Lighthouse was operational. The stories of these shipwrecks are both fascinating and frightening.

Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 2pm. “Rum-running off Horton Point” by Amy Folk. Rain date Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 2pm.

Amy Folk, who is the Southold Historical Society Manager of Collections, Southold Town Historian and the Oysterponds Historical Society Collections Manager, will share the intriguing history of rum-running in the waters around Horton Point Lighthouse. During the Prohibition,

the shoreline offered an ideal location for this dangerous but lucrative operation. Join us to learn more about rum-running that took place right off the coast.

Saturday, August 21, 202 at 2pm. “Cool Animals of Long Island Sound” by Mark Cappellino.
Rain date Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 2pm.

Mark Cappellino, a marine educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension for 28 years, will present “Cool Animals of Long Island Sound.” Enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to come learn about the species that live in our local waters. Mark will explore animals such as sharks, seals, whales and sea turtles. This talk will be geared for young people as well as adults.

Regular hours at the Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse are Saturday and Sunday from 11:30am-4pm from July 3 to September 12. The lighthouse tower is temporarily closed. Suggested admission is \$5/adult and \$10/family and includes admission to the Maple Lane Complex. Parking at Horton Point Lighthouse is available in the Southold Park District’s lot a fee (if not a Southold Park District resident). Street parking is by Southold Town Permit only.

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