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“Summer Colonies of Southold” Exhibit at Southold Historical Museum

Beginning July 2, “Summer Colonies of Southold”, Southold Historical Museum’s 2022 summer exhibition, will be on display at the Museum’s Maple Lane Complex. Each summer, the Museum opens the historic home of its founder, Ann Hallock Currie-Bell, within which a seasonal exhibition is curated. This year’s exhibition brings to life the lively history of the emergence of summer colonies in Southold.

Since the 1800s, people have been coming to the North Fork by ferries, trains, and roads to enjoy the bucolic setting. The Roaring Twenties began the start of the Summer Colonies defined as a group of buildings of a permanent type of construction, containing separate living accommodations primarily for non-transient vacation or recreational purposes for families or adults on a seasonal basis for hire (<https://www.lawinsider.com/dictionary/summer-colony>.) These colonies suffered economic losses during the 1930s Depression, and cottages were sold. The farms, picturesque towns, and proximity to the water has drawn people to the North Fork continually over the centuries. Visitors will explore several colonies throughout the exhibit – Beixedon Estates, Laughing Waters, Goose Bay Estates, Paradise Shores to name just a few. Memories of those who summered in the colonies are included in the exhibit as well as photographs, paintings, and ephemera.

“Summer Colonies of Southold” will be on exhibit at the Mayne Gallery inside the Ann Currie-Bell House on the Museum’s Maple Lane Complex at 55200 Main Rd., Southold, NY 11971. In addition to this historic 1900 house, the complex features the Thomas Moore House, the Reichert Family Barn, the Bayview Schoolhouse, as well as number of other buildings. The hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4pm from July 2 to September 18. Suggested admission is \$5 per adult and \$10 per family which includes a passport for admission to the Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse.

For more information on this event or any other museum programs, please call (631) 765-5500 or email info@southoldhistorical.org.