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Southold Historical Museum's Winter Lecture Series sponsored by NOFO Real Estate "Local Farming through the Years"

Southold Historical Museum is pleased to announce the 2023 Winter Lecture Series sponsored by NOFO Real Estate. With an in-person format this year, the theme is "Local Farming through the Years." Along with fishing, farming is perhaps one of the most noted industries of Southold Town's history. The fertile land and access to the sea for shipping made Southold an ideal agricultural site. The Winter Lecture Series will highlight this important legacy.

The first lecture "The Wickham Family's Farming Tradition" will be held on January 18, 2023 at 4pm at the Southold Town Recreation Center at 970 Peconic Lane, Peconic, NY 11958. The guest speaker, Tom Wickham, will share the Wickham family's long farming heritage dating as far back as the 1600s. The family has been farming continually for many generations, even as the agricultural trade has transformed through the centuries.

Tom Wickham and his family own Wickham's Fruit Farm in Cutchogue. Wickham is a former Southold Town Supervisor and a research scientist by training.

Deanna Witte-Walker, Southold Historical Museum's executive director, stated, "The theme for this year's Winter Lecture Series is such a natural fit as so many of us have fallen in love with the farmland that surrounds us. These talks, some of which will be presented by active farmers, offer a unique opportunity to understand this vital part of our history. We are extremely grateful to the speakers and to NOFO Real Estate who are sponsoring this program."

The Winter Lecture Series is presented free and open to the public. Programs such as these support the mission of Southold Historical Museum to promote interest in and education about our local history. The Museum is indebted to the community for its support and specifically to NOFO Real Estate for their sponsorship of the "Local Farming through the Years" Winter Lecture Series.

For more information on this event or any other museum programs, please call (631) 765-5500 or email info@southoldhistorical.org. The "Local Farming through the Years" Lecture series continues in February with speaker Al Krupski and March with speaker Mark Torres.