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Southold Historical Society

PROMOTING INTEREST IN AND EDUCATION ABOUT THE HISTORY OF SOUTHOLD

From the President

Ready, Set, Go.

After almost eighteen long months, Southold Historical Society is reopening its doors starting July 1. Volunteers will be ready to welcome you back to the Treasure Exchange, the Maple Lane Complex and the Prince Building. The Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse will also be open on weekends starting July 3.

Please plan to visit us and see what's new. Those of you who have visited before will notice many changes. Our buildings, barn and barn annex have been cleaned out and items that are exhibited are easy to see. New signs have been installed around our complex with historical notations, and new exhibits are being installed in both the Ann Currie-Bell house and the Thomas Moore house.

Those of you who are visiting for the first time, please enjoy our beautiful grounds, sit down and relax on our benches or picnic tables. Enjoy our boxwood garden and brick dedication walkways. Look at our refreshed exhibits and soak in part of Southold's great history.

Small town America is thriving in Southold. Please help us continue to thrive by participating in and supporting our events. Securing, keeping and documenting Southold's old history and new evolving history is what we do.

Janet W. Larsen

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From the Executive Director

Lately, I am reminded of when I was a little girl and company was coming over. "Vacuum the floors." "Straighten the pillows." "Make sure there is no clutter." Here at the museum, we are anxiously anticipating the coming season as we welcome visitors back to all locations. We look forward to seeing your faces both as volunteers and visitors. Having company is great!

"What's Old Is New Again!" While we are sprucing up and making improvements, we are ensuring that COVID safety protocols are in place. There is much to look forward to in the coming months.

We invite you to bring your family and friends and join us outside on July 1 for the Kickoff Celebration. Come discover what's new at the Maple Lane Complex. On July 2, we are hosting a members-only open house at the Collections Center - a behind the scenes look at how some of our collections are being safely stored. Come back on July 3 when we will have a Brick Dedication at the beautiful boxwood garden.

Of course, dedicated volunteers will also be greeting visitors at the perennial favorite, the Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse, which will be open Saturdays and Sundays beginning July 3.

Here's to the Summer 2021 Season!

Deanna Witte-Walker

Deanna Witte-Walker



Collections Corner: Facebook Fan Favorite

This image was featured in our Collections Corner and was our most popular Facebook post this quarter. There were 954 engagements! This means that almost 1000 people didn't just scroll past our picture...they interacted, clicked, liked, shared our post, or visited our website to learn more!!

It was the Summer of 1961 at Southold Town Beach, and you can still see Jack's Shack, the small white building at the edge of the parking lot. Jack's Shack used to serve burgers and snacks to hungry beach-goers, there in front of the parking lot. Not only has Jack's Shack disappeared, but a good portion of the shoreline in the background is also now gone.

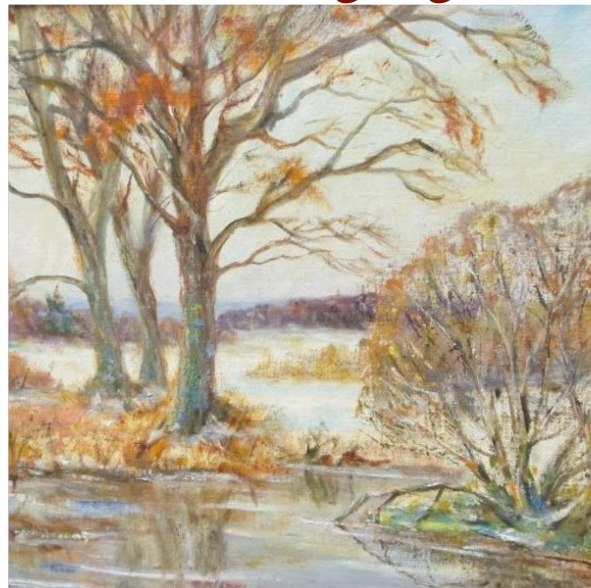
This is Un-BEE-lievable!



256%!!!!

In March and April of 2020 there were 1600 visitors to our website. In March and April of 2021 there were 4100 visitors! We improved our website traffic by a whopping 256%!

Collections Corner: Artist Highlight



Helen Kroeger was a part of Caroline ("Dolly") Bell's merry band of friends and artists who crisscrossed the North Fork seeking ever more beautiful vistas for their plein air painting excursions. One can only begin to imagine the painting, critiquing and picnicking that took place on these artistic adventures.

Helen Kroeger was born in New York City, where she first trained as a schoolteacher. She then studied at the venerable Art Student's League, under the guidance of such important painters as George Grosz and Frank Vincent du Monde. Kroeger, who is sometimes classified as a "Peconic Impressionist," actually painted in a broad range of styles, from traditional landscapes to an almost expressionistic paintings, always with a light and elegant touch paired with a keen and discerning eye. She began visiting and painting on the North Fork in the 1930's.

In New York, in the early 1940's, she met Otto Kurth, a successful, Munich-born illustrator and painter of maritime scenes. Kurth was married and never divorced, but moved to Mattituck with Helen Kroeger permanently in the 1960's. They built a life and a home and a studio, known as "The Anchorage" there. They became an intrinsic part of the artists' community on the North Fork. Helen became especially close to Caroline Bell, who lived nearby in Mattituck.

When Kurth's wife Julia died in 1965, he and Helen finally married. Tragically, he died just a few weeks after they wed.

Helen Kroeger was listed in the Blue Book of American Painters and showed her work frequently at both the Old Town Arts and Crafts Guild and the Little Gallery in Mattituck. She also exhibited her work at other important venues, including the Museums at Stony Brook (today's Long Island Museum) and the Guild Hall in East Hampton and at other venues across Long Island. She continued to teach and paint in Mattituck until her death in 1986.



We will be relying on volunteers to welcome visitors and share their enthusiasm. As a member we know you value the museum's mission of promoting interest in and education about the history of Southold. Would you consider volunteering at Southold Historical? We would really enjoy your company!

Some of the committees that will be looking for assistance are:

- Lighthouse Keepers (guides) at the Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse greet visitors and share their favorite artifacts/knowledge of the museum.
- Maple Lane Complex Docents (guides) - There is so much to discover at the Maple Lane Complex. Not to worry - no one expects you know it all.
- Treasure Exchange Shopkeepers - As the Treasure Exchange reopens, friendly faces are needed to help maintain the shop and ring up sales.

Looking ahead, we are also seeking volunteers for the Annual Candlelight Tour and Tree Lighting.

Training is provided for all of these volunteer positions. COVID safety protocols will be followed. Please email info@southoldhistorical.org or call 631.765.5500 if you are interested or if you have any questions.

What Are We Up to at SHS?



*Founders Boat Yard Southold by Diane Alec Smith
for the Summer 2021 10 Squared Art Sale entitled Summer Solstice.*

MISSION RELATED AND COMMUNITY EFFORTS

- We have added some new labels inside the Reichert Family Barn. There are so many great artifacts on display, that we could not highlight them all. However, a number of sleighs, carriages, and carpentry tools have new signage. Be sure to check it out when you come for the reopening.
- Wine by the Vines - Guests of Southold Historical Society are generously welcomed to the patio of Pellegrini Vineyards at tables overlooking the grape vines. The afternoon offers unlimited Pellegrini wines, gourmet sandwiches, petit sweets, and non-alcoholic beverages too! Tickets are \$50 each person and can be purchased by visiting our website. For any questions or for assistance, please call the office at 631-765-5500 or email info@southoldhistorical.org.
- 10 Squared Art Sale - The museum's online fundraising exhibit and art sale is returning this summer. The theme of this summer exhibit is entitled "Ten Squared: Summer Solstice." Each work will be sold for \$100, half of which will benefit Southold Historical Society. The online exhibit and sale will begin on the summer solstice, June 20, and continue through July 31, 2021. Don't miss your chance to own a one of a kind piece of art from local artists!
- Antiques, Arts and Crafts Fair - YAY- this terrific event with our friends at the Old Town Arts and Crafts Guild returns! Stop by on July 24 and 25 between 9am-4pm to explore all the great offerings. \$5 suggested donation per adult for entry which includes a door prize ticket.

What Have We Been Up to at SHS? (continued)

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

- Annual Yard Sale – June 19, 8:30am to 2pm at the Prince Building. Come hunt for great finds at the annual yard sale. This year the sale returns to Father's Day weekend on the Prince building porch and lawn.
- Summer Socials will be returning once again at the homes of generous board members and volunteers. More information will be posted on our website, and keep an eye out for a flyer in the mail.
- Summer Raffle – This new fundraiser was so well-received, the committee decided to bring it back as an annual activity. You and your neighbors will be receiving a mailing with information about this year's summer raffle with multiple prizes. Please consider purchasing a ticket or two and encourage your friends to support Southold Historical as well.

A Message About Charitable Giving from East End Financial Group



"Charitable giving plays an important role in our community and is very fulfilling when we have a personal connection to the organization. The North Fork benefits from multiple charities that are primarily supported by donations. This article will highlight two strategies that could provide greater financial benefits for the donor than writing a check or giving cash. Gifting appreciated securities or a qualified charitable distribution may be a better option for you.

Gifting appreciated securities, such as stocks, bonds, or shares of a mutual fund, can benefit both the donor and the charity. Most non-profit organizations, including Southold Historical Society, are equipped to receive securities as donations. Instead of selling a security and then donating the proceeds, the securities are transferred in-kind from the donor's account directly to the charity's account. The donor does not have to sell the security and realize capital gains to make the gift, which often results in a larger donation to the charity and a greater deduction for the donor.

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from an individual retirement account (IRA) is another tax efficient method of donating. People with an Individual Retirement Account can use the qualified charitable distribution at age 70½. At age 72, the IRA owner must take the required minimum distributions each year regardless of if they need or want the money. The required minimum distribution counts as taxable income for the IRA owner. The qualified charitable distribution can satisfy the required minimum distribution with a direct transfer of up to \$100,000 per year to charity. Since the QCD goes directly to the charity, the distribution does not count toward the IRA owner's income.

The decision and potential benefits from gifting appreciated securities or using the qualified charitable distribution depend on each individual's unique situation. As always, you should consult with your accountant and financial advisor before pursuing any investment or tax strategies."

Source: Fidelity Charitable: What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution? <https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/philanthropy/qualified-charitable-distribution.html>

Fidelity Charitable: 9 Ways to Reduce Your Taxable Income by Giving to Charity. <https://www.fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/charitable-tax-strategies/reduce-taxable-income.html>

If you would like to discuss this further or speak with the museum's advisors, please contact Southold Historical Society's Executive Director, Deanna Witte-Walker, at 631-765-5500 Ext. 2.

“What’s Old Is New Again!” – A Weekend Celebration

The first weekend in July is going to be special. In addition to parades and barbecues, the days leading up to July 4 promise to be busy here at Southold Historical.

- On July 1 at 4pm, we will be revealing a new look – both a new logo and an updated name. (Don’t worry, it will still be an ode to all we hold dear.) After a brief ceremony, join us for some light refreshments. This offers the perfect opportunity to explore the buildings, as all of them will be open.
- On July 2 from 11am-1pm, we invite all members to an open house at the Henry and Caroline Elfers Collections Center (behind Founders Tavern). As members, you have helped preserve the historic collection for future generations. Come for a behind the scenes look, and learn more about how we are caring for these artifacts.
- On July 3, we will be meeting at the Boxwood Garden at 12:30pm for a Brick Dedication. After having to postpone last spring, we invite anyone with an interest to come celebrate the new installation of the bricks and share some of the sentiments behind them. Light refreshments will be served.

After the kick off, visitors will be welcomed to the Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse and the Maple Lane Museum Complex Saturdays and Sundays from July 3 through Sept. 12. The Nautical Museum lighthouse plans to have some special features throughout the season on themes related to Horton Point Lighthouse and its history - for example, *Shipwrecks in Dead Man’s Cove*, *Lighthouse Keeper Stella Prince*.

July brings the reopening of Treasure Exchange and expanded hours at the Museum Gift Shop. The Treasure Exchange will have a slightly different feel but will be as friendly as always. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

Currently, the Museum Gift Shop is open on Fridays from 11am-3pm and other weekdays by appointment, but come July these hours will be expanding.



Scenes from Discover
Southold Scavenger Hunt!



Virtual Lecture on Culper Spy Ring by Bill Bleyer
May 22 10am

Wine by the Vines @ Pellegrini Vineyards
June 10 from 3-5pm

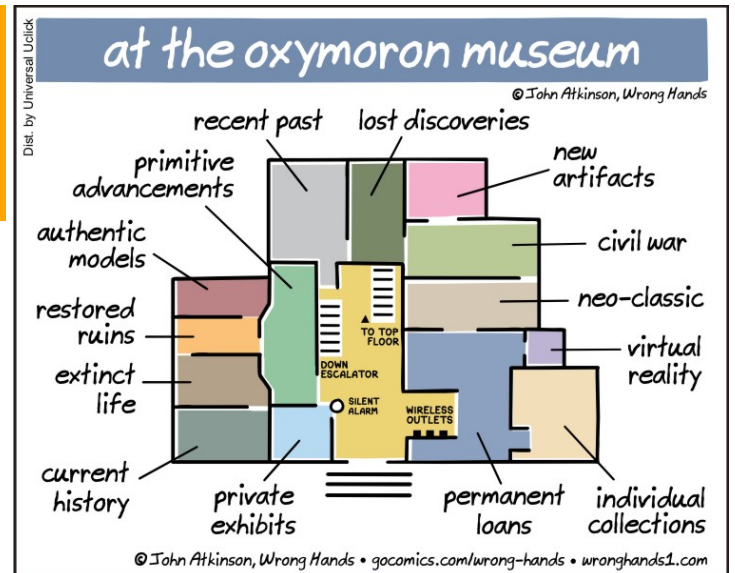
Annual Yard Sale - June 19

What's Old is New Again! July 1- July 3

Horton Point Lighthouse Opening Weekend
July 3 & 4

Online Art Sale and Exhibition:
June 20 - July 31

Antiques, Arts & Crafts Fair
July 24 & 25



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