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Southold Historical Museum Kicks Off Winter Lecture Series: "Farm to Table: A Not so New Concept"

Southold Historical Museum is pleased to announce the 2024 Winter Lecture Series, "Farm to Table: A Not So New Concept." For centuries, farming has been integral to life on the North Fork. In recent years, there has been a vibrant "Farm to Table" movement wherein chefs and home cooks prepare locally-sourced food. The Winter Lecture Series will explore this growing trend and examine the history behind it.

The first lecture "The Emergence of a True North Fork Cuisine" will be held on February 15, 2024, at 4pm at the Southold Town Recreation Center at 970 Peconic Lane, Peconic, NY 11958. The guest speaker, Chef John Ross, is an expert in local food and wine. From the days of Indigenous People to the British, to the Eastern Europeans, and to recent years, people have been living off the land. Ross will demonstrate how the years of farming and cooking have evolved into North Fork Cuisine.

John Ross first came to the North Fork in 1973 after graduating Cornell School of Hotel Administration and purchased the Carriage House Restaurant in Southold, renaming it Ross' North Fork Restaurant. He was the chef/owner for the next 27 years. Many would consider Ross a pioneer of the Farm to Table movement. He cooked from scratch using local fresh ingredients procured from farm stands, seafood markets, and local wineries at a time when people were embracing convenience foods. He has since published numerous books including "The Food and Wine of the North Fork," "The Story of North Fork Wine" and "The Poetry of Cooking."

Deanna Witte-Walker, Southold Historical Museum's executive director, stated, "John Ross is revered as a Chef. He is a legend on the North Fork and beyond. He is also a thoughtful speaker whose generous manner is apparent when he speaks. We are so fortunate that he is kicking off our Series."

The Winter Lecture Series is 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 The Poliwoda Team of Douglas Elliman Real Estate for their sponsorship of the "Farm to Table: A Not so New Concept" 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 "Farm to Table: A Not so New Concept" Lecture

series continues through early spring with other guest speakers. More information to follow.
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