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Treasure Exchange Shop to Reopen July 1

Southold Historical Society's Treasure Exchange is reopening on July 1, 2021. The all-volunteer run shop has long been a fundraiser for the museum. When the pandemic hit last spring, like all the other shops, the Treasure Exchange had to shutter its doors. The Board of Trustees decided that for the safety of the volunteers, the shop would remain closed until the effects of COVID-19 eased up. Fortunately, that time has come, and the Board voted to reopen the shop beginning July 1, when the other museum locations will be reopening for the season as well.

Shoppers who have frequented the Treasure Exchange in the past know that it offers unique items and fun finds. Volunteers are busy creating the enjoyable environment that visitors have loved. But there is one difference. All of the merchandise being offered has been donated, so 100 percent of the proceeds will be retained by the museum. Not to worry, the volunteers still have their same high standards. The Society is taking this opportunity to broaden the selection at the Treasure Exchange as well. The classic gifts will still be available, jewelry, collectibles, art, etc. But shoppers will also be able to choose from items with a more modern feel.

Society Executive Director, Deanna Witte-Walker, states, "We are excited to reopen the shop and welcome back the smiling faces of shoppers. The hamlet has seen a resurgence of visitors, so now is the perfect time to invite them to support their local museum by shopping at the Treasure Exchange."

The Society is hoping that when their neighbors are redecorating or cleaning out the kitchen cabinets, they will donate their gently-used treasures to the Treasure Exchange. For a list of items they are seeking, please visit the Treasure Exchange page on the museum's website.

To begin, hours will be Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am-4pm. Volunteers are hoping to be able to open on some Sundays and possibly other weekdays, once the season is underway. Donations will be limited to two (2) boxes and will be accepted Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 10-2.

For more information on any other society programs, please call 631.765.5500 or visit [www.southoldhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.southoldhistoricalsociety.org).