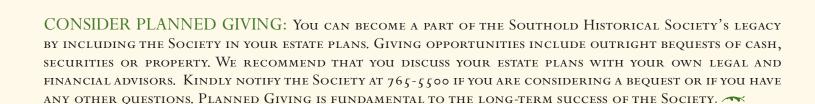


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#### \*\*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS \*\*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 3, 8pm – "Annual Lecture Series" – Join us at Peconic Landing for the fall lecture series. Please see the list of lectures elsewhere in the newsletter and remember to call and reserve your spots as seating is limited. Thank you!

OCTOBER 19 – DECEMBER 13 – "Fall Exhibit" – This fall the Society will present an exhibition entitled "No Peeking: A History of Prostitution on the North Fork." The exhibit will be on display at the Reichert Family Center Thursday-Saturday, 1-4pm through mid-December, and the opening reception will take place on Friday, October 17, 5:00-6:30pm.

OCTOBER 20-28 – "Step Back in History Week" – Children from schools all over the North Fork come to the Society for a series of educational (and fun!) activities. Nearly 500 children will attend this series again where they will learn about daily life in the past. Contact your local school to make sure your children are participating!

NOVEMBER 13, 12-8pm – "Harvest Dinner" – Join us on November 13th from 12noon - 8pm for our annual Harvest Dinner. The dinner, which will take place at the Soundview Restaurant, will feature "comfort food" as we begin our descent into the winter months. Tickets are \$25 per person and there will also be a 50/50 cash raffle. Entree choices for the evening include Pot Roast and Salmon.

NOVEMBER 28, 3-6pm – "Annual Candlelight Tour" – The Society will host its annual Candlelight Tour at the Museum grounds on the Main Road opposite the Firehouse on Friday November 28, 2014 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. All buildings will be decorated for the holiday season and open to the public. Farm and home craft demonstrations will take place in the various buildings, strolling musicians will be on the grounds, Santa will be visiting, and refreshments will be served. The annual tree lighting at 5:00 p.m. will be accompanied by caroling. No admission charge; donations accepted.

DECEMBER 7, 3pm – "Holiday Tea" – Join us at the Currie-Bell House for a presentation by Queens historian, Ronald Brown, on the History of Harlem. Presentation begins at 3pm, followed by refreshments. The Currie-Bell House is located at the corner of Maple Lane and Main Road, opposite the Southold firehouse.

**Coming in** 2015...Vintage Couture & Designer Clothing Sale to benefit the Collections Committee of the Southold Historical Society. Please consider donating your vintage and designer clothing and accessories to benefit this sale. Watch for more information and please contact us at 765-5500 if you have something to donate to the sale!





# SOUTHOLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER.

FALL 2014

# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

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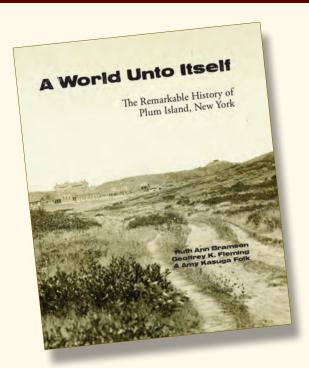
As you may have noticed, we have been doing a good deal of work at the Museum Complex. This summer, it has been painting and roofing – and a lot of it. The print shop has needed to be painted for several years, and we finally were ready to do it – though we needed to pick a color. The shop has been this purple-maroon color for decades, however after looking at historic colors, we decided to paint the building a true barn red. Wow – does it stand out now. A few people said it's too bright, but most love it, and we think it draws your eye to the complex – not a bad thing in this day and age.

We hope you will be drawn in by this fall's lecture series, which once again is being hosted by Peconic Landing in Greenport. Running from late September to early December, there are quite a variety of topics this year – from the restoration of an iconic American masterpiece – to the arrival of a World's Fair in Queens. There is something for everyone.

We are pleased to announce that our book on the history of Plum Island has finally been released. Get your copy today by stopping by the office or order it online. Every chapter reveals something new about the remarkable history of that mysterious island.

— Geoffrey K. Fleming, *Director* 





#### PLUM ISLAND BOOK



It is here!
Purchase your copy today
in the museum shop or online!



"S. S. Rendezvous & Race"

Pat Feiler's painting was selected as the winner of the 1st North Fork Annual exhibit at the Reichert Center

#### Annual Appeal...

It is almost time for the annual fall appeal. The appeal is an important fundraising tool and helps the Society to meets its mission of preserving and presenting the history of Southold. We hope you will consider supporting the appeal when you receive it later this fall.

# SOUTHOLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS & TRUSTEES 2014

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Next deadline for the newsletter:

December 1st for January, February & March 2015

The Society Office will be CLOSED: Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve through New Year's Day

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### WHO DO YOU WANT TO GET YOUR MONEY?

Your Government or a beneficiary of your choice?

This subject came up in a conversation with a friend recently. Of course, when we talk of those we want to inherit our worldly possessions, we think of our families first. But there is the other side of the coin – where we find our families have been successful, and we can think of others.

There is a need to consider the Southold Historical Society and its mission to provide for present and future generations the preservation of buildings, archives and artifacts. Next year the town will celebrate its 375th anniversary. The preservation and storage of the Society's possessions has become an increasing financial and physical burden.

This is being briefly presented to you because of our continual need to fundraise. Remember to consult with your financial advisors when considering a large gift or bequest to the Society.

— Herb Adler, President

#### **FUNDRAISING**

GOOD News: The results of our Summer gala were very positive. We offer a large THANK YOU to the 14 Sponsors giving a total of \$11,750 and 39 Patrons giving a total of \$9,500 for a grand total of \$21,250. Thanks also to all who attended the Gala and purchased tickets for the wine raffle. Your support was needed and very much appreciated. The gross income for the gala was \$29,795 with a net profit of \$13,220.

Challenges Ahead: Because of the rising cost of building maintenance & repair and the decrease in society income from investment and trust sources, there is a real need for membership support as we move on to the end of this year. Please consider increasing your support to the ANNUAL APPEAL which will be heading you way next month. Both the Board and the Fundraising Committee are doing everything possible to keep costs under control, but the financial challenges ahead are considerable. Your support will be both well used and deeply appreciated.

— John E. Barnes, Fundraising Committee

# COLLECTIONS CORNER

Have you ever thought about how far Southold Town extends? While we all know that our western border ends with Riverhead, our eastern (ish) border actually extends past Orient Point and includes all of the small islands that dot the end of Long Island Sound up towards Connecticut and Rhode Island. In fact, until you enter the mouth of New London Harbor on the ferry, you are





still in Southold Town! This geographical quirk leads to some interesting items appearing in our collection. Recently, we acquired several items having to do with Fort Michie, a Spanish American Fort that was built on Little Gull Island. The most colorful of which is a decorative pillowcase, created as a souvenir for a soldier's wife. Emblazoned with the words "Harbor Defenses – Long Island Sound - Fort Michie, N.Y." and trimmed with gold and blue fringe, the pillowcase is a rare example of a long departed landmark that existed on one of the far borders of Southold Town.

— Amy Folk

# LECTURE SERIES

All lectures take place at 8pm in the community center at Peconic Landing, located at 1500 Brecknock Road, Greenport, NY.

9/24	Suzanne Smeaton	"Reclaiming the Past: The Story of Re-creating the Original Frame for 'Washington Crossing the Delaware."
10/8	Amy Folk	"Morality & the Military on Plum Island: The Case of Benjamin M. Koehler."
10/22	Pierce Rafferty	"An Illustrated History of Fishers Island, NY: 1614-2014."
11/5	Antonia Petrash	"Long Island and the Woman Suffrage Movement."
11/19	Richard Welch	"General Washington's Commando: Benjamin Tallmadge in the Revolutionary War"
12/3	Ronald Brown	"The New York World's Fair of 1964-65: New York City is Still #1."

#### FROM THE ARCHIVES

Where There's a Mill ~ There's a Way!

The plans for the Peconic or Goldsmith's Inlet Grist Mill commenced in 1836. Construction was started in 1839 and completed in 1840. Some of the materials used included stones, boards, bricks, as well as a day's work. Around 1842, additional work was done on the mill and the mill became a good investment for its shareholders. The first miller was a man named Cox, and in about 1870, a man named Terry was the miller. It was reported that he put an addition onto the building since he could not keep up with the great demand for grinding grain. After this work was completed, it was rumored that the mill could ground a bushel of grain in one minute. Horse-drawn wagons delivered grain from local farms, while shallow schooners sailed across Long Island Sound from Connecticut and delivered to the mill as well. It is unfortunate to report that on Thanksgiving Day 1898 during a gale, the wind wheel was destroyed. It was not considered worthwhile to put up another. The mill decayed for years after.



— Dan McCarthy (Dan is at the Archives Tuesdays 9AM to 3PM. Reach him by e-mail at southoldresearch@gmail.com or by calling 765-5500.)



#### ≥ THE TREASURE EXCHANGE >

... invites you to visit and shop in "the nicest antique store I've ever seen" environment. We will soon have Fall and Winter items including holiday, cozy soft blankets, linens, colorful glassware and great art gifts. The hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10-4, through December 20. We also invite you to volunteer once a week for three hours. It's fun and interesting.

— Judith Phinney & Chris Wruck

#### THE NAUTICAL MUSEUM AT HORTON POINT LIGHTHQUSE

...will continue to be open on weekends from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm through Columbus Day. Come by to see the exhibits, climb the steps to the tower, walk the nature trails or just enjoy the park and the view from the porch.

We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you are interested in joining us, please stop by to see us at the Lighthouse or contact the Historical Society at 631-765-5500.



