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****** UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS ******

DINNER – The annual spring dinner will be held at the Soundview Inn, and will feature choice of chicken, fish, or a vegetarian meal. 50/50 raffle. Tickets for dinner will be available at the office or on-site the day of the dinner.

"Life at Fort Terry: Leisure Time in the Army" exhibit opens to the public. When there was not a World War occupying the soldiers stationed at Fort Terry on Plum Island, they enjoyed a wide array of recreational activities. Many of these were captured through photographs that will be featured in this exhibition. The exhibit will be on display in the Reichert Family Center's Cosden Price Gallery through May 17.

Association of Suffolk County Historical Societies (ASCHS) meeting will take place on April 26 at Rock Hall in Lawrence, NY. All Society members are welcome, please call the office for more information.

APRIL 5, 1-4pm - SPRING EXHIBIT - APRIL 26, 7pm - ANNUAL ART AUC. GUILD EXHIBIT - Long Island artists MAC **TION.** The art auction features works by living eastern Long Island artists as well as older works by some of our old favorites, including Whitney M. Reichert Family Center through June 14th. Hubbard, George W. Hallock, and Albert Latham. Preview 6-7pm, \$10 admission, refreshments served.

> MAY 4, 3pm - FOUNDER'S TEA. Each year this tea is held at the Currie-Bell House to honor the memory of our founder, Ann Hallock Currie-Bell. A lecture/presentation will be followed by refreshments.

APRIL 3, 12-8pm – APRIL SHOWERS APRIL 26 – ASCHS Meeting – The next MAY 24 – LIGHTHOUSE OPENS. The Society's Nautical Museum at Horton Point Lighthouse opens to the public Memorial Day weekend. The lighthouse will open through Columbus Day, Saturday & Sunday, and Monday holidays, 1-4pm.

> JUNE 4, 1-4pm - NORTH SHORE ART TITMUS and CHRISTOPHER ALEXAN-DER will be featured in an exhibition at the

> JUNE 7, 8:30 am - ANNUAL SOCIETY YARD SALE. The yard sale has become one of our biggest events, drawing in people from all over the East End so prepare to dig for treasures on June 7th. If you have materials to donate to the sale, please bring them in during office hours or call the office at 765-5500. We are happy to pick up!

THE TREASURE EXCHANGE began its winter schedule on January 18, 2014. It was good to see so many old friends and customers. The shop will be open from 10am-3pm every Saturday through March. In April, we will resume our regular schedule of Tuesday through Saturday 10am-4pm. Please come in to purchase that special something for your special someone.



SOUTHOLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2014

DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Food at the door.

One of the nice things about living in Southold, is people are always checking up on what you are doing or helping you out in some manner that you did not expect. In one of the recent snowstorms we suffered, I was bundled away in the back of my house working on the computer (one of the only devices still working). I came back out to the front room and noticed a text message on my cell phone, which alerted me to a delivery of food at my door by my neighbor who had been cooking like crazy all day. I opened the door to find carefully packaged salad, warm bread, and homemade lasagna waiting for me – yum! Thanks to her for trudging out into the snow on that blustery day.

One of our biggest projects during the past two years has been the creation of a detailed history book about the mysterious Plum Island. We hoped it would be done late last year, but we got ourselves all wrapped up in the project, consequently the book will not be ready until this spring – so watch for your special discount flyer. The Reichert Family Center is once again nearly fully booked with special exhibits for 2014, starting with a photograph exhibit about Fort Terry which was once located on Plum Island.

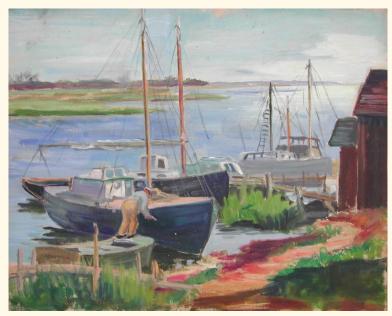
The April Showers Dinner and the Annual Art Auction are our two big events that are coming up soon, and we hope to see all of you at both of them.

> — Geoffrey K. Fleming Director

Early Art Auction Entries



Franklin Glover Brooks (1886-1955), Schooner on the Horizon



Irma N. Braham (1890-1970), Greenport

Southold Historical Society and Peconic Landing present A film screening and Q&A with Amei Wallach

Illya and Emilia Kabakov: Enter Here — A Documentary Film by Amei Wallach

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 • 7:30 PM • PECONIC LANDING AUDITORIUM

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Next deadline for the newsletter:
June 1st for July, August
& September 2014

The Society Office will be CLOSED: Memorial Day (May 26)

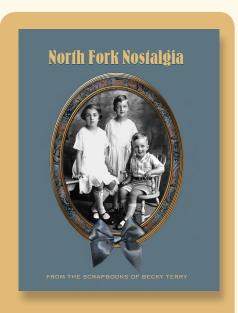
PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As my first letter as president, I should tell you what I feel our priorities are. We are blessed and cursed by a collection of historic buildings. As we have seen, there has been a dramatic fall off in interest in historic buildings evidenced by the slowly decreasing number of visitors, both here and at other historic sites. At the same time, we are faced with the increasing needs and costs for maintenance. Most of you as home owners have experienced this. Unfortunately, when our buildings were acquired many years ago, no one anticipated providing for their future up keep in addition to providing regular and new services in accordance with the Society's mission. Your Board has already started work on this matter.

An Invitation

It has been my practice in the past to spend Friday mornings working in the Archives at the Prince Building. Therefore, I wish to extend an invitation to every member of the Society or anyone with an interest in the Society to visit me there on Friday mornings and give me your ideas about we are doing well or not well, what we need to do, what you would like us to do, or how we could be more responsive or to just chat. The bicycle on the front porch of the Prince Building is a sign of my presence. Also, beginning in April, I hope to be present there on Wednesday afternoons.

— Herb Adler, President



North Fork Nostalgia

Barbara Charnews has assembled this wonderful book from the writings her mother, local historian Becky Terry. The book is available in a number of local establishments, including at the Society's Museum gift shop in the Prince Building. Stop in and get your copy today! The shop is open M-F and Saturdays 11-3.

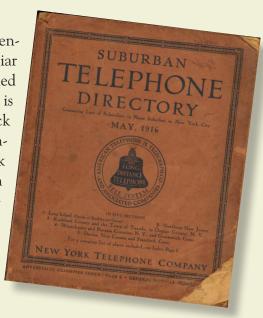


PLUM ISLAND BOOK

The Society's book on Plum Island is nearly finished. At over 400 pages, it is by far the most important book we have yet published. It reveals an enormous amount of heretofore unknown history about the island and is fully illustrated with rare images of the island and the people who participated in its history. We will be offering a special discount to Society members and supporters for those who order copies early – watch for an announcement in the mail or in your email box!

FROM THE COLLECTIONS

We have recently received a wonderful item made famous in the 20th century, a phone book! Unlike the telephone books that we are so familiar with today, this book was produced in May 1916 by New York Telephone. Called the Suburban Telephone Directory, the quiet plain brown paper cover book is very utilitarian. Measuring just over 9 x 11 inches, it is only about an inch thick and contains the names, locations and telephone numbers for all the customers in a wide area around New York City. The cover announces that the book lists phone numbers for Long Island, Rockland County, the town of Tuxedo in Orange County, Westchester and Putnam Counties. It also lists all of Northern New Jersey, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan and Stamford, Connecticut. The Prince Building appears in the book - phone number 30. Joseph Hallock, the father of Ann Currie Bell (our founder) had two numbers, the house on the Main Road was 33M and the family cabin at Paradise Point was 38F6. Perusing the book may reveal even more local connections.



– Amy Folk

FROM THE ARCHIVES THE SOUTHOLD ACADEMY

The first academy was a two-story, spacious and elegant building that opened in May 1835 on the Main Road in Southold and was constructed by preeminent local builder, William D. Cochran. Southold's first Academy was housed there until 1851, and from 1858 to 1862 it housed the Southold Collegiate Institute. After the closing of the Institute, "the building was sold to Bishop Loughlin for the first Catholic Church in Southold." In the summer of 1867, a lot was selected for a new Academy building that lay on the east side of Horton Lane. The building's steep steps and four-gabled cupola create a distinct and well-known landmark for many residents of the North Fork.

In 1907, the Academy became the business school for the community and

remained so until the 1940s while Southold High School became the dominant school for the children making the Southold Academy obsolete. In 1949, Jim Smiley bought the Southold Academy building and started Academy Printing Enterprises Inc. After 21 years of employment at Academy, Ken Hagerman bought the business and changed its name to Academy Printing Services. Yesteryear abounds at the Academy since Mike and Rita Hagerman design and publish the *Peconic Bay Shopper* there. The Southold Historical Society has various full editions of the *Peconic Bay Shopper* in the archives from 1978 to the present. I am at the Archives Tuesdays 9 AM to 3 PM. Reach me by e-mail at

Southold Collegiate Institute, c. 1850s.

southoldresearch@gmail.com or by call 765-5500. — Dan McCarthy

FUNDRAISING

We are again looking to secure Special Events Patrons and Sponsors for the Summer Gala at Brecknock Hall on July 12, and for the Ice Cream Social and Candlelight Tour. Patrons support at the level of \$250, and Sponsors support at \$500, \$1000 and above. Events Patrons & Sponsors receive tickets to the Summer Gala and will be recognized at all three events. Your support is needed and appreciated. Remember, all proceeds from these fundraisers and events go directly to supporting the many educational activities of the Society.

— John E. Barnes, Fundraising Committee Chair

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