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# THE Newsletter

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

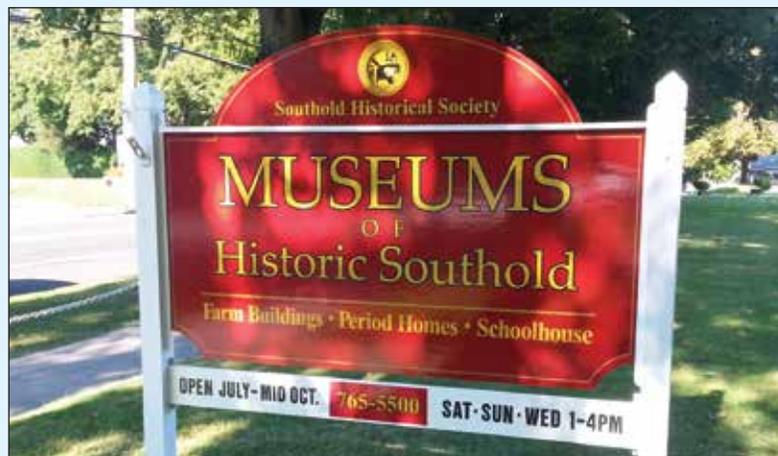
### Hail and Farewell

As I depart later this month from Southold for my new position down south, I am reminded about how many friends and colleagues I have met in Southold over the years. Though many have come and gone during my tenure here, many, many others remain. They call, email or stop in to say hello and see what we are up to at the Society – which always provides a bit of a respite from our daily activities.

As I head off, there are a lot of exhibits and programs shaping up at the Society. Marilyn Bottjer's wonderful hooked rug art pieces will be featured at the Reichert center in June. In July, the Gala will be held at the Museum Complex, and in August the trifecta of the Cloud Nine art exhibit, the Art Auction, and the North Fork Annual will make things busy, indeed.

My thanks go out to all the committee chairs and volunteers who I have worked with over the years. They have made the heavy lifting easier – and always provided a smile while doing so!

**GEOFFREY K. FLEMING** – Director



## Join us at the Summer Gala

This year's Summer Gala will be unusually special because we are holding it on our own Society Complex in Southold.

In addition to enjoying the complex, we will be celebrating the 375th Anniversary of Southold and honoring the "Historic Families of Southold."

We would like to thank the many Sponsors and Patrons who have offered support and we know that a large white tent, an excellent caterer (East End Events Catering), a well prepared Silent Auction, the wine basket raffle, DJ: Tom Damiani and the complex itself will add to your enjoyment. Every society member

should have received an invitation, but even if you have lost it, just call the society office at 765-5500 and make your reservation.

**We look forward to seeing you at the Gala on Saturday, July 11, 5-8 p.m.**

This is a critical fundraising event for the society, and a great way to both support the Historical Society and have a great time. We are looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 11, from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person.

Parking will be available behind the firehouse just across the street from the complex. If you wish to reserve a table for 8 or 10, just inform the office when you make your reservation.

**JOHN E. BARNES** – Fundraising Chair

We made it through The North Fork Winter. Consignors and customers are out and about, glad to be free of snow and loving to look for something special to add to their collections or to give as a gift.

The shop opened full time [Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 4] on April 7th and will keep this schedule through the week before Christmas.

THE  
TREASURE  
EXCHANGE

Consignments are welcomed Tuesdays from 10 to 2. Suggested items that customers appreciate continue to be 14k and 18k gold jewelry, designer costume jewelry, sterling silver flatware and jewelry, fine original paintings, seasonal items and the unique – antique or modern.

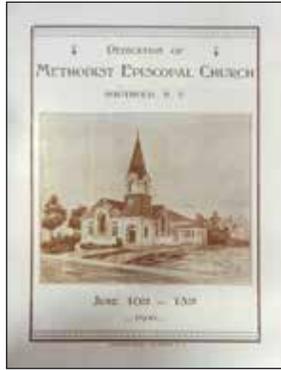
What's not very appealing to today's buyer is the kind of china that's very delicate

and not dishwasher safe although there are always exceptions.

All of our dedicated volunteers look forward to seeing you soon. And if you should like to become one of our dedicated volunteers we would love to have you. It is a terrific place to spend three hours each week. Please contact Judith or Chris at the Treasure Exchange for more information at (631) 765-1550.

# Southold's Methodist Episcopal Church

One of my occasional job assignments is to organize the research table in the archives. During that process I ran across a pile of documents that included a program from a Southold church. Upon closer examination it was the program from the dedication in 1900 of the new Southold Methodist Episcopal Church.



has merely stated that it was designed by a firm in New York City.

On the front of the program was a drawing of the church and as Geoff and I peered down at the picture we made out a name! The church was designed by George Washington Kramer (1848-1938) of Madison

Avenue, NYC. Born in Ashland, Ohio, he was a long-time resident of East Orange, New Jersey. Kramer specialized in the design of churches, high schools and municipal buildings.

It is always so satisfying solving the small (and large puzzles) left to us from the past!

AMY FOLK – Collections Manager

At that time, the original church building was turned sideways to the road and slid backwards on the lot and the building was enlarged with a new worship space and tower. One of the enduring mysteries of the building has been who was the architect who did the redesign? All of the documentation on the building

As you are aware, our Director, Geoffrey Fleming, has accepted a position as the Director of the Huntington Museum of Art in Huntington, W. Va. We all wish him well and, in my opinion, he has found the perfect match for his talents.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our Society has availed itself of Geoff's knowledge and experience over the last twelve years. As we continue to evolve and grow the society we are seeking a new Director.

We have a Search Committee of 6 – 4 Trustees and 2 Society members. The Committee members are: Eileen McGuire *Chair*, Sara Evans, David Daly and Lee Cleary, *Officers and Trustees* and

Maureen Ostermann and Ken Rushin, *Lifetime Members*. They have come up with a Director's Job Description, which was approved by the Board of Trustees. The job description is online at various job posting sites and with other pertinent publications.

The committee from this point on will control the process of selection. Qualified candidates will then be interviewed with the final selection made by the board. We are open to the future and we look forward to it. If you know of possible candidates please do not hesitate to advise them of the committee's search.

HERB ADLER, JR., – President

## PLEASE CONSIDER PLANNED GIVING

You can become a part of the Southold Historical Society's legacy by including the Society in your estate plans. Giving opportunities include outright bequests of cash, securities or property.

We recommend that you discuss your estate plans with your own legal and financial advisors. Kindly notify the Society at 765-500 if you are considering a bequest or if you have any other questions.

Planned Giving is fundamental to the long-term success of the Society.

## MEMBERSHIP

If you have not already done so, please send in your membership renewal today! Details are on our website.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Our next deadline is **September 1st** for the October, November, December 2015 issue. Mark your calendars.

## CLOSED FOR TWO HOLIDAYS

The Society Office will CLOSE for:

- **Independence Day**  
(Friday, July 3, 2015), and on
- **Labor Day**  
(Monday, September 7, 2015.)

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One of the hooked rugs on display in our Spring Exhibition showing the work of Marilyn Bottjer. The opening reception is June 12 at 5:30. The exhibition ends on June 27.

## Summer 2015 Events and Programs

### Spring Exhibit Reception HOOKED RUGS BY MARILYN BOTTJER

**JUNE 12, 5:30 – 7 p.m.**

This exhibit will feature the fiber based works of Marilyn Bottjer. The exhibit will be on display in the Reichert Family Center's Cosden Price Gallery through June 27.

### VICTORIAN TEA JUNE 14, 1 – 3 p.m.

A Tea will be held at the Society's Ann Currie – Bell house in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church in honor of the town's 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Pre – registration is required for this event – please call Chris Wruck to register at 765 – 4614.

### Summer Exhibit THEN AND NOW Opens JULY 11

This exhibit will feature period and contemporary paintings depicting various locations in Southold Town at the Society's Ann Currie – Bell House's Mayne Memorial Gallery. This exhibit will be on display from July 11 through October 11, 2015, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., located at 55200 Main Road, Southold, NY.

### SUMMER GALA AT THE MUSEUM COMPLEX JULY 11, 5 – 8 p.m.

Join us for this summer's big fundraiser at the beautiful and historic Museum Complex in Southold. This year's summer gala will take place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will include a silent auction, raffle, music, fine food and other refreshments.

### VINTAGE COUTURE SALE JULY 24 – 25

The Society's Collections Committee will hold a vintage couture sale at the Society's Reichert Family center in later July, featuring handbags, scarfs, dresses, coats and other clothing from a number of noted designers. Watch for more details on this fundraiser.

### ASCHS TOUR JULY 25

The Association for Suffolk County Historical Societies (ASCHS) is hosting a special tour at the Society for its members. For more information, please contact Peg Murphy at 765 – 3598.

### Opening Reception CLOUD 9 JULY 31, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Join us for a return of a group of our favorite local artists as they display their many talents to the public, nearly all of which will be for sale. This exhibit will be on display at the Reichert Family Center Thursday – Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m. through August 15.

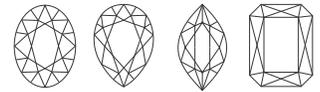
### 375<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARADE AUGUST 1

Southold Town will host the parade celebrating the 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its settlement.

### OPERA AT THE LIGHTHOUSE AUGUST 2, 6 p.m.

Join us for a concert by Belle Voci of Opera Music at the Horton Point Lighthouse, which begins at 6 p.m.. Tickets are \$10 for adults,

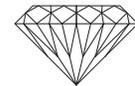
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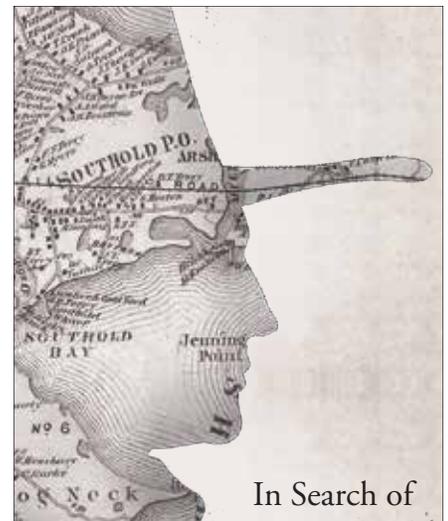
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children under 12 are free. In case of rain, the concert will be performed at the Southold Presbyterian Church, located at 53100 Route 25, Southold, NY.

### ANNUAL ART AUCTION

**AUGUST 13, 6 – 8 p.m.**

At this event we will offer a variety of artworks by living local artists as well as those by the historic artists we know so well. \$10 entry fee, includes wine and hors d'oeuvres – spend the rest of your hard earned money on a beautiful artwork for your home or office! The Auction will be held at the Sparkling Pointe Winery in Southold, located at 39750 Middle Rd, Southold, NY 11971. Preview from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., auction begins at 6 p.m..

### NEW AGE CONCERT AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

**AUGUST 15, 6 p.m.**

Join us for the second of 3 summer concerts – performances at the Horton Point Lighthouse, located at 3575 Lighthouse Road, Southold, NY. Concert of New Age Music begins at 6 p.m., tickets are \$10 for adults, children under 12 are free. In case of rain, the concert will be performed at the Southold Presbyterian Church, located at 53100 Route 25, Southold, NY.

### Opening Reception

#### NORTH FORK ANNUAL

**AUGUST 21, 5:30 – 7 p.m.**

Join us for the 2nd annual "North Fork Annual" juried exhibition. Come and see who wins this year's Thomas Currie – Bell \$500 purchase prize. This exhibit will be held at the Society's Reichert Center, which is located at 54127 Main Road, Southold, NY, from August 21 through September 5.

### BLUES & ROCK CONCERT AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

**AUGUST 29, 6 p.m.**

Join us for the last of 3 summer concerts – performances at the Horton Point Lighthouse, located at 3575 Lighthouse Road, Southold, NY. Concert of Blues and Rock & Roll begins at 6 p.m., tickets are \$10 for adults, children under 12 are free. In case of rain, the concert will be performed at the Southold Presbyterian Church, located at 53100 Route 25, Southold, NY.

### Opening Reception

#### DIANE ALEC – SMITH GROUP

**SEPTEMBER 18**

Join us for an exhibition of North Fork landscapes by a group of painters led by their well-known teacher, painter Diane Alec-Smith. This exhibit will be held at the Society's Reichert, which is located at 54127 Main Road, Southold, NY, from September 19 through October 3.

## LIGHTHOUSE VOLS NEEDED!

Enjoy a beautiful, historic setting and share Southold's maritime history. The Horton Point Lighthouse is a WORKING Lighthouse and is open Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays from Memorial Day to Columbus Day, 11:30 to 4 p.m. Volunteers can choose to greet visitors, serve as informal guides or staff the tower. Commitment is only two 2½ hour sessions per month. Training is offered.

If interested, please contact Clare at 631-323-3660 or at [c.air@rcn.com](mailto:c.air@rcn.com)



Thank you to everyone who helped make Geoff's Farewell Party a great success.

With appreciation,  
Walter Jackson, Hospitality Chair