



# Southold Historical Society NEWSLETTER

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Looking forward to Spring.

After a particularly tough winter it is nice to see evidence that spring is finally arriving – the grass is finally turning green and the crocuses are popping up everywhere. The neighbor's chickens are busily eating bugs at the Museum Complex, while at the office we begin planning out the events and programs for the year.

This year will be a bit quieter without all of the special 50th Anniversary events, however, they will be non-the-less interesting. We have two exhibitions, one being organized in cooperation with the Embroiderer's Guild which will feature their members many creations – and an exhibition on East Marion minister and photographer Loren A. Rowley. Both should be of interest to locals and visitors alike.

We have a number of new publications planned for this year as well, including one on Long Island painter Charles Henry Miller, who summered and worked in East Marion. We are also planning to release a photographic history on the last days of the bunker (Menhaden) industry on the North Fork. This second book should be particularly interesting to those who remember wandering down to the docks of Greenport to catch a glimpse (and smell!) of the bunker boats coming in to port.

Geoffrey K. Fleming  
Director

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With our 50th anniversary behind us, it is time to look ahead and consider the challenges and opportunities we face for 2011. While Geoff, our Director, looks at program and publication, I tend to focus on Trustee leadership and the volunteers who carry the load in our many committees. Our Society is reasonably complex, with a multitude of committee action, a broad range of building issues and a never-ending need for willing volunteers, to say nothing of ongoing financial concerns.

Your Trustees and Officers are always concerned with keeping up with all of these issues, and will be attending a full day retreat in May to become better informed and to project plans for the future. Good planning and leadership makes a difference. While we have a wonderful group of talented and dedicated volunteers handling everything from the Lighthouse to the Education for Youth and the Treasure Exchange, there is also a normal turn-over that requires a periodic infusion of "new blood" to keep the Society vibrant and effective.

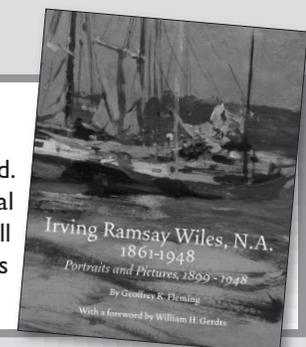
If you have any interest in working at the Lighthouse, helping at the Treasure Exchange, working with children in a teaching role, participating on a committee which can range from historical research to fundraising, you will find yourself welcomed by the Society. I must tell you, from the President's perspective, it is a joy to note the amazing spirit of sharing and mutual support, to say nothing of contribution to community on each and every committee. People are doing something meaningful and having fun doing it.

Please consider joining us as we move ahead into the 2011 year. Just give our office a call at 765-5500, or call me personally at 477-2970. The Southold Historical Society is dedicated to its mission and to the community. We would love to have you with us.

John Barnes  
President

## Irving Wiles Book Arrives

The Society's new book on local artist and ardent sailor, Irving Ramsay Wiles, has arrived. The book, with nearly 40 color and B&W illustrations, is a must for those interested in local artists. A new, detailed biography combined with huge amounts of data on Wiles's output will answer nearly every question one could have about the artist and his career. The book is available for \$50 from the Society's Museum Shop, located in the Prince Building.



## People News...

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### New Trustee Michael Braverman

MICHAEL BRAVERMAN was born and raised in New York City, and received his degree in interior design from the Fashion Institute of Technology, where he has also taught and lectured. He has been a homeowner in Southold since 1989, and also lives in Manhattan, where he is the head of the design committee of his condo board.

Michael is the founder and president of Michael Braverman Design, which specializes in both commercial and residential interiors. Since the company's inception in 1982, his residential projects have included homes in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Florida, Colorado, and the Caribbean. Among his commercial clients are Jones New York, the Parker Group, and the international software company, Infusion. His design work has appeared in such publications as The New York Times, Avenue Magazine, Good Housekeeping, Better Homes and Gardens, The New York Post, and The Christian Science Monitor.

In Southold, he is the proprietor of the home furnishings and accessories store, B. Home, located on Main Road.

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### Susi Is Retiring!

It is hard to imagine the office without the smile of Susi Young, but she had decided the time has come. Susi will retire at the end of June from her position as office administrator at the Society. Her service, spanning more than twenty-one years, has been marked by superb service to the staff, trustees, and committee chairs. None of us could have done all we did without her aid – from making phone calls and producing mailings, to making sure the gift shop was stocked and bills were paid on time – Susi made all our lives easier. She will be missed, but hopefully we will see her back as a volunteer for a few hours here and there. *Bon Voyage Susi!*

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### New Volunteers in Archives

Welcome **Judith Chrstrup** and **Gabrielle Daniello** who have both joined our volunteer core in the Archives. Both Judith and Gabrielle are working with the Meredith Photograph Collection, entering information on the images into our computer database so that one day researchers will be able to search the collection on-line.

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### Bainbridge Internship Winner

This year's Bainbridge Internship winner is Sarah Conlin, formerly of Mattituck-Cutchogue High School. Sarah joins a list of recent winners from that school and will work with us this summer in a variety of areas. We hope you will stop by and say hello to this special young lady!

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### In Memoriam

**Mike Zukas** (1915-2011) – Former Trustee and Volunteer  
**Signe Youngberg** (1921-2011) – Former Trustee and Committee Chair

## Fundraising

### FUNDRAISING vs. SOCIAL ACTIVITY:

As nearly all members are aware the Society offers some great social activities each year, such as the Ice Cream Social (August 6) and Candlelight Tour (November 25). However, like many not-for-profit organizations we also must raise funds through activities like the Summer Gala. This year it will again be held at the beautiful Brecknock Hall in Greenport on July 9, 2011.

All three of the above take hundreds of hours of volunteer & staff time and the cost of holding events like the Social and the Tour is approximately equal to income derived from them. While attendance at the events provides minimal fundraising, attendance at the Gala makes a big difference to our bottom line. The key to that success is the support of our SPONSORS and PATRONS.

Sponsors provide critical support for special events in the amounts of \$500, \$750 and \$1000. This support, which often comes from Trustees and community business people, is essential and deeply appreciated. Patrons donate \$250 each, \$150 of which covers two tickets to the Summer Gala. The additional \$100 is a meaningful addition to our fundraising for the year and we appreciate that support. Our goal this year is to secure 40 to 50 Patrons.

Please consider becoming or continuing as a SPONSOR or PATRON for 2011. This support makes the critical difference between wonderful social activities and meaningful fundraising for the Society. Your attendance at the Gala and/or generous action as a sponsor or patron does make a difference.

Thank you for your support,  
The Fundraising Committee

### Planned Giving

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 765-5500 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.

## 2011 - Upcoming Events & Programs

**APRIL 14, 12-8PM – April Showers Dinner** – Our first big dinner of the year will take place at the Sound View Restaurant in Greenport from 12 – 8pm. Choice of Chicken or Fish will be available, vegetarian entrée upon request. \$20 per person – bring the whole family!

**APRIL 30, 6PM – Fine Art Auction** – This event has become very popular among locals interested in art made here on the North Fork. This auction will feature old favorites such as Julia Wickham and Whitney Hubbard, as well as works by many of our well-known living artists. The auction will be held at Castello di Borghese Vineyard in Cutchogue. Preview will be from 4:30-6pm with the auction starting at 6pm. You can see images of the artwork coming up for auction on our website, [www.southold-historicalsociety.org](http://www.southold-historicalsociety.org).

**MAY 1, 3PM – Founders Tea** – This annual event honors our founder, Ann Currie-Bell. Tea and all sorts of goodies will be served and there will be an educational program. The tea takes place at 3pm at the Currie-Bell House at the corner of Maple Lane and Main Road.

**JUNE 11, 8AM – Society Yard Sale** – Regulars to our annual yard sale say it is one of the best on the North Fork – you decide – come and join us or donate some items to help benefit the Society. Takes place at the Prince Building.

*Some of these programs were funded, in part, by a grant from the Suffolk County Office of Cultural Affairs, Department of Economic Development, Steve Levy, County Executive.*

## From the Collection

When Geoff asked me to write a short article for the newsletter of something that came into the collection recently that I thought was interesting – I had to stop and think. There are a lot of items that I see in the collection that just fascinate me. One of the items that came in fairly recently is the below image taken by Hammond of Greenport. It is of a side wheel steam ferry, The Massachusetts, which ran aground in East Marion in October of 1877. The ship sailed for the New York and Providence Line. The vessel was caught in a big storm which wrecked ships from Delaware to Maine. In the foreground you can see the large bales of cotton which were off loaded from the ship. No lives were lost in the wreck.  
– Amy Folk



## Horton Point Lighthouse



The Horton Point Lighthouse houses the Society's Nautical Museum, which features all manner of maritime objects including boat models, whaling artifacts, and paintings. We are looking forward to opening the museum and beginning tours

Memorial Day weekend (May 28, 29, & 30). If you would like to volunteer, consider joining us this summer at one of the most beautiful spots in Southold!

## The Treasure Exchange

The Exchange officially opens full-time on Tuesday, April 5th, which is also the first day for consignments. We are looking forward to an amazing year of new finds, special items, and good sales. We appreciate all of our consignors and clientele that help to make us a success in downtown Southold!

## From the Archives

John Corey was one of the first settlers of Southold. His grandson, David Corey, died in 1739, and is buried in the Hashamomack (also known as Arshamomaque) Cemetery. The Arshamomaque Cemetery is one of the ancient burial places in Southold and is located on Albertson Lane. An historic marker was placed by the Southold-Peconic Civic Association (now the Southold Historical Society) on the property where the Abijah Corey House was located in Hog Neck, which was a part of Bay View, Southold. The archive also includes information on the fact that Abijah Corey Jr. bought land in Hog Neck in 1800. Oliver Corey was elected to the office of inspector of elections. The Southold Historical Society archive has an original 1840 and 1854 document on file showing his acceptance as inspector of elections. Come find out more about the story of the Corey surname, and so many, many others. I am here on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call and make an appointment at 765-5500 or e-mail me at [southoldresearch@gmail.com](mailto:southoldresearch@gmail.com) – Dan McCarthy

## Missing Jacket

Walter Jackson had a lovely black topcoat taken from the Holiday Tea. It appears the taker was female as they left behind a small ladies topcoat. If you have Walter's coat we have yours at the office. Let us know - 765-5500!

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**Next deadline for the newsletter:  
 June 15th 2011, for July, August,  
 September 2011.**

**The Society Office will be  
 CLOSED – Memorial Day**