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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

GOLDIE EXHIBIT

This upcoming spring (2013) we are having an exhibit on Harold "Goldie" Goldsmith but we need your help! Do you have a Southold High School Baseball uniform from the 1930's or 1940's? Scorecards? Letters? Anything on local baseball teams?

If you do please contact Geoff Fleming or Amy Folk at the Prince Building, 765-5500.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



SEPTEMBER 24, 1-4pm – Volunteer Luncheon at the Horton Point Lighthouse (by invitation only). Rain date is Wednesday, September 26.

SEPTEMBER 25, 8pm – The Society's annual lecture series begins. Join us for six lectures through early December in the auditorium at Peconic Landing. Check out the list of this year's lectures elsewhere in the newsletter. We hope to see you there!

OCTOBER 7, 4pm – "Canta Libre" concert of baroque music at the Horton Point Lighthouse. Join us for an outdoor concert on the grounds of Horton Point Lighthouse. Please bring your own chair or blanket. In case of rain, performance will take place at the Southold Presbyterian Church.

OCTOBER 19, 5:30-7pm – Members opening reception for "Determined to Paint: The Art of George W. Hallock," the fall exhibit, will open to members. Hallock was a painter who was born and raised in Orient, and who relished depicting the scenery of the North Fork. The exhibit will be held in The Reichert Family Center and will be open to the public Thursday-Saturday, 1-4pm through December 15.

NOVEMBER 8, 12-8pm – The annual "Harvest Dinner" will be held at the Soundview Restaurant on Rte 48. Choice of pot roast or fish. Service includes salad and dessert and coffee. Join us for an evening of comfort food and good company!

NOVEMBER 23, 3-6pm – The annual "Candlelight Tour" is our biggest and best attended events of the year. Bring down your family and friends to enjoy live music, special tours and demonstrations, and the lighting of the hamlet Christmas Tree!



DECEMBER 2, 3pm – The annual "Holiday Tea" will take place at the Ann Currie-Bell house at the Museum Complex. Join us for wine, tea, and finger foods made by Society members and a presentation on an historical topic.

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Lecture Series Schedule.



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SOUTHOLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

FALL 2012

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

A breather!

This has been a very busy summer, and having a little break about now is very welcome. Much of the summer was spent finishing our new building, The Reichert Family Center and Cosden Price Gallery. The former name honors the generous support of Helen and Charles Reichert, owners of Southold IGA, who made a substantial contribution to help acquire and restore the new building. The latter honors the late Carol Cosden Price, whose family had a large estate facing Mount Beulah Avenue and whose bequest also helped the Society open and restore its new building. Over eighty other donors are also due thanks for their support of the project.

As ever, other building maintenance work continued throughout the summer at the Society. A new roof was put on the Pettit Center, new doors on the blacksmith shop, and local volunteers, "The Tuesday Group", installed a new interior at the Robert P. Long Print Shop.

Our summer exhibit, "Voices of the North Fork," opened in July and has had a steady stream of visitors who are enjoying hearing about our history from first-hand accounts. Other Society sites, such as the Horton Point Lighthouse and the Treasure Exchange, have also seen many visitors this season.

If you get a chance the next time you are in town, stop and take a look at our new building and let us know what you think. We hope our work there will encourage others to think about "sprucing" up other historic properties along Main Road.

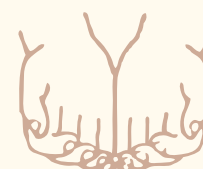
— Geoffrey K. Fleming
Director



On Friday, August 17th the Society dedicated its new building, The Reichert Family Center and Cosden Price Gallery. The new exhibition space will allow the Society to create and offer many more exhibitions to the public each year. It will serve as venue for art and history based exhibitions. The current exhibit features paintings by east end artists in cooperation with the Grenning Gallery of Sag Harbor. Next up will be an exhibition opening in October of the painting of Orient artist George W. Hallock (1916-1984).



ANNUAL APPEAL



It is almost time for the annual fall appeal. The appeal is important fundraising tool and helps the Society to meet 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.

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Next deadline for the newsletter:
December 1st for January, February and
March 2013

The Society Office will be CLOSED Columbus Day,
Thanksgiving and Christmas through New Year's Day
The Treasure Exchange will be open through Dec. 22

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is sometimes a bit challenging to wrap your mind around, but our Society has 18 standing committees and a multitude of special events, all manned by dedicated volunteers. Our listing shows 113 volunteers, but it does not indicate the real level of dedication and hard work of this listed group, to say nothing of the many more volunteers involved in individual special events.

If you were to look the list over carefully, you would immediately notice that many volunteers participate on several committees. Most Collections Committee members are also working at The Treasure Exchange. Members of several other committees at the Society also volunteer at the Lighthouse, or with the Fundraising Committee, or with the Education of Youth Committee - which works with hundreds of children from our community each year. It is not unusual for some volunteers to be found working as many as 2 to 3 days per week – an amazing amount of dedication that leads to resounding success for the Society. To top it off, all trustees participate on a volunteer basis and most trustees also act as volunteers on at least one committee.

From the perspective of the President, it is absolutely clear that our volunteers do an outstanding job of supporting the society, of supporting the community, and of supporting fellow committee members, often having fun while they do this. From the Board of Trustees and the Director, we wish to offer this note of deep appreciation for the good work and constant dedication of our many volunteers. Thank you for all you do. It does make a difference.

— John Barnes, *President*

BARNABAS HORTON HOUSE

Recently, the Society has received the offer of a very important historic building. The majority of the 17th century home of Barnabas Horton (and the first courthouse in Suffolk County) was demolished in 1878, with only the small kitchen wing surviving. The wing



was used as a shop, a meeting place for the Girl Scouts and other activities before being moved to Bayview to serve as a small summer cottage. The building has been offered to the Society, and we are now working on plans to move it to the grounds of the Museum Complex where it will be restored and used for our children's educational programs. If you would like to help support this project, give us a call in the office at 765-5500.

HORTON POINT LIGHTHOUSE

It's the end of another successful season at the Lighthouse. We've been happy to welcome visitors from near and far including most states and many foreign countries. Again this year, visitors have enjoyed climbing up the tower to see our great views and experience a real working light. They have also enjoyed discovering the many treasures found within the museum.

Many thanks to all our lighthouse keepers for their help this season – we hope to see you all at the Chilly-Chili party and dedication of the new bench for Anne Louise Schwiebert!



FROM THE COLLECTIONS

People say the more you learn the less you know. For close to ten years now I have been learning the history of Orient and East Marion, and every time I start thinking that I've got a good grip on the history of the two communities, something always pops up that I have never heard of and I am off to learn about something new. Recently a donor gave to SHS a sign for the East Marion Gun Club. I have never heard of the club. I knew that Orient had a rod and gun club started in the late '20's, but I had no idea about the one at East Marion. So I am currently on the look-out for information on the club. If you can help fill in the blanks, let me know at shscollections@optonline.net! – Amy Folk

LECTURE SERIES

It is that time year again. This fall, between late September and early December, the Society will offer up six lectures on Long Island and New York regional history. The lectures will take place on Tuesday evenings at 8pm at the auditorium of the Community Center located at Peconic Landing in Greenport. Please call 765-5500 to RSVP.

9/25	Jeff Miller & John Ross	"North Fork Country Club: A Centennial History"
10/9	Joshua Ruff	"Long Island, America's 1950s Frontier"
10/23	Mary Laura Lamont	"A History of the William Floyd Estate"
11/6	Constance T. Haydock	"Gatsby and Beyond: The Fabled Gardens of Long Island's Gold Coast"
11/20	Art Mattson	"The Tragic Wrecks of the Bristol and the Mexico"
12/4	Ruth Ann Bramson	"A History of Plum Island"

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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Let's catch up with some information. Southold Historical Society placed roadside markers in Southold, Peconic and Arshamomaque on old structures from the 17th to 19th centuries in 1960. One such marker was at the historic head of Town Creek which was where the home, warehouse and landing stage of Colonel Isaac Arnold was located. Isaac Arnold was the only merchant here in the 1600s and was listed as a prominent shipbuilder during the early days of the town. Among some of our imports were molasses and sugar. Our exports included hides and tallow. Record has it that Isaac Arnold had a ketch or sailing vessel for his proper use. He was named justice of the peace and was also elected "schout" (sheriff of the county). Just for the record, as early as 1684, Captain John Youngs and Isaac Arnold had the liberty to set up a pew at the west end of the pulpit in the First Presbyterian Church of Southold for themselves and their families. Rumor has it that Isaac Arnold was the first slave owner "back in the day." What an injustice!

— Dan McCarthy

I am at the Archives Tuesdays 9AM to 3PM. Reach me by e-mail at southoldresearch@gmail.com or by telephone at 765-5500.



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