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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 your 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 LIGHTHOUSE

...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.

— Jill Wilson

