

SPECIAL EVENT: KNITTING WORKSHOP

Tues., Sept. 20;
10:30 am-12:30 pm

Join us for a knitting workshop with
Kathleen of Hampton Knitting Yarn.
Participants will knit a beautiful
ruffled scarf of Italian yarn.

\$25, all inclusive.
\$20, bring your own needles.

To register, call Lee at 631-727-2881 x105.



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SUFFOLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Hours:

Museum: Tues. through Sat., 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Library: Wed. through Sat., 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Membership is open to everyone.
Individual yearly dues are \$35
and family dues are \$40.

The Suffolk County Historical Society is a private, non-profit organization, and an Authorized Agency of Suffolk County, that receives partial funding from Suffolk County, Steve Levy, County Executive.

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9/11 MEMORIAL EXHIBIT HONORS TENTH ANNIVERSARY

In honor of the ten-year anniversary of 9/11, the Suffolk County Historical Society will present a September 11th Memorial Exhibit, in collaboration with the Riverhead Free Library.

The exhibit explores the history of the Twin Towers with rarely seen photographs of their construction, and also features interpretive artwork in a range of mediums by artists Mary Carlson, Lance Corey, George D'Amato, Mare Dianora, Kevin O'Connell, and J. Lee Elsbree. Featured in the exhibit is a striking three-dimensional steel sculpture of the Twin Towers, standing nearly eight-feet tall, by Long Island sculptor David T. Haussler.

The Riverhead Free Library has collaborated with the Suffolk County Historical Society to document the September 11th memories and experiences of Riverhead residents in a special oral history project. Selections from the filmed accounts will be on view as part of the exhibit. Special book projects from the Library's Teen Loft and children's group will also be featured.

Opening reception: Friday, September 9th, 6-8 PM.
On view through October 1, 2011.



*World Trade Center Remembrance Project sculpture
by David T. Haussler*

SPECIAL PROGRAMS TO BE PRESENTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE 9/11 EXHIBIT:

LECTURE: Wednesday, September 14, 7 PM
"9/11 Air Traffic Control – A Firsthand Account" with Paul Thumser, former Air Traffic Control Supervisor. \$5 donation to SCHS.

LECTURE: Thursday, September 22, 7 PM
"Collecting Folklore and Oral Histories" with Dr. John Eilertsen, Director, Bridgehampton Historical Society. \$5 donation to SCHS.

WORKSHOP: Saturday, October 1, 11 AM:
"Creating a Memory Book" with book artist Mare Dianora.
Materials cost: \$20. Pre-registration required.

Reservations are requested for the lecture programs; please call the SCHS at (631) 727-2881 x100.

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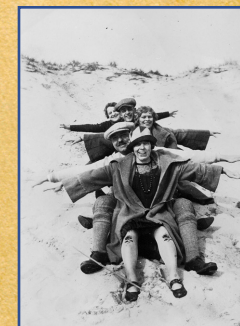
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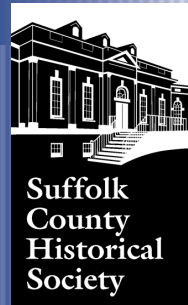
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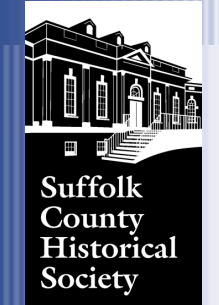
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ABOUT THE SUFFOLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Suffolk County Historical Society was founded in 1886 by a group of forward-looking county residents. Since its founding, the purpose of the Suffolk County Historical Society has remained essentially the same: to collect, preserve and interpret the ongoing history of Suffolk County and its people. To fulfill these purposes the Society operates a history museum, a library and archives, and offers educational programs and events for our students and residents. The Society houses a unique, ever-growing collection of artifacts, reflecting more than three centuries of history.



A FAREWELL LETTER FROM OUTGOING SCHS DIRECTOR, WALLACE W. BROEGE

The past few months, since our last newsletter, have been filled with new projects, exhibitions and programs. Our "Edith Loring Fullerton: The Lady of the Garden" exhibit was a success. The Fullerton Collection, which is comprised of over 2,300 glass plate negatives, lantern slides and autochromes is one of the Society's most important and versatile collections. Hal Fullerton was a Special Agent and the Director of Agriculture for the Long Island Rail Road at the turn of the 20th century. Edith was his lifetime partner, and together they worked to promote Long Island, and the Long Island Rail Road. The Edith Loring Fullerton exhibit focused on Edith's story and was illustrated with Hal's images.



Retired Suffolk County Historical Society Director Wally Broege welcomes new Director, Kathryn Curran

While the exhibit was open to the public, we were pleased to have Anne Nauman, the Fullerton's granddaughter and family historian, her sister Edith, Anne's husband Chuck, and their daughter Marcy visit SCHS. During a second visit to SCHS, Anne presented the Society with over 400 lantern slides and artifacts that belonged to the Fullertons. This was a major gift to SCHS and the addition of these new images and artifacts will greatly expand the numerous ways that we will be able to use the Fullerton Collection to interpret the history of Long Island. The significance of this gift cannot be over-emphasized, and we are indebted to Anne and her family.

Another great success was this summer's "Private Places Public Spaces: Suffolk County's Elite Hunt Clubs and Regional Decoys," accompanied by a smaller exhibit offered by renowned decoy collector Dick Richardson about the Pattersquash Gun Club. The exhibit featured beautiful decoys and memorabilia from private hunt clubs that today are state and county parks. This exhibition was accompanied by a weekly series of well-attended lectures concluding in a successful silent decoy auction.

This will be my last opening letter as Director of the Suffolk County Historical Society. As many of you may know by now, I have stepped down after 33 years as Director and 36 years working at SCHS. It is a bittersweet time for me because I will miss working here. More than anything else I will miss the people that I have been privileged to work with here. My respect for their good work

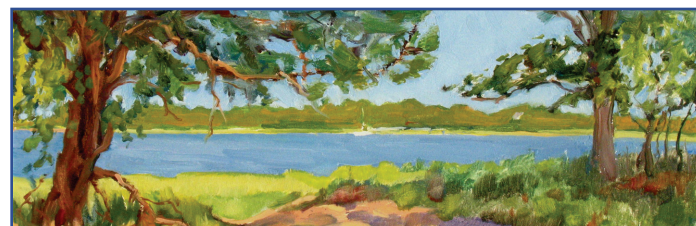
and their consistent efforts to always do the very best that they can, continues to grow. My success as the Society's Director would not have been possible without their ideas and hard work. Their friendship and mutual respect has been among my greatest joys. Thank you all for your support.

At the same time that I am saying goodbye, I want to wish the incoming Director, Kathryn Curran, good luck. Kathy is full of enthusiasm, energy and ideas. This is an exciting time for the Suffolk County Historical Society and I see a bright future for the Society under Kathy's new leadership!

SCHS RECEIVES MAIN STREET GRANT

The society has received a Main Street Grant from Riverhead Town in the amount of \$9,500. The funds will be used to repair and restore the front stairs and platform outside of the entrance to the museum. Water intrusion and freezing conditions during the winter have taken their toll on the cement and slate structure. Gary Jacquemin, an architect who is on the Riverhead Town Preservation and Landmarks Commission, who has worked on many area projects, has prepared a description of the work, along with drawings of the structure that has been sent to contractors along with a request for proposals to make the necessary repairs. The Suffolk County Board of Directors has chosen Omni Construction Co. to complete this project, which is to begin in mid-September.

WEATHERVANE GIFT SHOP NEWS



The Society's Weathervane Gift Shop is currently featuring several original oil paintings by contemporary Long Island artist Keith Mantell. Make sure to stop in the shop to view these beautiful works on your next visit!

JOIN US FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL "LET'S MAKE HISTORY!" BICYCLE RIDE

The Suffolk County Historical Society is pleased to present the 4th Annual "Let's Make History" Bicycle Ride on Sunday, September 18 (rain or shine), at 8:30 am. Riders will have two round-trip route options of either 50 miles (Half Century) or 25 miles. Both options offer riders scenic routes along Long Island's North Fork, through farms, vineyards and quaint



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BICYCLE RIDE

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18
2011
8:30AM**

villages. Food and beverages will be provided at all stops. Free T-shirts will be given to the first 200 registrants.

Registration is \$30 per person; \$35 the day of the event (cash only). Riders will meet at the municipal parking lot at the intersection of Osborne Avenue and Court Street in downtown Riverhead, directly behind the SCHS building. Children under the age of 15 ride free. Riders under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Riders can register online at: www.active.com, (type "Riverhead, NY" and "Let's Make History Bicycle Ride" in the search bar). For full ride details, sponsorship opportunities, and to volunteer, please contact Kathryn Curran at 631-727-2881 x104, or curranschs@optonline.net

Proceeds from the ride will benefit the Suffolk County Historical Society.

CALL FOR ENTRIES • 4TH ANNUAL JURIED PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION: "FAVORITE PLACES"

The Suffolk County Historical Society is pleased to announce a call for entries for our 4th Annual Photography contest! This year's theme is "Favorite Places." Entries should reflect special places in Suffolk County, such as beaches, parks, villages, and historic and iconic sites, that evoke meaningful memories for the photographer.

Contest entries will be displayed at the Society in a new exhibit that will also feature historical photographs from the SCHS collection, depicting favorite places in Suffolk County.

Award-winning photographer and Hall B. Fullerton archivist, Neil Scholl, will be the guest juror. This competition is open to all artists. For complete contest details and requirements, please contact the SCHS at (631) 727-2881 x101, or email: curranschs@optonline.net

Contest Drop-Off Dates: Mon., Sept. 19 - Sat., Sept. 24; 12:30 - 4:30 pm.

Opening Reception: Friday, October 7, 6-8pm.

On display through November 19.

Image: Montauk, 1925, SCHS Fullerton Collection.



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members to the SCHS Board of Directors:

- NATE CORWIN, RIVERHEAD**
- RON MICHNE, SOUTHAMPTON**
- DICK GARDNER, SOUTHAMPTON**
- FRANCES RYAN, SOUTHAMPTON**
- GEORGETTE CASE, RIVERHEAD**



THE SCHS IS CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

WEATHERVANE GIFT SHOP: Tues. and Wed., any hours, 12:30 - 4:30 pm.
SPECIAL PROJECTS: Help with the preparation and maintenance of exhibit installations.
SPECIAL EVENTS: Help with setting up, greeting guests, and serving.

TEACHERS:
Do you love history and working with kids? Design your own children's program for the SCHS! Make your own hours with an after-school, school vacation, or "Mommy & Me" course offering.
Call Kathy at 631-727-2881 x101 to volunteer for any of the positions above.

CRAFT WORKSHOPS:
Are you an expert crafter? Whether you spin, quilt, carve or hook – consider offering a workshop at the SCHS to share your talents! *Call Lee at 631-727-2881 x105 for details.*