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SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

featuring a special presentation:
"Charles Henry Miller: Painter of Long Island"
by Geoffrey K. Fleming,
Director of the Southold Historical Society

For all the latest news about
SCHS happenings and events:

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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, family dues are \$40.

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NEWSLETTER of the **SUFFOLK COUNTY
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**SPECIAL HOLIDAY EVENT: "WOODEN WONDERLAND"
CARVERS HOLIDAY SHOW & SALE**



On December 3rd, the Suffolk County Historical Society will host a special family-fun holiday event, "Wooden Wonderland," a carvers holiday show and sale, featuring handmade carvings on display and for sale by more than a dozen local Long Island craftsmen. Look for one-of-a-kind items such as Santas, Gnomes, Ornaments, Birds, Fish, and Duck Decoys.

Select craftsmen will also be demonstrating a variety of wood carving skills and techniques during the event.

The community is invited to this family-fun event to learn about the art of wood carving and for the opportunity to do some Holiday shopping! *Image below: Wood carvings by Joel Hull*

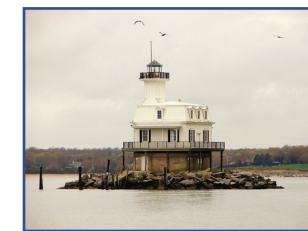
**WOODEN
WONDERLAND:**

**Saturday,
December 3rd
10am-4:30 pm**



*Refreshments will
be available for sale.
Donation to SCHS suggested at the door.*

WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN "FAVORITE PLACES" PHOTO CONTEST



The winners of the Society's fall photography contest were announced at an October 7th opening reception.

This year's theme was "Favorite Places, Suffolk County." The guest juror was award-winning photographer – and the Society's Hal B. Fullerton archivist – Neil Scholl. The exhibit featured contemporary photographic work juxtaposed with selected images from the Society's Fullerton collection

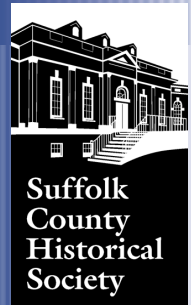
Photo at right: Opening reception of "Favorite Places, Suffolk County." Bob Dohrenwend, Michael McLaughlin, Neil Scholl, SCHS Director Kathy Curran, Lynn Rein and Diane Woodcheke.

BEST IN SHOW
Bob Dohrenwend, "Guardians of the Shore,"
(image at left)
FIRST PLACE
Michael McLaughlin, "Robert Moses"
SECOND PLACE
Lynn Rein, "It Was At Least 25 Pounds!"
THIRD PLACE
Diane Woodcheke, "Baby"



The activities and publications of the Suffolk County Historical Society are made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, celebrating 50 years of building strong, creative communities in New York State's 62 counties.

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.



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 LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR, KATHRYN M. CURRAN

Welcome to the Suffolk County Historical Society, the oldest historical society in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties, celebrating our 125th year. Our vast and varied collections make us Suffolk County's Smithsonian.

This is our new clarion call and greeting to all our visitors. It is our aim to interpret larger historic themes by sharing the role each town and community has and is playing in our history. In the future, look to our exhibitions and research to explore such topics as Suffolk County in the Civil Rights Movement; inventors and innovators; women who have made and are making

a social difference; diverse cultural traditions; the Native Americans today; Temperance, Prohibition and Rum Running; and much more.

Each of these topics will tell the tales of involvement of our individual communities from Amityville to Montauk, from Huntington to Orient – in the broader context of American history. As history is a living thing, the Suffolk County Historical Society will also be showcasing artists, writers and craftsmen in exhibitions, demonstrations, lectures and new events. Please go to our website www.suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org to see these upcoming exciting offerings and “Friend” us on Facebook.

History is alive and flourishing at the Suffolk County Historical Society!

NEW EXHIBIT: “CHARLES HENRY MILLER: PAINTER OF LONG ISLAND”



Charles H. Miller, *Girl in a Boat*, 1880, watercolor on paper

Opening Reception: Friday, Dec. 2, 6-8 PM

On view through February 11, 2012

Curated by Geoffrey K. Fleming, Director of the Southold Historical Society, this new exhibit will feature paintings, sketchbooks, and other historical memorabilia relating to the life and career of noted Long Island painter Charles Henry Miller, N.A. (1842-1922).

A number of the oil paintings in the exhibit have never been seen outside of the homes of the Miller family and their descendants. Several of the works feature scenes made famous by Miller, including Alley Pond in Bayside, and images showing some of the many, now lost, water mills that were so prominent across Long Island.

A feature of the opening reception will be the release of a new book, Charles Henry Miller: Painter of Long Island, created by the Southold Historical Society, documenting the life and career of Charles Henry Miller. The book was co-authored by the Director of the Society, Geoffrey K. Fleming, and Miller's great granddaughter, Ruth Ann Bramson. The book will be available for purchase at the Society's Weathervane Gift Shop.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2011 EXHIBITS AND PROGRAMS

Black History Month exhibit: “Who Are Our Brethren?”

This special exhibit featured archival material from the Society's collection documenting the birth, ownership and freedom of slaves from the early 1700s through the 1800s. Featured artifacts included period slave dolls, and a portrait, "Tamer," by Shepard Alonzo Mount.



Women's History Month: "Edith Loring Fullerton: Lady of the Garden"

This engaging exhibit explored the multi-faceted life and career of Edith Loring Fullerton through photographs, publications and memorabilia. We were thrilled to have the Fullertons' granddaughters and great-granddaughter (middle photo) join us for the opening reception! "Edith Loring Fullerton: The Oft-Forgotten Equal Partner of Hal B. Fullerton," an informative "Tea & Talk" lecture event was presented in connection with the exhibit, with Dr. Natalie Naylor, Professor Emerita of Hofstra University, as guest speaker (pictured at right, in blue, with SCHS staff member Lee Thumser).

Summer exhibit: "Private Places, Public Spaces" and Silent Auction event

This popular exhibit featured photographs, historical documents, art, artifacts, and a wide selection of regional decoys from the gilded age of Suffolk County's private hunt clubs. A lecture series was presented throughout the summer in connection with the exhibit, and a well-attended special fundraising "Silent Auction" featuring contemporary and period decoys was held on August 18th. *At right, "Private Places, Public Spaces" opening reception; SCHS Board member Ron Michne examining a decoy at the Silent Auction event.*



9/11 Memorial Exhibit

In honor of the ten-year anniversary of 9/11, the SCHS presented a memorial exhibit in collaboration with the Riverhead Free Library. During September, several programs were presented in connection with the exhibit, including a moving first-hand account lecture by retired Air Traffic Control Supervisor Paul Thumser (pictured at left). *Group photo: SCHS Board Members Georgette Case, Noel Gish, and Bob Barauskas flank SCHS Director Kathy Curran, in front of David T. Haussler's striking three-dimensional steel sculpture of the Twin Towers, the centerpiece of the exhibit.*



Director Wallace Broege Retires

A special surprise luncheon was held for retiring SCHS Director Wally Broege in June at the Dark Horse restaurant in Riverhead. Many members of the Suffolk County Legislature, including Ed Romaine (in photo), and other local dignitaries and community members came out to thank Wally for his 36 years of service to the County.



Fall Photo Contest

Our annual juried photo contest and exhibit opened in October, with the theme "Favorite Places, Suffolk County."

Pictured at left, 1st place winner, "Robert Moses" by Michael McLaughlin of Baiting Hollow.