

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010

*“Early Diesel Locomotives  
of the Long Island Rail Road”*

On Saturday, March 20, at 1:30 pm, The Railroad Museum of Long Island will present their Fourth Annual Educational Forum at the Suffolk County Historical Society.

At the educational forum, Sam Berliner, III, will give an illustrated presentation on the Long Island Rail Road's first diesel locomotives, and an overview of all the earliest diesels (oil-electrics) and their progeny.

This event is open to the public. Admission is free. (Snow date: March 27, 1:30 pm.)

For additional information, visit the Railroad Museum of Long Island's website, at [www.rmli.us](http://www.rmli.us), or email Don Fisher at: [dfisher@rmli.us](mailto:dfisher@rmli.us)

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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 \$30  
and family dues are \$35.

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.



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, a State Agency.

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*Past, Present, and Future, We Write Them*

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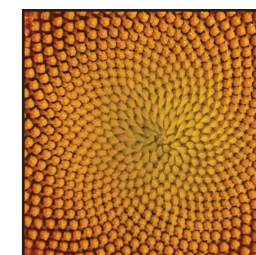
FROM OUR DIRECTOR

This issue of the Newsletter is filled with a combination of past events and exciting things to come. Looking back reminds me of all the challenges that we met during the last year and how proud I am of all the accomplishments that we achieved. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved, paid and unpaid staff members, members of the Board of Directors, all of our volunteers, and our visitors, for helping to make 2009 a successful year. The society is also grateful to the County Executive, Steve Levy, and the members of the Suffolk County Legislature for their continued interest and support of the Suffolk County Historical Society.

The coming year will be filled with new exhibitions and programs. In April we are very pleased to present "Interpretive Flora," a new exhibition presented as part of "Cross Pollination: An Artistic Collaboration," a joint venture among the Suffolk County Historical Society, the East End Arts Council and Art Sites. Please see the article below for full exhibit details, and make sure to mark your calendars for the interesting interactive programs we have planned to accompany the exhibit!

– Wallace W. Broege, SCHS Director

NEW EXHIBIT: "INTERPRETIVE FLORA" • OPENS APRIL 23RD



*Sunflower: Ryker Collection*

On Friday, April 23rd, the Suffolk County Historical Society will present a new exhibit, "Interpretive Flora." Inspired by the flora of the Peconic River, this exhibit features contemporary botanical interpretations shown in conjunction with prints of Peconic River wild flowers made from the Oren Ryker Collection. In 1972 Mrs. Mignon Ryker donated 236 stunning images made by her husband on positive film

This invitational exhibit is presented in collaboration with the East End Arts Council and Art Sites as part of a joint venture, titled "Cross Pollination: An Artistic Collaboration." The exhibit features the work of several contemporary female artists who were invited to interpret the botanical theme. Featured artists include Abby Vakay, Ellen Dickenson, Hazel Khan, Roberta LaRosa, Jennifer Ribbe, Lucille Berrill Paulsen, and Vera Mingovits. Artistic mediums used include fabric and woven florals, calligraphy, and paintings.

We've planned several exciting programs to accompany this exhibit, including pressed flower workshops, a Peconic River canoeing excursion, and a Tea & Talk with a naturalist. Please see page 3 for details!

Opening Reception: Friday, April 23rd, 6-8pm.

Free trolley bus shuttles will be available throughout the evening to the companion botanical-themed exhibits at the East End Arts Council and Art Sites.



*Geranium: V. Mingovits*

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New Exhibit:  
*"Interpretive Flora"*



Photo Contest Winners  
*"Suffolk County  
Landmarks and Icons"*



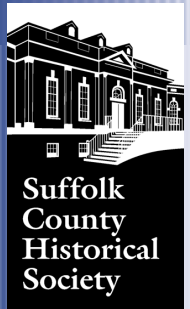
Last Chance to View  
Malcah Zeldis  
& Civil War Exhibits!



"Daughters of the Revolution  
of 1776"  
Database Now Online

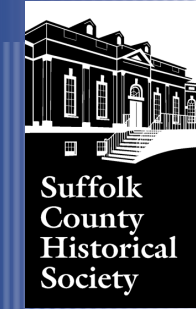
Upcoming Events





## 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.



## 2009 FALL HIGHLIGHTS



SCHS Director Wally Broege and art historian Elizabeth Kahn Kaplan at the October Tea & Talk: "Poking Fun: Political Puns and Social Satire in the Genre Paintings of William Sidney Mount."



SCHS Museum Educator Lee Thumser and SCHS Public Programs & Exhibition Development Coordinator Kathryn Curran with riders at the 2nd Annual September "Let's Make History" fundraising bicycle ride.



September's "Living History Interpretation" featured Civil War re-enactors in authentic uniforms, weaponry and camp equipment, presented by re-enactors from Company K, 67th NY Volunteers. (L-R): Brian Niessing, Max Kenny.



Suffolk County officials and veterans at November's Veteran's Day ceremony, which was followed by a special breakfast and viewing of the SCHS Civil War exhibit. (L-R): Legislator Edward Romaine, VFW Commander Gene McSherry, Riverhead Town Council members Barbara Blass, James Wooten.

## WINNERS ANNOUNCED: "SUFFOLK COUNTY LANDMARKS & ICONS" PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Winners of a juried photography contest, judged by Jeff Schamberry, Director of Photography at Newsday, were announced at the opening reception of the exhibit "Suffolk County's Landmarks & Icons," at the SCHS on November 13. The exhibit featured current photographic work, by contemporary photographers, depicting Suffolk County's landmarks and icons, juxtaposed with a sampling of historical photographs from the SCHS collection. The prize-winning images are featured below. (Note: This exhibit has closed.)



The winners, L-R: Best In Show: "East End Farm Stand" by Vic Carlin; 1st Runner-Up: "Barn at Hallockville" by Adina Karp; 2nd Runner-Up: "1760 Schoolhouse-Mattituck" by Maude Adams; 3rd Runner-Up: "All Hallow's Eve at Krupski's Pumpkin Farm" by Bridget Walter.

## LAST CHANCE TO VIEW CIVIL WAR AND MALCAH ZELDIS EXHIBITS!



Make sure to visit the Society by March 20th to catch the final days of our popular exhibit: "Patriots Come Forward: Suffolk County's Role in the Civil War." Curated by Dr. Richard F. Welch, Ph.D., this exhibit explores the experiences of Long Islanders during the Civil War. Artifacts from the Society's collections are featured, as well as objects rarely seen from both public and private collections.

Also on view through the end of March: "Honest Abe," a series of paintings by renowned American folk artist Malcah Zeldis. The original paintings featured in the exhibit are from the children's book of the same name, by Edith Kunhardt, along with other select works by the artist. Image: Lincoln Working on a Mississippi River Flatboat; Malcah Zeldis

## • MAY 2010 PROGRAMS & EVENTS • PRESENTED IN CONNECTION WITH OUR NEW EXHIBIT "INTERPRETIVE FLORA"

SAT., MAY 8, 10 am - 12 pm

Workshop: Pressed Flower & Herb Bookmarks with Gayle Wagner

Create six unique laminated bookmarks of your own design, using pressed miniature flowers and herbs, and decorative embellishments. Instructor Gayle Wagner has taught flower art on eastern Long Island since 1990. Her award-winning designs have been exhibited locally and nationally. She is a member of the Worldwide Pressed Flower Guild and the National Herb Society. Ages: 7 to adult. Fee: \$20. Registration and payment due: May 6.

TUES., MAY 12, 1 pm

Tea & Talk: The Peconic River

Join us for another of our popular Tea & Talks – an educational and social afternoon! Speaker: TBA. Fee: \$10. Registration and payment due: May 7.

SAT., MAY 15, 10 am - 2 pm

Canoeing the Peconic River: 8-Mile Guided Tour with Author Mark Gehrke

Paddle the Peconic River, through the Pine Barrens, with the author of "Kayaking Long Island's Harbors." Fee: \$59 per canoe; capacity is 3 adults, or 1 adult and 3 children. Advanced registration: contact SCHS at (631) 727-2881, or visit: [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

SAT., MAY 22, 10 am - 12 pm

Workshop: Pressed Flower Candles with Gayle Wagner

Using local North Fork pre-pressed flowers and herbs, learn how to create two 6" pillar candles. Learn which flowers, leaves and herbs press best in a microwave oven. Ages: 12 to adult. Fee: \$25. Registration and payment due: May 20.



For complete program details, call the Society at (631) 727-2881 or e-mail [curranschs@optonline.net](mailto:curranschs@optonline.net)

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## "DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION OF 1776" DATABASE NOW ONLINE

The National Society of the Daughters of the Revolution of 1776 (D of R) was founded in 1890, after a difference of opinion within the Daughters of the American Revolution arose about how a person qualifies as being descended from a Revolutionary War Patriot. A rift developed and the "D of R" was born! Almost 100 years later the "D of R" dissolved, and their membership records were given to the Suffolk County Historical Society. These records contain a wealth of information that is in demand by genealogists.

Dale Realand, an SCHS volunteer, worked with fellow members of the German Genealogy Group (GGG) to computerize the finding aid for the collection, and it is now available on their website at: [www.germangenealogygroup.com](http://www.germangenealogygroup.com).

For more information on this project and other work of the group, please visit the German Genealogy Group's website. We are grateful to the following members of the GGG for making this project possible: Dale Realand, Don Eckerle, Rosie Grummer, Irvin Hitzler, Joan Hitzler, Hank Mahoney, Ray Schratwieser and Mark Waldron. It has been wonderful working with the GGG and we look forward to future collaborations.

