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ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
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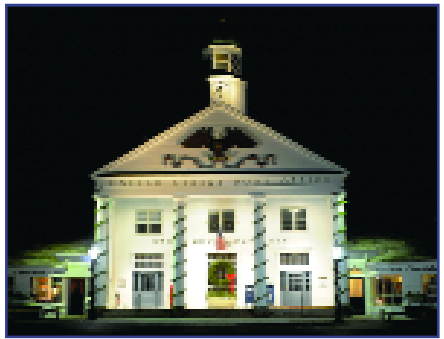
**"MAIN STREET, SUFFOLK COUNTY"
PHOTO EXHIBIT EXTENDED • WINNERS ANNOUNCED**



The Suffolk County Historical Society is pleased to announce the extension of the juried photography exhibition, "Main Street, Suffolk County," through February 12, 2011.

SCHS Director Wally Broege with photo contest winners, (left to right) Virginia Bushart, Wendy Feinberg, Robert Dohrenwend, and Peter Dicke

The exhibition consists of current photographic works by contemporary photographers that depict Suffolk County's own Main Street views, alongside a selection of historic photos from the Suffolk County Historical Society's collections.



An opening reception was held at the SCHS on November 12. Winners of the juried contest, judged by professional photographer Ray Germann, were announced at the reception.



The prize-winning images are as follows:

- First Place:**
Virginia Bushart, December Evening
- Second Place:**
Wendy Feinberg, Bird's Eye View of Main St.
- Third Place:**
Robert Dohrenwend, The Retired Tow Truck
- Fourth Place:**
Peter Dicke, Huntington Main Street Mall

Winning images by Bushart (above) and Dohrenwend, (below).



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.



THE YEAR IN REVIEW • FROM SCHS DIRECTOR, WALLACE W. BROEGE

Kathy Curran, our Public Programs and Education Coordinator did a great job once again this year. Stunning, informative and interesting exhibits filled the main gallery. They included "Honest Abe," paintings by Malcah Zeldis; "Interpretive Flora," a display of contemporary art, that featured photographs made by the local photographer, Oren Ryker; "Helen M. Kroeger & Otto J. Kurth: The Anchorage Studio and Peconic Bay Impressionism," designed and installed by the Guest Curator, Terry Wallace; and "Main Street Suffolk County," our fourth annual juried photography show.

Public programs this year included two pressed flower workshops conducted by one of our volunteers, Gayle Wagner; a Tea & Talk program on the history of the Peconic River, presented by George Bartunek; a Canoe Trip on the Peconic River led by Mark Gehrke and George Bartunek; and "Hal B. Fullerton: The Lure of the Lens," a program about the art and photography of Hal B. Fullerton presented by Neil Scholl.



Tom Edmonds, Dir. Southampton Historical Society; Paul DeOrsay, Dir. Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum and Kathy Curran, the SCHS Public Programs and Exhibition Coordinator, at the Museum Association of New York meeting hosted by the SCHS in October.

The Library and Archives was buzzing with activity this year. The most exciting accomplishments were the various projects that our volunteers worked on, under the direction of Ned Smith, our Librarian. New finding aids were developed for the Daughters of the Revolution of 1776 Collection; a number of our photograph collections; the Civil Defense/Disaster Preparedness Collection recently donated by Suffolk County; and the on-line data base for the Daughters of the Revolution of 1776 Members and Ancestor Records, to name a few. Neil Scholl continued his work in digitalizing the Fullerton Collection, Georgette Case continued to scan fragile scrapbook collections, and Marge Beckwith continued her work on the Lois DeWall Scrapbooks.

While I am on the subject of volunteers I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who have helped the society achieve such success this year. At the same time I want to ask any of our readers who may be interested in volunteering to contact me. Volunteers are particularly needed to work in the Weathervane Gift Shop.

Thank you and best wishes for a Happy Healthy New Year!

NEW TITLES IN THE WEATHERVANE GIFT SHOP

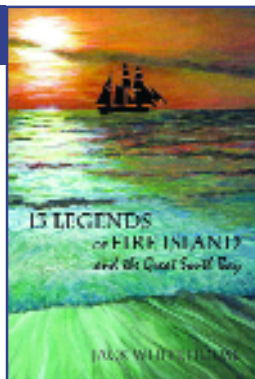
The Weathervane Gift Shop is a great place to find reading material on our county's people, trades, and history. The topics available are diverse: plant life, planes and trains, women who went to sea, the utopian community Modern Times, air crashes on the island, genealogical research, lighthouses, biographies, and many, many more.

One of the strengths of the collection is indeed genealogy; we offer some specific family compilations, ethnic guides, collections of resource material specific to our area, and more general how-to books on this study and popular hobby. Another strength is our large gathering of community histories. We still have available some older volumes that might be considered local classics. We also have newly published titles such as Don Bayles' Horton's Point Lighthouse and Nautical Museum, and Jack Whitehouse's 13 Legends of Fire Island and the Great South Bay. Other new titles this year include Quogue's Heritage Road, Long Island High School Sports, and New York City in the Great Depression: Sheltering the Homeless.

These last two titles come from another strength of our shop and also of the publishing industry. Arcadia Publishing of Mount Pleasant, SC, has become renowned for its books on local communities, its reflections on the past through "then and now" pictorial juxtapositions, and historical topical overviews. The Weathervane Shop sells over 60 titles from Arcadia, including over two dozen newly received during 2009-2010.

These pictorial volumes pack a wallop of history into the extensive captions found beneath each photograph. In addition to the above two, we also suggest these new titles: Miller Place, Roslyn, Flushing, Smithtown, 1938 Hurricane Along New England's Coast, Around Westhampton, Copiague, Oakdale, Port Washington, Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Oyster Bay, Long Island Aircraft Manufacturers, and Fort Greene.

Contact Diane Perry at 631-727-2881 x102 or perryschs@optonline.net for availability, pricing, and shipping expenses. Or stop in during the museum's hours: Tues.-Sat., 12:30 to 4:30 pm.



2011 • UPCOMING EXHIBITS AND PROGRAMS



FEBRUARY

- Special temporary exhibit for Black History Month: "Who Are Our Brethren?" *Details to be announced.*
- Program: "Celebrating Freedom," by Sherrill D. Wilson, Ph.D., Saturday, February 5, 1 pm. *This lecture is made possible by the NYS Council on the Humanities Speakers, is free and open to the public.*
- SCHS Annual Meeting, February 12 at 2 pm. *Business Meeting, Reports and Election of Officers.*
Program: Neil Scholl will present "Hal B. Fullerton: The Lure of the Lens"

MARCH

Women's History Month

- Exhibit: "Edith Loring Fullerton: Lady of the Garden." Opening Reception: March 4, 5-7 pm.
- Tea & Talk: "Edith Loring Fullerton: The Oft-Forgotten Equal Partner of Hal B. Fullerton," presented by Dr. Natalie Naylor. Tuesday, March 8, 2 pm. *Admission: \$10. Advanced registration is required.*
Contact Kathy Curran for details, curranschs@optonline.net or call (631) 727-2881, ext. 104.

APRIL

- Slide program: "The Blessed Isle: Hal B. Fullerton and His Image of Long Island." Presented by SCHS Director, Wally Broege. April 7, 7 pm. *Admission: \$5.*

MAY

- Exhibit: "Private Clubs – Public Spaces." *Exploring the world of Suffolk County's private hunt clubs that later became State and County Parks. Regional decoys will be a highlight of the exhibit.*

SCHS HOSTS MUSEUM ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK MEETING



On October 21st, the Suffolk County Historical Society was the host for a Museum Association of New York (MANY) Member Briefing and Roundtable meeting. Representatives from institutions in eastern Suffolk County were invited to meet with MANY Director Anne Ackerson to share their views on current issues such as the museum field in general, declining resources, the formation of the new NYS Regents Advisory Committee on Museums, and changes that a new Governor could bring. The group also discussed approaching cultural leaders and elected officials about museum related issues and concerns. About twenty people attended, some had never met their colleagues, and the meeting provided an ideal opportunity for the attendees to get to know each other, share ideas and discuss common concerns.

(Left to Right) Christina Mossaides Strassfeld, Museum Director/Chief Curator at Guild Hall Museum; Wally Broege, SCHS Director; New York State Assemblyman, Steve Englebright; Pat Mundus, Shelter Island Historical Society Director; and Janalyn Travis-Messer, President of the Shelter Island Historical Society. Steve Englebright is the Assemblyman from Assembly District 4 (Setauket), and is the Chairman of the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development. Mr. Englebright has been a staunch supporter of museums and museum education. He is also a member of the Education, Energy and Higher Education Committees.

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Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who supported this event, and especially to the hearty riders who participated!

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