

**Suffolk County Historical Society**  
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***“Past, Present, and Future, We Unite Them” – SCHS Corporate Seal***

Dear Members and Friends,

Whether you’ve seen our thought-provoking exhibit on African-American portrayals and stereotypes, ***“Hidden and Forbidden,”*** or viewed one of the largest collections of master print makers, ***Currier and Ives,*** or simply stopped by on a warm afternoon to get closer to nature with a multitude of magnificent bird watercolors in our gallery show, ***ōDennis Puleston: Naturalist, Environmentalist and Artist,”*** you’ve come to realize that history truly comes alive at the Suffolk County Historical Society in the year 2013. Of course putting on exhibits isn’t our only mission at the Society. Assisting people in their own personal historical research is the goal of our Library and Archives and providing a forum for educational lectures for the public remains a high priority as well.

In addition, we have reached out to the educational community with our Mobile Museum, a traveling exhibit that features the stories and artifacts of four nomadic cultures. The Mobile Museum travels to schools, eliminating the expense and planning of field trips.

But none of this progress would have been possible without the financial support of our donors and members. Now more than ever we appeal for your continued support so we can accomplish our very exciting plans for the future which include:

- Restoring the East Wing into much-needed gallery space
- Updating our facility to meet ADA compliance, including installing an elevator and handicap-accessible bathrooms
- Improving our signage so we become more visible from the road as people enter the Town of Riverhead
- Installing an energy efficient climate control system that will save money on fuel costs
- Digitizing our entire photographic collection and making it available for online sales
- Making our Weathervane Gift Shop historical book collection also available for sale online
- To continue to meet our mission: *To collect, preserve and interpret the ongoing history of Suffolk County and its people.* This means we need to be able to attract exhibits and maintain the more than 20,000 artifacts we currently hold.

We thank you in advance for considering a gift to the Suffolk County Historical Society. Please download and fill out the donation PDF on this website and return it to the address above. We also invite you to become a member of the society. Benefits include free admission to the museum, a discount on library services, 10 percent discount on most items in the Weathervane Gift Shop, and a free copy of our annual genealogical periodical, *The Register*. In addition you will be notified of all upcoming events. A membership form is also on our website.

With sincere appreciation,

Kathryn Curran  
Executive Director