



NEWSLETTER of the SUFFOLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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NEW EXHIBIT: LUCK, STRATEGY AND DIPLOMACY: PLAYING GAMES • on view through April 10th



The SCHS is pleased to announce a new exhibition: “**LUCK, STRATEGY AND DIPLOMACY: PLAYING GAMES.**” The new exhibit features period board and card games, puzzles, and gaming furniture from the SCHS and other public and private collections – popular from the 19th century to the present – and explores the psychology, art, and history of gamesmanship. The exhibit will be on display at the Society through April 10.

Featured items from the exhibit include the original 1843 “The Mansion of Happiness” board game, often billed as the first board game published in America, as well other period board games, which were centered around celebrities and noteworthy events of the day including King Tut, Lindbergh, Pike’s Peak, and journalist journeywoman Nellie Bly. Early board games were often moralistic and instructive in nature, designed to promote virtue and education about specific subjects. Later games promoted materialism and “competitive capitalistic behavior.”

This exhibit is part of a joint “Games” themed project running from February through April between the East End Arts Council and the Suffolk County Historical Society, featuring game related art exhibitions, historical exhibits, and charity gaming events. Support is also provided by the Riverhead Business Improvement District, the National SCRABBLE® Association and the North Fork Trolley.



“Jack Straws” game, circa 1900, from the SCHS collection and exhibit case



SCRABBLE® TOURNAMENT! • SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009

The SCHS will host a special **SCRABBLE® TOURNAMENT** on Saturday, March 28th, presented by the National SCRABBLE® Association. The Tournament will be presented in two sessions, by age group. Details are as follows:

Session One: For players 14 years and younger

Teams of two
10:00 am sign in
10:30 am game start
Three 20-minute timed rounds
\$10/team, advanced registration; \$15 day of

Session Two: For Players 15 and above

Open team play
1:30 pm sign in
2:00 pm game start
Three 20-minute timed rounds
\$10/player, advanced registration; \$15 day of

Prizes and bragging rights will be awarded!

Register in advance by sending a \$10 check, payable to the SCHS, to: Suffolk County Historical Society, 300 West Main St., Riverhead, NY 11901. Please note on registration which session you are registering for and name(s) of player(s).



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.

Visit us online at: www.suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org

SCHS ANNUAL MEETING NOTES



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At the Annual Meeting of the Suffolk County Historical Society on Saturday, February 14, 2009, Ms. Allyson Reeve was elected for a three-year term as a Director from Southold Town, and The Hon. James Hudson was elected for a three-year term as a Director-at-Large.

Pictured below, SCHS President John Sprague (elected for a two-year term of office, beginning February 9, 2008) and William R. Hulse, elected for a three-year term of office as a Director-at-Large.



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Wallace W. Broege, *Director*

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Hours:

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

Library: Wed., Thu., Fri. & Sat., 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Membership is open to everyone.

Individual yearly dues are \$30

and family dues are \$35.



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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Civil War Exhibit

OPENING JULY 2009



The Suffolk County Historical Society will open a new CIVIL WAR exhibit in July that will tell the stories of Long Islanders who fought in the war and interpret major themes of the war via their individual experiences. Rare and historic artifacts from the SCHS collection and the collections of other institutions and private collectors will be on display.

Pictured above: colorized image, from the Uniform Museum Collection, of Benjamin Tyler Davis (who was born in Pt. Jefferson and lived in Riverhead after the Civil War), in the exotic Civil War uniform of the 5th New York Volunteer Infantry, known as "Duryée's Zouaves." Davis' uniform is part of the SCHS collection and will be a featured item in the Civil War exhibit.