

Minutes and Annual Report for 2007 **Presented at the Annual Meeting on June 7th,** **2009**

CALL TO ORDER: The 104th Annual Meeting of the Huntington Historical Society was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Board President, Kevin Arloff, who noted that this is the 104th annual meeting of the Society

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Minutes from the 103rd Annual Meeting to be distributed and considered for approval.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Acceptance of Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting
3. Review the activities of the society over the past year:
 - A. President's Report
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Director's Report
 - D. Museum Report
 - E. Education Report
 - F. Library Report
4. Elect Trustees for the Class of 2 and to fill vacancies in the Class of 2009
5. Present the 2008 Volunteers of the Year Award
6. Recognize the Trustees who have completed their terms in office
7. Conduct such other business as may legally be considered by the membership

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2007

Kevin Arloff, President
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Kevin Arloff

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Carol A. Maguire

Annual membership in the Historical Society was changed to January – December rather than a rolling membership throughout the year. This has helped our cash flow during the beginning of the year when we do not have events (other than the Holiday House Tour in December which is profitable).

Tom and Pat Ernst designed a wonderful new membership brochure in color that gave us a more up-to-date look and we had 5,000 color copies printed. This is to be used to solicit *new* members rather than for just renewing memberships.

We welcomed two new Board of Trustee members: Marie Failey of East Northport, who took on the chair of the Wine Tasting, and Patrick Molloy of Centerport who became Secretary of the Board.

A “no conflict” letter was sent to NYS Museum, Head of Chartering Programs for the Half Hollow Historical Assn. to gain approval. They own a small former school house that had been enlarged for use as a home. Their plan is to restore it to what it once was.

I and Art Sniffin were on the Town’s Cultural Diversity Committee along with about 15 other people and Town Clerk, Jo-Ann Raia, each representing a different ethnic group. This was a spin off from a grant that the Town received and culminated in a Day of Cultural Diversity that brought attention to the many different ethnic groups that are represented in the community.

About mid year we had to find a new Educator and once again our Education Committee members and docents did a wonderful job in keeping the education program going so that no school ever missed an opportunity to learn about life in the 19th and 18th centuries.

Volunteers continue to assist me in getting rid of old records in the Archives that could have been gotten rid of years ago to create more free space. I have kept a file listing of those records destroyed including Museum Shop records from the 1980’s, misc. business expenses, and bank checks for early 1990’s About five cartons have been destroyed. A copy of Huntington’s business invoices was kept just in case we did not have a record of their presence in Huntington in our Archives.

Rotary Club of East Northport – gave a talk on HHS thanks to invitation from Trustee, Marie Failey, who is a member of the Rotary. I mentioned that Kiwanis supported two children attending PtoP this year and they said they might do that next year.

Soroptimist International of Huntington- meeting speaker on Monday night, Sept. 17th

A letter I wrote to the Town resulted in Bartlett Tree Experts trimming all of our trees on the Conklin Farmhouse property. Town Councilman Besen, Conrad Decker, Manager of Huntington Station office of Bartlett Tree, Lilian Najarian and Carol A. Maguire.

Al Sforza, Art Sniffin and I gave talks to groups about the Historical Society, our hat collection and exhibit, as well as Al's books on Huntington Station that brought in honorariums.

2007 ANNUAL APPEAL

Mr. Tom Alberti
Mr. & Mrs. William Andersen
Mr. & Mrs. David Angelo
Ms. Joanna Badami
Ms. Nancy Barry
Mr. & Mrs. Karl Brosky
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Cash
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Connell
Ms. Patricia Conway
Mr. Nathaniel Corwin
Mr. Mark Cronin & carol Schlitt
Dr. & Mrs. John C. Daidola
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph De Rosa
Mr. & Mrs. Frances De Vito
Mr. Peter Demidovich
Mrs. Carolyn C. Dilworth
Ms. Barbara Donaldson
Mr. Donald E. Eckerle
Mr. & Mrs. Steven A. Eckers
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ernst
Mr. Robert T. Farrell
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Feeney
Mrs. Irene R. Ferrand
Mrs. William Fleming
Mr. & Mrs. David Fuchs
Mrs. Lorraine Galinsky
Mr. & Mrs. George Gardella
Ms. Jacqueline Gautherin
Mrs. Judy Gilbert
Ms. Carol Greenholz

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Guarino
Mr. Donald Gundermann
Gundermann & Gundermann
Mr. Chris Hansen
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartmann
Mr. & Mrs. Nikolaus Haus
Mrs. Winfred Hawxhurst
Mrs. Marge Holly
Mrs. Kay Horch
Mr. Henry Johnson
Mrs. Elizabeth Kappstatter
Ms. Shelly Kaynes
Ms. Wilma Kelsey
Mr. & Mrs. John B. Kissam
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kissam
Mr. Mrs. Peter Klein
Mr. Walter H. Koch, Jr.
Mr. Warren G. Kraft
Ms. Janet Kushnick
Ms. Karen Conklin Larkin
Mr. Ray Linder
Ms. Elizabeth M. Macfarlane
Ms. Katherine Macy
Mrs. Judy Place Maggiore
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Mahdesian
Mrs. M. Harriet Matus
Mr. & Mrs. Felix McCarthy
Mrs. Noel McCullough
Mr. Richard McGrath
Mr. & Mrs. Randall McIntyre
Mr. & Mrs. Donald McKay
Mr. Gary Melius, *Oheka Castle*
Ms. Dorothea Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Napoleon Monroe
Ms. Betty Morales,
Day's End Sevices
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Muller
Ms. Lisa Najarian
Mr. & Mrs. Nishan Najarian
Mrs. Marion Phillips
Mr. & Mrs. George Phillips, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Plesent
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Quinn
Ms. Jo-Ann Raia
Ms. Catherine Robinson
Mr. Theodore Ryder,
Seaholm Wines & Liquor
Mrs. Carol Seanger.

Mr. & Mrs. Quentin Sammis
Mr. Scott Sammis
Sammis, Smith & Brush, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Saunders
Mr. Clifton Schellack
Mr. David Schmitz
Mrs. Jean Schneider
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sheinberg
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sica
Ms. Dolores Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sniffin
Barbara-Helene Smith, Ph.D
Mr. & Mrs. James Spatola
Mr. Ronald K. Stein
Drs. Ellen & Jay Steinberg
Ms. Dorothy Tarantino
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Thompson
Mrs. Betty Townsend
Mr. Mrs. Thomas Van Wickler
Mr. William Vita.
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Vitters
Commander, Huntington Militia
Mr. Bob Von Hagen,, *Flynn-Aire*
Mrs. Dorothy B. Wagner
Mr. Mark R. Waldron
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Walton *Rosalie Ink Publications*
Mr. William Watman
Mr. Drew Weinlandt
Dr. & Mrs. George L. Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Windesheim
Mr. A. Shaw & Ms. P. Grella
Melville Unit Senior Citizens
Mrs. Janice Woods
Mr. James Woods

2007 ANNUAL MEETING TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lilian Najarian

This report represents the financial status of the Huntington Historical Society for the year ending December 31, 2007. The support and revenue for 2007 was \$391,970 with expenses at \$385,875 leaving a net operating profit of \$6,095. It is important to note that our Independent Auditor's Report states that the Society's financial statements were presented fairly and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. There are three copies of our "Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for December 31, 2007 and 2006" available for viewing today. The report will also be available for viewing at our main office at the Trade School. We ask that anyone requesting a personal copy to please send us a prepaid envelope to help defray costs.

The major sources of operating revenues were as follows:

1. A grant from the Town of Huntington of \$55,000 for operating expenses.
2. Memberships: \$22,368.
3. Rentals of Society properties: \$46,860.
4. Fundraising and special events: \$68,638.
5. Net sales from the Museum Shop: \$23,744.
6. Educational programs for children and adults: \$52,284

2007 saw the completion of two long term capital improvements. In 2006 we received approval from the Empire State Development Corporation for a Community Capital Assistance Grant of up to \$50,000 requested on our behalf by Senator Marcellino for restoration work on the Kissam House. This was a reimbursement grant. For a small nonprofit, this was a considerable challenge and yet we were able to meet our obligations. I am pleased to say that we were fully reimbursed with \$49,375.40 during 2007. We remain very grateful to Senator Marcellino for his assistance.

Also completed in 2007 was the remodeling of the Kissam House kitchen back to its original appearance in the 1840s. Many thanks are due to the generous donations of the Kissam Family Association.

On the expense side, we continue to struggle to keep up with rising costs of building maintenance, utilities, programs and unanticipated costs such as the need for a new waste line at the Conklin House and a new oil tank at the Kissam House. Another type of expense was our inability to be fully funded in 2007 for several grant applications.

The Society continues to oversee the funds that have been set up by our generous donors. Their balances as of 12/31/07 were:

1. Thomas Powell Fund: net income to acquire items relating to Family History: \$11,252.
2. Agnes K. Packard Fund: net income to be used for archives and library: \$4,241.
3. Rufus Langhans Fund: to be used in connections with the library: \$23,176.
4. Joel H. Cohen Fund: net income for acquiring historical artifacts relating to the Town of Huntington: \$16,369.
5. Seymour J. Hirschfeld Memorial Fund: net income for maintenance and enhancement of the photographic collection: \$19,373.
6. Archives Building Fund: established for additional archives and collections storage space: \$405,003.
7. Endowment Fund: income is used to provide general operating support: \$80,935.

The mission of the Huntington Historical Society is to be the focal point for preserving the ongoing heritage of the Town of Huntington. We support this mission through our public education programs, our museums, our collections, research and preservation of our five historic buildings. All of this costs money. The board and staff and volunteers

work very hard to keep our costs down and still reach our long term goals. So, as co-treasurer, I wish to thank all of these hard workers for their commitment to our shared mission.

Grants – Government

Senator Marcellino, Kissam Grant
Suffolk County Legislator Cooper and Suffolk County Executive Levy ‘Sheltering Grant’

Matching Funds

Exxon Mobil
Verizon Foundation
Saturn
Ridgewood Savings Bank

Apple Harvest Festival

Sponsors

Citibank
Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar

Donors in Kind

Reinwald’s Bakery
Copenhagen Bakery
A Rise Above
The Community Thrift Shop
Bon Bon’s Chocolatier
Oakwood Road Gardens
Main Street Nursery
Makinajian Poultry Farm
Fort Hill Nurseries & Garden Center
Starbucks Coffee Company
Mediavilla Orchards
Heartland Express
A Tisket A Tasket – Anything in a Basket
Mundays
Paul’s Nursery

Sheep to Shawl

Sponsor

J. W Hirschfeld Agency
Starbucks
Abel Conklin’s Restaurant
Darrin Berger, AHY

Donors in Kind

Starbucks Coffee Company
Shoreline Beverage
Bon Bons Chocolatier
Bachman Company

16th Annual Wine Tasting

Sponsors

Aboff's Inc.
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Holiday House Tour

Sponsor

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Daniel Gale Agency
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Liberty Title Agency
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2007 COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Lilian Najarian

The responsibilities of the Collection Committee are to oversee all functions relating to the care and management of the collection and to implement the collections policy by approving or disapproving all accessions and de-accessions based on their relevance to the mission policy. In 2007 there were 57 items pertaining to a WW1 soldier that were accessioned. Among other items accessioned were a LI Blanket Chest, a Huntington Baseball Loving Cup, and a wedding outfit. All of the above added 72 new accessions to our collections. There were four items de-accessioned because they were found to be duplicates. Conservation being another important responsibility, an 1881 Samuel West oil painting (*The Old Hewitt Place*) and 1932 Creig Flessel oil painting (*Portrait of Fannie Valentine*) were sent for restoration. A grant was requested and obtained from Legislator Jon Cooper for \$2,500 for state of the art shelving for the paintings in our vault.

Another responsibility of the Society and of the Collections Committee is to educate the public regarding our local history. To this end, the committee was kept busy all year by presenting exhibits to the public. Our "Dolls, Trains & other Toys" exhibit, which had opened on December 10th, 2006 continued to attract the public's attention until it was taken down in September 2007. In conjunction with this exhibit, a mini-exhibit of miscellaneous antique toys from the collection was displayed at the Huntington Public Library throughout the month of February, 2007.

In June, 2007, the Collections Committee installed a Civil War exhibit at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building. At that time, the building was in the final throws of restoration, but was in good enough condition to use as a backdrop for a number of Civil War artifacts and other special items owned by the Society. The North Shore Civil Round Table was invited to preview this exhibit. It continued until September 1st when it was removed to make way for further renovations to the building.

In September, 2007, with the opening of the newly restored Kissam House 1840s Kitchen, we showcased the new kitchen with an exhibit of kitchen artifacts from our collections. These items will remain there on permanent display. Also in September, the Ladies of the Attic, a subgroup of the Collections Committee, prepared a costume exhibit in which mannequins were dressed in Civil War era fashions. All costumes were worn by residents of Huntington. This exhibit was changed in December when the house was opened for our Holiday House Tour. This time the costumes featured were of the 1900 to 1917 era and reflected festive evening attire of that time period.

In October, 2007 we opened our "Huntington Artists Painting Our Town." In this exhibit, the works depicted the homes, harbors, farms, fields, lighthouses, mills and people of Huntington. All were painted here in the 19th and 20th centuries. This exhibit has generated some wonderful publicity for the Society. And, because it was described on our website, it has generated interest in our collections from researchers as far away as the state of Washington.

2007 EDUCATION REPORT:

Alison Seman

The year 2007 brought with it yet another successful and productive endeavor for the education programs. These programs could not achieve such success had it not been for the dedication and assistance demonstrated by the volunteers who unselfishly donated countless hours by helping with the preparation for, execution of, the closing of each and every program. In 2007 approximately 2,139 students attended Hands on Heritage programs presented at the Conklin and Kissam properties and also at their schools. These programs were extremely well-received by students and teachers.

In beginning of 2007, Vincent Ferrara was hired as the education coordinator. In May of 2007, Vincent Ferrara abruptly resigned from the position. In August of 2007, Alison Seman was hired as the Education Coordinator. With the help and mentoring from the education volunteers JoAnn Alario-Paulsen, Monica Manner, Danna Strong and Virginia West, Alison received extensive training that aided her in the successful planning and execution of the education programs. Cathi Horowitz assisted Alison, training her on the administrative duties that accompany the position of Education Coordinator. In December of 2007, Alison implemented the use of a Multi-Media LCD Projector that was previously donated to the society by Dr. Al Sforza. The Multi-Media LCD Projector replaced the out-dated slide projector that would often malfunction during presentations. . Sue Eckers charitably donated her time to convert the slides into a digital format which as was placed on a CD. From the slides, Alison created a Power Point presentation that replaced the slide show used in the Conklin program. The students and teachers alike enjoyed and appreciated the modernity brought to the program by the updated technology. The Education Department has put in place plans to acquire a laptop, either by donation or purchase, to accompany the Multi-Media LCD Projector.

The Passport to the Past program was quite successful and productive in 2007. The Camp Director, Kathleen Fais, presented the hands-on and interactive program. Many high school and college students participated in the program as volunteers, working in the capacities of counselors, helping to make the program as engaging as possible for the campers. The Society and the Kiwanis family services collaborated to allow two children to attend the Passport to the Past program. The Society received strong, positive feedback from the children and parents.

Approximate total of school children reached in 2007: 2,139

Approximate total of classes reached in 2007: 88

Approximate total attendance to Passport to the Past: 52

Total approximate children reached in 2007: 2,227

The Education Department wholeheartedly extends its thanks to all the education volunteers who truly make up the foundation of each and every program. We like to thank Dr. Al Sforza for his generous donation of the Multi-Media LCD Project which has greatly improved the Conklin program. The Department would also like to thank the education committee for its dedication and determination towards ensuring that the education programs continue to enlighten both students' and teachers' lives with the history of the Conklin and Kissam families and that of the time in which they lived.

2007 EDUCATION OUTREACH REPORT:

Cathi Horowitz

It 2007 it has been my pleasure to provide Education Outreach to our community with the assistance of a great many people. I want to thank the many extraordinary volunteers without whom Education Outreach could be possible. Terry Frohlich has been an anchor in the office for Education Outreach throughout the year. Larry Leek's contribution of time, hours and energy has been invaluable. In 2007, the Education Outreach Coordinator was deeply imbedded in school programs as well as traditional outreach. The Education Committee: JoAnn Alario-Paulsen, Monica Manner, Virginia West, Danna Strong, Pat Ernst, Gary Strong and in the fall of 2007, Alison Seman, were a great strength in all things involving education, and was a wonderful collaborative force behind all education outreach and education programs in 2007. I want to thank the staff at the Huntington Historical Society, whose assistance and back-up was always valuable. In addition, I want to thank Lilian Najarian and Pat Ernst for their committed dedication to the Apple and Sheep to Shawl Festivals. 2007 was an extremely successful year for Education Outreach – all goals which were planned were met and executed.

2007 Conklin House Lecture Series:

Approximately 237 people attended the Conklin House Lecture Series in 2007. The lectures we presented were: "Dairy Farming on Long Island" by Fran Bennett, "Ghosts of Long Island, Stories of the Paranormal" by Kerriann Flanagan Brosky, "Remembering Our Huntington Ancestors Through Stories & Gravestones" by Robert Hughes & Rex Metcalf, "Journeys on Old Long Island" by Dr. Natalie Naylor, "They Came on Ships" by Arthur Sniffin, and "Long Island and the Civil War" by Harrison Hunt. The Conklin House was open for tours and exhibit viewing after each lecture except the October event, which was an evening program. The membership continues to express strong interest and appreciation for this series. The series continues to draw interest from the general public, which in turn draws attention to the Society.

Tours of the Van Wyck-Lefferts Tide Mill:

The Society continued it's collaboration with the Nature Conservancy regarding this popular program. The Nature Conservancy, which owns the Van Wyck-Lefferts Tide Mill at Mill Cove, worked closely with the Outreach Coordinator and expressed continued interest in providing this program in the future. Robert Rubner, a long time volunteer and recipient of a 2007 Volunteer of the Year award, provided 10 concise tours of the Mill, all of which were carefully coordinated with the Director of Preserves at the Nature Conservancy. In 2007 seventy seven visitors enjoyed trips to the Tide Mill. These tours continue to be prosperous and successful, and we look forward to presenting them once again in 2008.

2007 Apple Festival:

All of our goals for the 2007 Apple Festival were met. Over one thousand people from our community joined us that day. The weather was perfect – mid October continues to be the perfect time for this event. Outreach collaborated with the Long Island Traditional Music Association, who provided music and sound for the event. In 2007 we provided family style dancing on the Kissam lawn. Included in the festival were traditional crafts, games and scarecrow making. Our strong relationship with The Community Thrift Shop continues to provide large amounts of clothing which dress the many scarecrows

created by children throughout the day. Education Outreach continued its collaboration with JoAnn Alario-Paulsen, who provided exceptionally beautiful and popular face painting. Demonstrations such as butter churning, candle making, quilting and bread making were presented. A petting zoo and pony rides were available for families to enjoy. The Kissam House was open for ongoing tours throughout the event. This year Education Outreach presented a Silver Smith and a Revolutionary War Doctor for the first time, both of which were extremely well received. In addition, our collaboration with the South Huntington Public Library provided wonderful stories to hundreds of children. A wonderful new "Boo Barn" was created by Pat Ernst, which delighted everyone. In 2007 we were fortunate in receiving a sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 from Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar. Food at this event was exceptional. Education Outreach collaborated with and obtained donations from Reinwald's Bakery, A Rise Above, Bon Bons Chocolatier, Richtors Orchard, Makinajian Poultry Farm, Heartland Express, Mediavilla Orchards, Off The Wall Restaurant, and Copenhagen Bakery in an effort to provide seasonal fare for this event. Education Outreach obtained donations from Main Street Nursery, Oakwood Road Gardens, Fort Hill Nurseries, Inc. & Garden Center, and Paul's Nursery, all of which provided beautiful potted flowers and season décor for the event. Starbucks Coffee Company and A Tisket-A-Tasket provided beautiful gift baskets, which were raffled. Starbucks Coffee Company donated coffee and breakfast to the many volunteers who worked so hard to set up the day of the event. In 2007 over sixty volunteers generously donated over two hundred hours of their time to set up, execute and clean up for this event. The 2007 Apple Festival was an enormous success.

2007 Sheep to Shawl Festival:

All of our goals for the 2007 Sheep to Shawl Festival were met. Over one thousand people from the community joined us that day. Outreach collaborated with the Long Island Traditional Music Association, who provided music for the event. Included in the event were traditional crafts and games for the children. We collaborated with the South Huntington Public Library and provided wonderful stories to the many children who attended. Education Outreach collaborated with the Long Island Craft Guild, The Long Island Basket Guild, as well as many other individual artisans and demonstrators who provided wonderful textile demonstrations for the public to enjoy. Included in these demonstrations were rug hooking, weaving, drop spinning, wool carding, knitting, crocheting, quilting, lace making, tatting, and basket making. Steve Eckers provided terrific demonstrations of old fashioned tools and toy making. Sheep and sheep shearing were presented. A petting zoo and pony rides were available for families to enjoy. A highlight of the event was the newly renovated Kissam kitchen. The bee hive oven was up and running and provided bread samples for the public. The Kissam House was open for tours throughout the event. In 2007 we were fortunate in receiving donations from J.W. Hirschfeld Agency in the amount of \$250.00, Starbucks Coffee Company in the amount of \$500.00, Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar in the amount of \$250.00 and Darrin Berger, Attorney in the amount of \$125.00. In addition, Bon Bons Chocolatier donated wonderful chocolates which were sold during the event. Starbucks Coffee Company donated coffee and breakfast to the many volunteers who set up the event. In 2007 over fifty volunteers generously donated almost two hundred hours of their time to set up, execute and clean up for this event. The 2007 Sheep to Shawl festival was a great success.

Adult Education Programs:

Approximately seventy four adults enjoyed private adult education programs and or group tours at the Conklin House in 2007. These groups included the Leeds in service course for teachers, the educators of Walt Whitman Birthplace Association, The Knolls Singles, the Colonial Dames XVII Century, The Lake Shore Adult Home, and the Brentwood Teachers Center. Private family tours were arranged as well.

Scouts:

Approximately ninety Cub Scouts and Brownies attended Colonial History after school programs at the Conklin House in 2007. Evaluations for both scout and adult programs were superior overall. Our collaboration with Suffolk Country Girls Scouts continued to be strong in 2007. Scouts volunteered at both Apple and Sheep to Shawl Festivals.

In 2007 the Cadet Scout Gold Badge framework was completed by the Outreach Coordinator and the two participating cadets and began execution. Lauren McDonough and Ashleigh Taylor, the two Cadets involved in this project, began their fifty two hours each of volunteered time necessary to complete the badge. The badge will include two complete colonial costumes, researched and meticulously created by the cadets, which will ultimately be donated to the Society's Education Department for their use. Long time Society volunteer Monica Manner is guiding the cadets through each segment of the creation piece of the badge. In 2007 Monica donated thirty two hours toward this project. The Society deeply appreciates the contribution made by Monica Manner, Lauren McDonough and Ashleigh Taylor and is extremely proud of their commitment to preservation of local history.

House Tours & Training:

The Conklin House was open to the public eighty nine days in 2007. Approximately forty hundred forty people visited the Conklin House. This number does not reflect all visitors who came to school programs, after school programs, adult education programs, exhibit openings and events. Thirteen volunteer docents volunteered three hundred sixty hours in order for the house to remain open on those days for tours. The Conklin House training guide was updated.

Approximately six hundred thirty six people toured the Kissam House during events, fund raisers, the Kissam school program and the Passport to The Past program. This number does not reflect all visitors during those events and programs. Four new docents began training to give house tours in 2007. New hand-outs were created for both the Conklin and Kissam Houses to be used at events and fund raisers. An Education Department volunteer luncheon was planned and executed in January 2007 in order to promote volunteerism for house tours and education programs. An education volunteer tea was organized and executed in April 2007 in order to reacquaint veteran docents and train/welcome new docents on house tour procedure, security measures and education programs. Education Outreach arranged for volunteer docents to provide tours of the Kissam and Conklin Houses during the 2007 Holiday House Tour, Wine Tasting and Museum Challenge.

Education Outreach was responsible for execution and dismantling of the holiday decorations at the Kissam House for the 2007 Holiday House Tour.

A Volunteer Luncheon was provided by Education Outreach and held in August 2007 at the Conklin House Barn in recognition of all the Society volunteers who generously donate their time to the Society. Approximately sixty volunteers, plus the staff of the Society, attended the event.

In the summer of 2007, the Education Department welcomed Alison Seman as the new Education Coordinator. Alison has proven to be a focused and positive force in the education department, as well as a collaborative professional for which Education Outreach is grateful.

2007 RESOURCE CENTER AND ARCHIVES REPORT:

Karen Martin, Irene Sniffin

Suffolk County Department of Parks continued work The archives provided assistance to over 175 persons during the year either in person, by phone, letter or email. The majority of these people were conducting genealogical research while others were interested in the history of their home or business (consulting maps and photographs) or a specific aspect of local history for example colonial history, estates, restaurants, the Revolutionary War, WWI and WWII. Richard Holliday continued to answer mail and email requests from those out of the area needing assistance with family history research. Most of the people who come into the archives to conduct research are from the Huntington area or Suffolk County while others come from such places as the Carolinas, Florida, Virginia, Maryland, Utah, California, New Hampshire, Kansas, Connecticut, and Washington State.

The services provided by the archives throughout the year would not be possible without the dedication of its volunteers Mina Berry, Richard Holliday, Barbara LaMonica, Carol Lesslie, Helen Mahoney, Sue Quinn, and Arthur Sniffin and staff members Irene Sniffin (Librarian and Genealogist) and Karen Martin (Archivist). Volunteers assist with projects such as research related to exhibitions or collections, processing of collection materials, photographs, or indexing. In 2007 Irene began entering of the library's book collection into the museum database Past Perfect.

The archives continued to provide research, materials and images for the society's exhibits and special events throughout the year. We joined with a number of public libraries, county organizations, and historical societies to highlight the importance of archives at the 2007 Historic Suffolk County Archives Week event in Port Jefferson. Staff and volunteers continue to attend and represent the archives at various seminars and workshops all of which expand our visibility to a larger audience and further educate us on issues related to archives, preservation, digitization, etc.

We worked with several organizations and companies who contacted us for information, and photographs including real estate agents, authors, SPLIA and The Long Islander. We provided photographs to Daniel Gale Real Estate for use in their anniversary publication. Several university and high school students consulted the collection for projects about Huntington history while several other students toured the archives as part of their studies in library science. The Heckscher Museum researched

Huntington artists. A professor and his graduate student from Washington State researched for book being written on colonial Huntington. compiling the history of county owned historic properties in the area.

In regards to the archives facility space for collection material and the time to properly process this material is a continuing concern. The summer of 2007 found us dealing with faulty air conditioning units serving the main research floor and lower level archival storage. Unfortunately the unit serving the main floor could only be run when staff was present (3 days per week) due to a leak in the coil and had to be left turned off the rest of the time. Our main concern for the preservation of the collections is a consistent temperature level as fluctuations can damage collections for the long term.

And in 2007 we all wished long time volunteer and society member, Philip Behr, well as he headed west for a new chapter in his life and adventures in the hills of Wyoming. Philip had a great library and left us with a large collection of books to add to our collection.

2007 GENEALOGY WORKSHOP:

Arthur Sniffin, Program Chair

The Genealogy Workshop of the Huntington Historical Society was founded during the bicentennial year 1976, by a group of individuals interested in seeking information about their ancestors. The group has 10 monthly meetings which includes local programs or guest speakers who lecture on a variety of subjects dealing with local, state and national resources and various how-to-do topics. The meetings are attended by members of the society as well as the local community and members of other genealogical organizations.

The workshop members receive a monthly newsletter which features local, regional, national and international topics, program announcements, queries, and member research contributions. This past year 150 copies of the monthly newsletter were mailed, of which 53 were to out of state members and 5 were to New York members who do not live on Long Island.

The workshop sponsors an annual research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, which is the largest genealogical research facility in the world. Fourteen individuals led by Art and Irene Sniffin spent from six to twelve days at the Library searching for their ancestors in a variety of American and International Records.

During the year the lectures and activities were as follows:

In January we held "Family Heirlooms, Treasures, and More" where members shared family artifacts, documents, and the stories associated with the items.

Joanne R. Heffernan spoke at the Huntington Public Library her topic "What's Up Doc? An Rx for Careful Analysis and Diagnosis of Genealogical Documents and Related Materials" provided insight into analysis of information.

Don Eckerle from our group demonstrated the use of "Map My Family Tree" a computer world wide gazetteer to find the location of an ancestor's town or village. The meeting was held at the Huntington Public Library.

Arthur Sniffin from our group, Joysetta Pearse from the African Atlantic Genealogy Society, and Nolan Altman from the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island discussed the techniques of finding ones' elusive ancestors in connection with the book *The Color of Water* at the Huntington Public Library.

On Saturday, May 6th we were part of the Cultural Diversity Program coordinated by the Town Clerk of Huntington.

In June we had our annual family picnic meeting and shared food and stories about recent discoveries and breakthroughs in the quest for finding ancestors.

Dorothy Dougherty, the Program Specialist from the National Archives-NY, spoke to us in September about "Custom House Records and Other Underutilized Sources at the National Archives Branch in New York City."

In October in conjunction with the South Huntington Public Library we heard Steve Morse renowned lecturer speak and demonstrate the "One Step Pages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Hunting Tools" that he has developed and provides for free use.

In November Art Sniffin spoke about "Genealogical Research in Repositories in the Northeast Region."

We ended the year at our Annual Holiday Party with the sharing of food and "MEMORIES"

THE MUSEUM SHOP:

Carol A. Maguire

The Museum Shop is run by dedicated volunteers, some of whom have been working there for over 20 years. It continues to be a source of income for the Society.

Staffing the Shop with volunteers is becoming more difficult, while the number of consignors has grown. Consideration should be given as to whether we should continue to keep the Shop open as often as we do since we are not able to find volunteers to cover all of the days.

NOMINATIONS:

Second Term Nominations

Class of 2011:

Jim Savalli
Margaret Guard
Robert Kissam

First Term Nominations

Class of 2011:

Michael Lichtenstein
Carl Lawrence

Completed Term in Office in Class of 2011:

Dr. Al Sforza

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION:

Janet Kushnick: It is my very great pleasure to recognize my long time colleague, Janet Kushnick, as a 2008 Volunteer of the Year. Janet has been a devoted and dedicated volunteer with the Society for over twenty years. My very favorite moments with Janet involve education programs; Janet has been a main stay and guiding force in the Education Department for as long as I can remember. Janet is always kind and direct with all of the students she works with. The sincere pleasure she takes from participating in school programs is incredible to be a part of. Whether it be freezing in winter or steaming in summer, I can picture Janet in her Colonial costume at both Conklin and Kissam Houses throughout the year. Month after month, year after year, Janet can be counted on to give outstanding school programs to hundreds of students from all across Long Island. Even under what are sometimes difficult circumstances, Janet is steady and cool – always prepared, always ready to take on whatever is necessary to get the job done.

Janet is that rare combination of creativity and practicality that is so hard to find. She often comes up with new ideas, and knows when the old ideas are important and need to be maintained. Janet is perceptive and always the voice of reason. Children invariably respond to her in an extremely positive way. Janet can be wise and funny and fun all at once. She always brings out a smile in others, and wears her smile (though sometimes a wonderfully wicked one) sincerely. She is not shy – she speaks her mind and stands behind her well thought out decisions.

It's not specifically the Education Department that is the lucky recipient of Janet's generous donation of volunteer time and energy. Janet has participated in countless fund raisers, festivals and events. Whether she is guiding folks through our historic houses during the Holiday House Tour, or teaching children how to make pinch pots and other crafts at the Apple and Sheep To Shawl Festivals, or delivering tours during the Wine Tasting, Janet is intelligent, resourceful and excellent with the public. She sets a wonderful example for new volunteers, and receives well earned respect from veteran volunteers.

Janet never needs to be told twice how to do anything. She is focused and to the point. For more than twenty years Janet has been a reliable and responsible volunteer whose commitment to the Society cannot be measured. Janet is a compassionate friend to her fellow volunteers; she is always available to lend an ear and a soft word to those under stress or in need of guidance. Janet is a great asset, a joy and a gift. It has been my very great pleasure to have worked with her closely over the past ten years. I consider her a valuable colleague and a wonderful friend. It is my very great pleasure to present a 2008 Volunteer of the Year award to my friend and colleague, Janet Kushnick.

Irene Sniffin: Irene started as a volunteer in 1975 working in the society's Library with our Librarian Sally Packard. A grant was given to Huntington Historical Society to train people on how to index. After taking that training, Irene's first project was indexing the local newspaper /The Long Islander/. Her work in four volumes covering 1839-1862 has sustained people's research over the years. Although /The Long Islander/ has recently been digitized by the Suffolk Cooperative Library System (SCLS) the indexes Irene created continue to be a valuable resource because of the search limitations of the on-line version covering the years she indexed.

The newsletter of the society's Genealogy Workshop was also prepared by Irene (as a volunteer) for many years. *(She did it the old fashioned way, on a typewriter, from her desk inside the vault at Conklin House where the archives was housed for many years or when the library moved to the Trade School in 1983 from her desk in the corner of the basement there.)*

In 1992 Irene, her husband Artie, and Jim Reilly took their first group of eager researchers to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and guided them through the library conducting their family history research. To this day, Irene (and Art), annually lead a group to Salt Lake City instructing and aiding them in locating the records needed to help find one's ancestors.

Our executive director's interest in genealogy led her to the Genealogy Workshop many years ago, and the last two years to go on the trip to the Family History Library, the largest resource center for genealogy research in the world. Irene's expertise in researching different areas of the United States and Europe was a great help to many people. The planned activities were informative, restaurants chosen had delicious food and several people have made this trip for a number of years.

One day a week Irene continues to volunteer in the Library and another day to be a paid staff member. Her knowledge of our library is extensive and for the last several months she has been working to transfer information from the library's card catalogue into our computer's PastPerfect database.

Irene continues to participate in Archives workshops, seminars and conferences to learn the latest techniques to preserve our heritage.

She also can be found volunteering at many of our events. Irene in her quiet manner is a resource treasure of the HHS and has earned the respect of many people. She deserves this prestigious award as Volunteer of the Year 2007.

/(Whether sitting in the hot sun during the Society's Heritage Festivals, manning gates at other society events, organizing the society's former annual Roots seminars, or from her vantage point in the back of the room keeping her husband Artie on schedule during his genealogy presentations and classes, for over 30 years Irene has contributed countless volunteer hours to the society.)/

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Joel Snodgrass: Joel is a former Trustee and President of the Board.

He has for many years also served as an expert in historic construction with regard to preservation and restoration of all of the HHS buildings. Joel has planned, supervised and/or helped implement the construction of the new kitchen at the Museum Shop; the Kissam kitchen restoration where he helped to give direction with what colors the 1840 kitchen should be as well as interpreting the construction, and use of materials. The drainage for the Kissam House is another project that Joel has helped us to correct.

On the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building, he advised us on the roof replacement and new handicap accessible restroom construction; and on the Trade School roof and waterproofing.

Joel's knowledge and interest in the HHS has been a great help and we are fortunate to have someone with his expertise to assist us.

In addition, Joel has worked for the Town as a preservation consultant on the restoration of the house at Manor Farm; and the Arsenal roof replacement project; and prepared plans and preliminary estimates for the stabilization of the Grace Log Cabin; and the restoration of the Old Burying Ground.

"Joel is always willing to share his historic restoration expertise on a variety of projects," said Robert Hughes, Town Historian.

Carol A. Maguire
Executive Director

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no new business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5pm

It should be noted that no official minutes were recorded during this meeting, and that all the reports herein were submitted for the annual meeting by the individual staff and/or Board Members.

