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Summer 2012

Huntington Historical Society

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



What a busy spring we had here at the Historical Society! April, May and June were jam packed with events - our Antiques in April, the Sheep to Shawl Festival, the Annual Meeting and the first annual Garden Tour, not to mention the kick off of our summer tours! We hope that you were able to attend one of these events. And now to look forward to what summer has to bring us... the Heritage Crafts Fair and our Wine Tasting! I don't know about you but I can't wait to shop, shop, shop and then eat, drink, and be merry! And on a personal note, I am particularly excited to announce this year's Wine Tasting Honorees, Robert and Priscilla Hughes. They are true treasures to the Historical Society! I hope you all enjoy the summer, and I hope to see you on one of our many tours, or at one of our events! :-)

Claudia Fortunato-Napolitano

Summer 2012 Calendar

Ongoing Events:

Fridays & Sundays - Visit the Conklin House & Museum 1 - 4 PM

"All Things Conklin" - an exhibit featuring the contributions of the Conklin Family of Huntington to the Huntington Historical Society over the last 350+ years

Tuesday - Fridays - Visit Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Building 1 - 4 PM

"A Soldiers Return..... Huntington During the Civil War" - An exhibit that studies the men of Huntington who fought during the Civil War, their equipment and armament and what Huntington village was like from 1861-1865

SUMMER EVENTS

August 15 - Lefferts Tide Mill Tour 9:30 AM - A boat ride to the only remaining tide mill in Huntington

August 18 & 19 - Heritage Crafts Fair - Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 11-4 at the Kissam property
434 Park Ave, Huntington

August 23 - Walking Tour & Pub Crawl 6:30 PM Learn about the development of Huntington's downtown with 3 pub stops along the way!

August 23 - Tour of the Old Burying Ground 2 PM Meet at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Building

September 7 - "An Evening of Wine Under the Stars" Our best party of the year!

September 14 - Lefferts Tide Mill Tour 9:30 AM see above

September 20 - Tour of the Old Burying Ground 1 PM see above

September 27 - Walking Tour & Pub Crawl 6:30 PM see above

September 28 - Lefferts Tide Mill Tour 9:30 AM see above

Save the dates - Upcoming Events

October 21 - Apple Festival at the Kissam House property. Sunday 12 - 4 PM

December 2 - Historic Holiday House Tour Sunday 12 - 4 PM

Visit the "Ladies at Leisure" exhibit at the Kissam House at the Heritage Crafts Fair





The Huntington Historical Society is busy planning this year's 22nd annual, "An Evening of Wine Under the Stars." This is an event you truly don't want to miss! Fine wines, gourmet food, live music, fantastic raffles and auction items are just a few reasons you will want to attend this event. **Black and Blue, the Culinary Studio, Rookie's, Kashi Japanese, Crew and Fado** are all returning to serve up their delectable treats. And joining them this year will be **Nisen Sushi**, with many more restaurants to come as the event gets closer! And as always, there will be an excellent selection of fine wines and beer!

The committee is hard at work assembling wonderful raffle baskets and silent auction items and experiences, so just wait until you see what we have for you this year! Just to give you a hint, for the second year in a row **Disney World** has donated one of our silent auction items! **Three, one week accommodations in the Caribbean** will also be on the auction block! And of course those raffle baskets overflowing with gift certificates and great items from your favorite stores and restaurants. Treasures from Huntington's best are not to be missed!

This year we are honoring **Robert and Priscilla Hughes**, long time supporters of the Huntington Historical Society. They have been actively involved with the Society for the past two decades. Their involvement started with a quest to research the history of their backyard. A simple question led to twenty years of support for this wonderful organization. Robert, our Town Historian, served as a member of the Board of Trustees for seven years, including three years as president and then serving as an unpaid Acting Executive Director. They continue to stay involved supporting the Society with their time and donations.

Peter Mazzeo and the Hit Squad, is known around Huntington for their great music, fun style, and talented musicians. We are excited to announce that they will be performing at this year's event. Members of the band were formerly or are currently touring with acts such as Meatloaf, Queen, Riot, Herman's Hermits, The Happy Together Tour & many others.

Tickets are now available! They are \$60 for HHS members, \$70 for non-members and \$85 at the door (if available). Also, to assure that you will sit with friends, reserve a table by purchasing ten tickets at once. All of this is available on our website via PayPal, or you can feel free to call Maria at 631-427-7045 x401. Sponsorships are also available at many levels, so don't hesitate to call or email us at wintasting@huntingtonhistoricalsociety.org.



Priscilla & Robert Hughes



August Crafts Fair Expands to 2 Days

Artisans will Exhibit, Sell and Demonstrate Pottery, Jewelry, Tapestry, Paper Cutting, etc.

The third annual Heritage Crafts Fair features artisans from Long Island and beyond and has become one of the finest such festivals in the area. Returning this year are Peter Varga, the fabulous paper cutter, Michele Miroff will be bringing her artistic and very functional needlework, Susan Adler Pottery, Linda and Rich Iaboni with their beautiful photography, and Sandra Tyler of Sandra's Fiberworks, to name a few.



New this year are Pamela Fernandez of Lammy Knits, Lynne Sauer-Kretzer of Satori Mornings, Gina Mars of Mars Pottery among many others. In total we expect over 40 high quality vendors to display their crafts on the scenic Kissam property.

The lawn with tents and canopies and the large 1795 barn, at 434 Park Avenue in the village of Huntington, provides an intimate setting for these truly gifted artists. There will be live music and an opportunity to buy lunch and snacks that will help make the weekend of the 18th & 19th of August a festive occasion.



Sue Adler Potter



Agustin A. Ruiz Fabrics

We thank the People's United Bank for their continuing support of the Heritage Crafts Fair



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Heritage Crafts Fair

August
18, 10-5
19, 11-4

Kissam
Lawn
434 Park Av

Live Music
Refreshments

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Tours through Historic Huntington

**Crawls through Pubs, Graveyards
& Tide Mills**

The Huntington Historical Society offers three unique tours this summer where you can learn about Huntington's rich history! We hope you will join us as we crawl through pubs, a graveyard, and an 18th century tide mill!



On August 23, come learn about "Huntington in the 1920s". Led by Town Historian Robert C. Hughes, the tour will include stops at three establishments for a drink or two! The tour will meet at the Soliders & Sailors Memorial Buildings, located at 228 Main Street, Huntington. Doors will open at 6pm, giving you a chance to view the exhibit, and then we will begin at 6:30pm.

Tour is \$5 for HHS members, \$10 for non-members. Drinks are not included, but tour participants will get discounts at every stop. Reservations required; call 631-427-7045 x401



Imagine literally walking back in time! Join us as we stroll through Huntington's Old Burying Ground where we will learn a bit of history, a bit of folk art and intriguing stories connected with this wonderful historic site. Discover the fascinating tale of Fort Golgotha and the stories behind various stones and epitaphs. This unforgettable program is a perfect way to spend an afternoon.

**Meet at 2:00 pm on August 23 at the SSMB,
\$10 for non-members, \$5 for members .
Reservations required, space is limited.
Call 631-427-7045 x403.**



We are pleased to present tours of the historic Van Wyck-Lefferts Tide Mill, located in Huntington Harbor. The mill, which was built in 1795, is owned by the Nature Conservancy and is the only surviving mill in Huntington. In addition, it is one of the best preserved 18th century tide mills in the country. The mill is accessible to the public by boat only. Including the short ride to and from the mill, the tour takes approximately two hours.

The fee is \$10.00 for HHS members and \$15.00 for non-members. Tour is at 9:30am on August 15, September 14th, and September 28th, as well as other dates and times in October. Please note that neither the boat nor the mill is handicapped accessible. This trip is not available to children under age twelve. Advance registration is required. Please phone 631-427-7045 ext 403 in order to register and for further information.

1st Annual "Spring Festival of Gardens" a Colorful Success

Those who love gardens and gardening, even those who don't, had a wonderful day on the first annual *Spring Festival of Gardens*. An exciting collection of gardens, perfect weather, and gregarious people came together in this lovely event. The six gardens: All Season, Train, Beach Cottage, Woodland, Formal, and Specimen (plus the garden oasis at Cinema Arts), were chosen for their unique qualities and to provide an interesting cross section of plantings and designs. The garden owners were thrilled showing off the results of years of transformation from "what was," to the present. The guests enjoyed a leisurely stroll through an afternoon of beauty, surprises, and new ideas. Those who enjoyed the inaugural garden tour are looking forward to next year's festival.



The *Spring Festival of Gardens* was not only a pleasurable afternoon for all involved, but a financial plus for the Huntington Historical Society. We thank all who participated: garden owners, volunteers and the generous sponsors. Kudos to Pat Ernst who coordinated the tour and Dean Failey and Beverly Kissam who helped with the details.

Please support the sponsors who made this event possible:

North Shore Kitchens, Inc., Darrin Berger Attorney at Law, Capital One Bank, S. Scherer & Sons, Inc. The Purple Elephant Specialty Foods and Market, Main Street Nursery, Essential Elements, Ben's Garden, Martin Viette Nurseries, Jellyfish, Fort Hill Nursery, Inc., Willow Garden Design, Costermonger, Country Village Chemists, Robert Rexer, American Landscape, Oakwood Road Nursery, La Mantia Gallery, Morolay, The Flower Petaler, Shrub World Nursery, Gourmet Whaler, Giancarlo's Nursery, Four Star Variety



Hoffman Grayson Wins Trade School Design

Archives & Library Area to be Expanded



The building at 209 Main Street was originally built in 1905 as a Sewing and Trade School Building. In 1985, the Historical Society bought the building and the vacant lot to the east, to house the administrative offices, the research library and the extensive archives collection. By 1998, the space for both the library and the archives storage had reached capacity and the "Archives Expansion Project" was conceived and funds were raised. Fourteen years later, with the addition of a \$400,000 NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Grant, the project has been defined and design plans have been awarded to the Hoffman Grayson Architectural firm. Currently, approvals are being sought from the different governmental agencies involved and the hope is that construction will begin in the spring of 2013.

What is in the Archives? Since the founding of the Historical Society in 1903, documents, papers, books, sketches, architectural drawings, photographs, letters, diaries, and much more have been donated to the archives. This collection tells the story of the early settlement in the 17th century to the growth through the 20th century. Look for highlights of this collection that will be on display in the coming months.

Here There & Everywhere!

Here at the Society we are fortunate to be able to offer up close insight into our local heritage. Our museums are chock full of stories and information. Through our collections and programs people are able to picture themselves stepping back into the 18th and 19th centuries and imagine what day to day life was like for the wealthy Kissam family and the Conklin farm family. Each year the Huntington Historical Society welcomes groups from across Long Island to enjoy these stories and our history. Recently we welcomed visitors from groups which included the Huntington Public Library, the Long Island History Committee from the Suffolk County Library Association, students from Good Shepherd Montessori School from South Bend Indiana, the Red Hat Society and more. Everyone had a great time - local history can be fun as well as fascinating. But you don't have to be part of an organized group to enjoy group programs and tours. We welcome private groups of all kinds. When you bring your family,



friends and children to our museums a good time is guaranteed for all. And if you enjoy refreshments, that can be arranged as well.



For bookings and further information please phone Cathi Horowitz at 631-427-7945 ext 403.

Funding the Society - Museum Consignment Shop at Kissam

Since its inception in the mid 1970's, the Museum Shop has been a consistent "fund raiser" in support of the many programs of the Huntington Historical Society. For almost 40 years, volunteers have spent countless hours accepting consignments and donations and manning the shop that produces thousands of dollars of support each year. Often unheralded, we wish to publicly express our thanks and appreciation to this hardy band of workers.

The shop is constantly receiving new consignments and donations, always making shopping there exciting and interesting. Please help support the Society by either donating or consigning items and shopping at the store. Antiques and collectibles are the items that seem most saleable. 1/3 of the selling price of consigned items goes to the Society. 100% of the selling price of donated items also supports the education, outreach and exhibit programs funded annual by the Society. Look to clean the clutter in your lives and support a good cause by visiting the shop.

We are also grateful for grants received from our three largest supporters, the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County and the Bethpage Federal Credit Union.



Shop Hours:
Tuesday-Wednesday -Sunday
1-4 PM
Consignments & donations
accepted Tuesdays 9:30-12noon
Call - 631-427-3984



Volunteers of the year: Alf Paulsen and Margaret Guardi with Alice Link, the Presidential award winner.



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