

**Cutchogue-New Suffolk Historical Council** 

501(c)(3) Not-For-Profit Charitable Organization Post Office Box 714, Cutchogue NY 11935-0714 cutchoguehistory@gmail.com

March 2024

Dear Neighbor,

History organizations all over the U.S. are struggling more than ever with funding, membership, and volunteers. Some are even being shuttered due to a lack of interest. Our local history is the story of our American history; through your membership, donations, and volunteerism, you show that our local history is important to you and that you want us to keep doing what we are doing. The Village Green, with its historical buildings and the Old Burying ground, is not the responsibility of any government agency. They are owned and maintained by the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Historical Council. which keeps it active and makes it available to everyone in the community. Your support enables us to do much-needed maintenance of the Village Green and those Historic Buildings. It also helps us maintain the Old Burying Ground and organize events and programs.

We work with local educators to ensure the students in our community have access to a hands-on connection to local history. We have even created a Youth Initiative to develop creative ways to get young people interested in history. We offer educational blogs on our website and provide events and programs for everyone in the community, like our Family History Day, a Car Show, Old Burial Ground Tours, and numerous other lectures, talks, and events. We've responded to the positive feedback our free concert on the Green received and created an entire free concert series for this summer.

We are also undertaking a major effort to restore and care for the burial ground. Although we will apply for grants, most of the funding will come from the Council.

Please consider joining or renewing your membership. Through your membership donation, we can accomplish all of these things and more.

Finally, we must emphasize our need for volunteers; please email us if you are interested or check the box on the form below, and someone will contact you. We are looking for people with a vast array of talents; everyone has something to offer. Whether you recently moved here or are a descendant of a Founding Father, one of the things we all love about this area is the charm and character provided by historic preservation. Our volunteers are vital to ensuring we maintain this.

Checks can be made out to CNSHC and returned in the pre-addressed envelope. You can also join online through our website: cutchoguenewsuffolkhistory.org. Continue to look for news and event updates on our Facebook page and website.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Sincerely,

Heria Gracecek

Gloria Groocock President

## **2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE WITH DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD AT: https://www.cutchoguenewsuffolkhistory.org/membership/ OR SEND YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO "CUTCHOGUE-NEW SUFFOLK HISTORICAL COUNCIL"

along with this form to: P. O. BOX 714, CUTCHOGUE, NY 11935-0714

NAME

\_\_\_\_\_ TEL.NO\_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

\_\_\_\_\_STATE\_\_\_\_\_ZIP CODE\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:

NEW MEMBER RENEWING MEMBER

Pewter (single) -\$25; Silver (family) -\$30; Gold (Patron) -\$50; Business -\$100; Platinum (life) -\$250 The Historical Council thanks you for your support. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.

CHECK BOX OR EMAIL : cutchoguehistory@gmail.com YES! I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER!