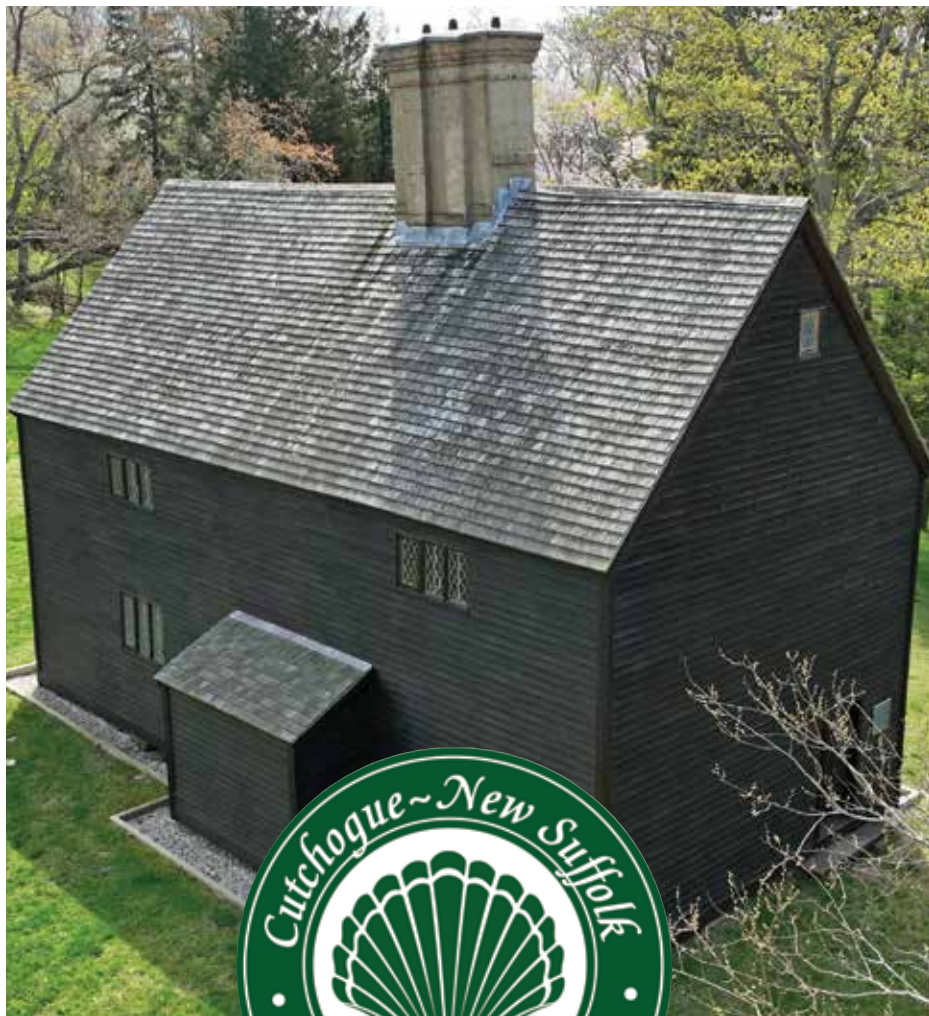


**2023-2024
Biennial Report
Cutchogue-New Suffolk Historical Council**



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President's Report

2023 and 2024 proved to be two successful years of outreach to the community, with the Council adding more events and keeping the Village Green very active. The events were designed to get the community interested in local history and educate them in a fun, entertaining way. We get an outpouring of appreciation from the community for our free concerts, which were increased to three in 2024. The development of the Carriage House as a viable gift shop once more brings in increased revenue and allows us to have a direct connection with community members.

As our historic buildings continue to age, we are playing catch-up with repairs, some of which result from neglect during the COVID-19 period. Visual inspection of the roof of our Red Barn made us think it was in good shape, but after years in the shade from tall trees, the cedar shakes had become spongy and allowed a squirrel to chew a large hole in the roof, which ended up causing some minor water damage. The contractor we used quickly responded to our needs, and it was decided to replace the roof with asphalt shingles that resemble cedar shakes to prevent this from happening again. We addressed many minor repairs using talented and dedicated volunteers and the Tuesday Crew, who are always helpful. We've adjusted our budget to be able to react to future repairs without causing much financial difficulty.

We are doing our best to address a decline in volunteerism, a situation with which many non-profits are dealing with currently. It's a situation many non-profits now have to deal with. We plan to continue our mission of preserving our local historical buildings with the addition of climate control, which will slow the natural deterioration from age and weather. There is a need for a designated exhibition space. We especially hope to continue offering all the programs and events that encourage public interest in the local history of Cutchogue and New Suffolk, and to keep our fundraising efforts strong in 2025.

Gloria Groocock



Director's Report

In 2023 & 2024 we continued our momentum as we came out of the difficult years of COVID.

One of our historic buildings has seen a great deal of change. The Carriage House--a late 19th-century former accessory building that was moved onto the Green in 1990--had laid dormant for years. The building had served as our gift shop and tour-coordination hub and needed repair after harboring some rodents and being used as a repository for odds and ends like extra books and exhibit cabinets. A few yard sales chipped away at the accumulation, but in the Spring of 2023, a group of hardworking volunteers finished clearing it out. We hired a contractor to do much-needed repairs, including sealing rodent access and painting the interior white. In addition, we had them put in a split unit for heat in the winter and air conditioning in the Summer. We stocked it with new items, created a colonial calendar, Old House Christmas cards, puzzles, magnets, bookmarks and two different styles of mugs. Since its reopening, it has proved to be an excellent source of income.

The 50th anniversary of the vineyards on the North Fork proved to be an excellent opportunity for our first-ever gala event. We partnered with the North Fork Promotional Committee and took advantage of several grants from I Love NY, East End Getaways, and Discover Long Island, which enabled us to put on a successful and profitable celebration, benefiting both organizations.

The North Fork Community Theatre agreed to partner with us to have historical tours of our Burying Ground, which were very well received and have enabled us to raise funds for the restoration of many gavestones on the site.

Anyone who has taken our tours knows that a big part of our narrative is the colonists' arduous task in cloth creation. We illustrate this with items from our collection: spinning wheels, hackles, weasels, almost every device required, except a loom. This year, we accepted a donation of a colonial-era barn loom, which will help us advance our narrative of colonial cloth creation. We also received two significant local quilts with incredible provenance. A 2025 exhibit is being planned around these donations.

We have revived Family History Day and the vintage car shows, as well as the free concerts on the Green (in the style of the Douglas Moore tributes of the past). We even added a paranormal ghost tour!

We do our best to keep the Village Green active for the community and look forward to implementing new ideas to help us celebrate the upcoming sesquicentennial.

Mark MacNish

Website

In 2022 we redesigned to modernize it and to make it easier to use, more accessible, and more attractive overall. We also corrected the oversight of not including the indigenous people on our website. In 2023 and 2024, we continued making modifications and updates. We made it easier to become a member and make donations. We added an "About Us" page, which lists past presidents and tells our history and origin story. In 2025 we will include our active board members and officers. We also included a link to our full-year calendar so you can see what's going on at a glance.

When we redesigned the calendar we included a section on blogs, so we could talk about interesting aspects of our local history and keep current. We found that in social media history groups, a lot of inaccurate information is being shared, and this gives us the opportunity to set the record straight. Blogs are written by the executive director, but guest blogs are encouraged. A few of our blogs have been reprinted in local media. Beginning with the most recent, the blog roll for 2023 and 2024 includes:

- Part V- Honoring our WWI veterans and those they left behind: The WWI Honor Roll and its Unveiling
- Part IV- Honoring our WWI veterans and those they left behind: Propaganda in the USA
- PART III- Honoring our WWI veterans and those they left behind: Women's Role in WWI
- PART II- Honoring our WWI veterans and those they left behind: The Doughboy and the Red Cross Nurse
- PART I- Honoring our WWI Veterans and those they left behind: The Service Flag
- Find out more about us!
- Woman's History Month: Remembering a Local Talent
- Love Expressed in Local Valentine Endures for 200 Years
- Reeve Music Manuscript Discovered in Old House
- A Deeply Disturbing Ancient Folk Tune
- Why does Historic Preservation Matter?
- Old Cutchogue Burying Ground Tour
- Long Island woven coverlets from a new perspective
- East End version of naval anti-piracy ballad
- Remembering Meigs Raid and how our area was involved in the Revolutionary War
- Museum's artifact may link to Shinnecock leader's whaling ancestor
- Advancing the way we perceive Black History



Family History Day

In its first decades since forming in 1960, the Council had periodically hosted a form of Family History Day. However, one hadn't occurred in more than 10 years before we revived in 2022. The event was such a success we decided to hold one annually and had one in '23 and '24. The day is designed to be a fun way for families and children to learn about their local history. It's created around the 3rd New York Regiment, which reenacts drills and recreates an encampment from the Revolutionary War. This group is named and modeled after the regiment authorized on May 25, 1775, which was composed of men from Suffolk County. The reenactors also spoke about our area's involvement in the Revolutionary War.

The day included colonial cooking demonstrations, with food cooked over an open flame as it would have been done in the 18th century. We also demonstrated colonial textile making, including spinning and weaving. An "old" naval balladeer performed historic music of the late Colonial period and the American Revolution. "Tee-Pee Ted," Shane Weeks and Arthur Krimms will taught about the local Corchaug Indian tribe through hands-on teaching methods as well as wampum making demonstrations. The Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library provided colonial games, and of course, we offered tours of all of our historic buildings on the Village Green.



Burying Ground

In May 2023 we had a Conservation and treatment workshop at the Old Burying Ground in Cutchogue. Professional preservationists Joel Snodgrass and Zach Studentroth ran it, teaching students and community members how to clean, restore and repair the stones. After lunch, the participants implemented what they learned and spent the rest of the day cleaning the stones. A few weeks after this event, we contracted with Joel at Stewart Preservation Services to restore and repair fallen and damaged gravestones that were identified in the workshop.

Tours of the Old Cutchogue Burying Ground.

We began conducting tours of the Old Cutchogue Burying Ground in 2023, with the first attracting 127 guests. Actors... Actors in period costumes--members of the North Fork Community Theatre--recounted the life stories of historic figures who are buried in the graveyard. Six "widow guides" dressed in Victorian mourning costumes guided guests through the burial ground, where the costumed actors recounted the lives of notable figures in Cutchogue's history while standing atop their graves. The notables included a veteran of the French-Indian War, an exiled Tory, a beloved schoolteacher, former slaves and many more who were responsible for forming Cutchogue as we know it today. The tour began with a brief history of the burial site, then Mary Kalich, a member of the theatre's board of directors, gave a brief history of the theatre company's building and how it was once a church. The tour was reprised in 2024 and met with similar success. We plan to do it again in 2025.

During the 2023 Community Day of Service at Mattituck Junior-Senior High School, 13 seniors, mostly from Mrs. Brigham's AP Research Writing Class, came to learn how to care for the Old Cutchogue Burying Ground. Zach Studenroth instructed the students on how to clean and straighten the stones. They were all quick studies and we got a lot of work done.





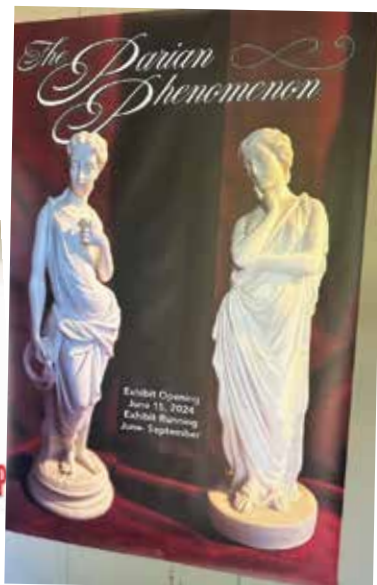
Temporary exhibits

2023: Honoring Our WWI Veterans and Those They Left Behind

On Flag Day, June 14, we opened the exhibit “Honoring Our WWI Veterans and Those They Left behind.” The exhibit opened through July and focused on remembering not only the WWI veterans but also those who stayed behind and supported the troops. We explained how they did so, specifically in the Cutchogue and New Suffolk communities. The exhibit was centered around the restoration of a 1917 Service Flag, the conservation of which was supported through the NYSCA/ GHNN Conservation Treatment Grant Program administered by the Greater Hudson Heritage Network. This program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. Additional support is provided from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation

2024: The Parian Phenomenon

In the 1840s British statuary porcelain manufacturers began producing a fine bisque porcelain with a satin finish that mimicked the look of Parian marble. They were able to accurately reproduce smaller versions of museum pieces, prompting an explosion in the popularity of this beautiful figural china. We offered a rare look at the extensive collection of a local private collector, set up in the Wickham house, as how it would have been displayed in a Victorian home.



Carriage House

For a few reasons (including COVID), our Carriage House gift shop was our Carriage house Gift Shop was shut down for several years. The board wanted it reopened and re-imagined. So, through the efforts of volunteers and after several yard sales and many attempts at cleaning it out, it underwent extensive structural repairs. It was decided to paint the interior white, to brighten it up, and the exterior trim was given a fresh coat of white paint. New shades and donated vintage lace curtains were put on the windows. Some of the old stock is still for sale but updated new stock was brought in, and of course we have antique and vintage donated items. We had a grand re-opening of the shop in conjunction with the debut of our WWI exhibit on June 14, 2023. The Carriage House is now open from June through October on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 1-4.

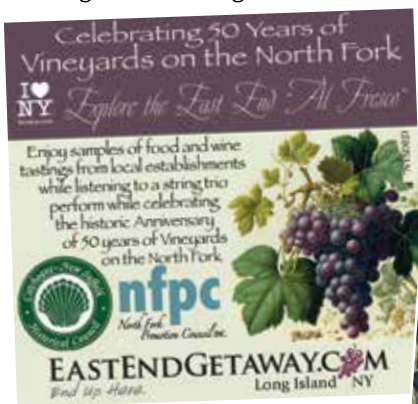
Because of the initial success of the Carriage house as a gift shop we, decided to host a "pop-up" Christmas shop from mid-November to mid-December. season: We featured the types of traditional, vintage, and Victorian items that you wouldn't be able to find in other stores. To create a genuinely old-fashioned, we served an assortment of Christmas teas and treats.



Celebrating 50 Years of Vineyards on the North Fork

Our Gala Event in 2023

Collaborating with the North Fork Promotional Council, we created a gala 3-hour event called 50 Years of Vineyards on the North Fork held the evening of July 13, 2023. We invited North Fork wineries and food establishments to serve their best wines and food, while a trio of two strings, and an oboe performed classical music (through a collaboration with Rites of Spring Music Festival). The event was held under a tent decorated by Salt Air Farm Florals on the beautiful Village Green in Cutchogue. The evening's honoree was Louisa Hargrave, the founder of the Long Island wine region, and also recognized for their roles in advancing the wine industry on Long Island were agricultural consultant Bill Sanok and restaurateur John Ross.



Winter Lecture Series

- **Tracing Your Homes History**

George Munkenbeck, Islip Town Historian, shared tools and techniques that helped people uncover historical information about their historic homes.

- **The Orphan Trains, A Local Family's Tale**

Mark MacNish, Executive Director of the CNSHC, spoke about his family's experience with the Orphan Trains, an experimental social welfare project that operated between 1854 and 1929.

- **Mary L. Booth, An Extraordinary 19th-Century Woman**

Tricia Foley spoke on her book about Mary L. Booth (1831-1889) who was a writer, historian, abolitionist, and suffragist.

- **Early 19th Century Woven Coverlets of Long Island**

Emily Werner, Curator/Collections Manager of the Huntington Historical Society, spoke about the phenomenon of early woven coverlets of Long Island

- **19th and Early 20th-Century North Fork Hotels, From a Local Family's Perspective**

Mark MacNish, Executive Director of the CNSHC, spoke about the history of his family's journey from Scotland to the running of the New Suffolk Hotel and their subsequent experiences with other iconic local hotels, inns, and clubs from 1870 to 1930.

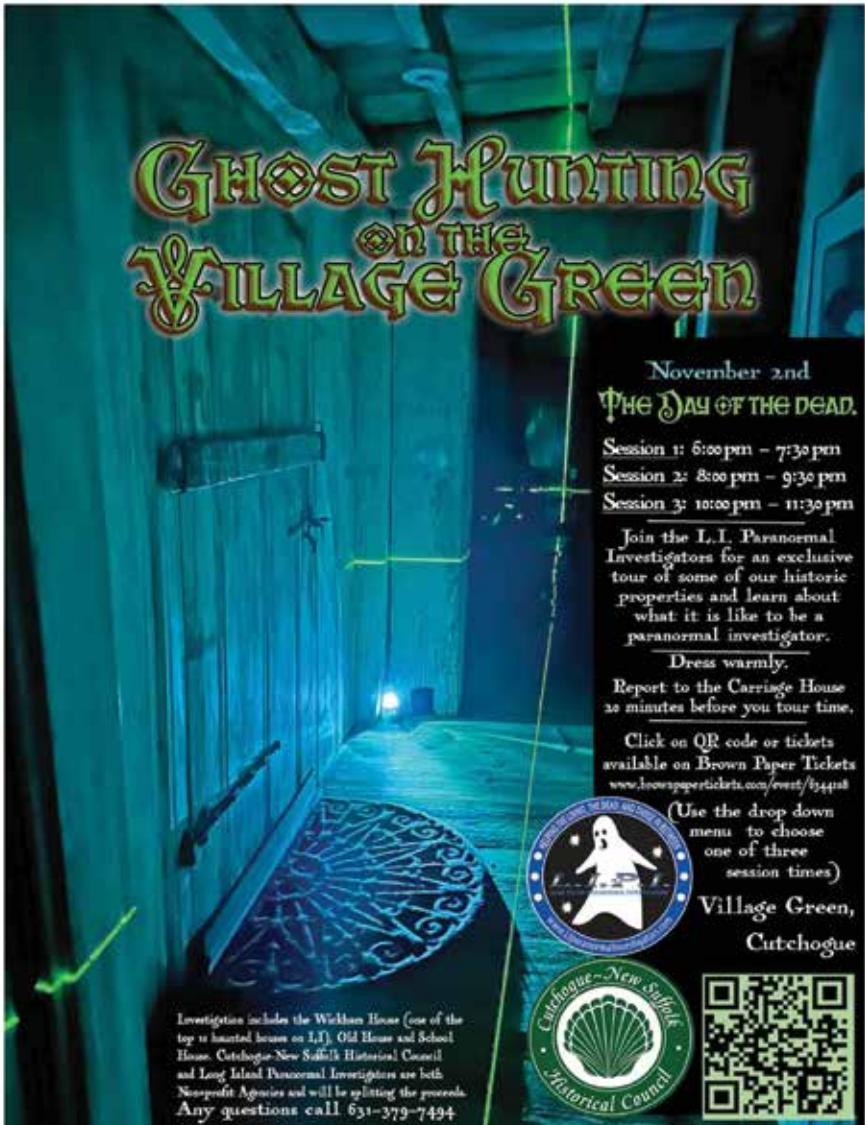
- **Accused of Witchcraft in New York**

Scott R. Ferrara, the Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator at the Three Village Historical Society, discussed his book of the same name, The event began with a tour of the Old House focusing on the occupants' fear of witches



Paranormal Tours

On November 2, 2024, the Day of the Dead, the L.I. Paranormal Investigators came to the Village Green in Cutchogue for an exclusive tour of the historic buildings of the Cutchogue New Suffolk Historical Council, including the Wickham house, which often makes the top ten list of most haunted buildings on Long Island, the Old House and the School House. Attendees learned about the history of each building and witness a live paranormal investigation. There were three sessions starting at 6 pm and ending at 10pm.



GHOST HUNTING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

November 2nd
THE DAY OF THE DEAD.

Session 1: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Session 2: 8:00pm - 9:30pm
Session 3: 10:00pm - 11:30pm

Join the L.I. Paranormal Investigators for an exclusive tour of some of our historic properties and learn about what it is like to be a paranormal investigator.

Dress warmly.




Report to the Carriage House 30 minutes before your tour time.

Click on QR code or tickets available on Brown Paper Tickets
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/134418

(Use the drop down menu to choose one of three session times)

Village Green,
Cutchogue

Investigation includes the Wickham House (one of the top 10 haunted houses on L.I.), Old House and School House. Cutchogue-New Suffolk Historical Council and Long Island Paranormal Investigators are both Nonprofit Agencies and will be splitting the proceeds. Any questions call 631-379-7494



Concerts on the Green

Our 2023 Memorial Concert, featuring the full 65-piece Sound Symphony Orchestra, was so well received by the community, and because we received the Suffolk County Cultural Omnibus Grant, we decided to expand it to four concerts in 2024. One concert had an admission fee because it was put on by the Rites of that Spring Music Festival and featured the Mud Flats, but the remaining concerts were open-air ensembles by Sound Symphony in July and August. The programs were funded by the Suffolk County Dept. of Economic Development and Planning and Legislator Stark.



Membership

Our membership drive produced 145 members in 2023 and 130 in 2024. We now have 6 lifetime memberships. An analysis of the mailing list we have been using showed it to be missing a significant amount of households, so in 2025 we will be switching to a system called EDDM (Every Door Direct Mailing) to ensure that no one is left out of our membership appeal in the future.

Volunteer Appeals

We attended the 2023 and 2024 community service day at Mattituck High School. Students signed up to volunteer to get community service points for their diploma. In '23 and '24 we had our annual Volunteer Workshop. While getting people to volunteer continues to be a challenge, we managed to pick up a few people at these events.

In 2023 and 2024 our team of volunteer docents and shopkeepers allowed us to expand our season: It now begins on June 1 and runs through the beginning of October. We give tours every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Private tours are held for large groups and if schedules allow. In February 2024 we hosted our first "Get to Know Us Better" dinner at Touch of Venice, a local restaurant. We conducted our Annual General Meeting, had volunteer appreciation activities, and debuted a new video we made, explaining what our organization is all about and its mission.



Pot Luck

Every year, we have a pot luck members' meeting: Everyone brings a dish so we can share a meal and get to know each other. This tradition has proven to be a great opportunity for members to meet the board and give their input about what they would like to see done on the council and the direction they would like to see it go.



Car Shows

For the past three years we have collaborated with the L.I. Moose Classic Car Club to host the Rock & Roll Car Show in September. Free tours of the historic buildings, Food, Raffles, and music by DJ Gerry. All proceeds go to benefit the council and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Preservation Work and Building Maintenance

- We are thankful for the Tuesday Crew. They have been helping us with woodworking and repair project for many years. This past year, they performed needed repairs on the wooden gutters of our Village Garage. We not only appreciate their help on our site, but their dedication to local historic preservation.
- As previously mentioned, major repair work was done on the Carriage House by contractor Joe Kollen. This included painting, roof work, sealing rodent holes, and many minor exterior and interior repairs, including the installation of a split unit to make it more comfortable in the winter and summer.
- Volunteers Julian and Dana Carni, who own a shipbuilding and repair company, are experienced woodworkers. They rebuilt a rotted window in the Wickham House and rebuilt the door to the Schoolhouse.
- A surprise was discovered in 2024 in the attic of the Red Barn. A squirrel had chewed a large hole in the roof. A temporary repair was made, but we realized the entire roof was failing. Large trees shade the roof and the cedar shakes never fully dry out between rains, causing them to become “spongy” and weak. It was decided to replace them with asphalt tiles that resemble cedar shakes but will stand up to the dampness. Emergency funds were used and a contractor was hired and repairs were done within the week so further interior water damage was avoided.
- We contracted with our lawn maintenance man, who also does tree work, to do extensive and necessary tree repair and removal.
- In both 2023 and 2024 we have replaced sections of our split rail fence that has been rotting away.



Christmas

Our only event that went relatively unscathed by COVID was our yearly Christmas Tree lighting on the Cutchogue Village Green. The first Saturday in December we offer caroling with the Mattituck-Cutchogue Select Chorus, a visit from Santa and tours of the Old House. In 2024 ,we included the Eastern Long Island Old Time Jam, an acoustic band, playing holiday music in the Schoolhouse. Hot cider and goodies are offered to attendees, and in 2024 our local Lions Club offered hot chocolate. With the encouragement and guidance of the rabbi from the North Fork Synagogue, we combined the tree lighting with the lighting of an oversized menorah on the Village Green. Santa arrives every year via fire truck.



Youth Outreach

In 2023 we formalized our youth outreach effort, organizing and focusing our attempts to reach out to young people, showing what we had to offer them. We are trying to get younger individuals more interested in history.

We want to partner with community educators to help teach their pupils about our local American history using hands-on teaching tools and techniques that will help foster a lifelong appreciation of history. To that end, we have created a guide for educators to show what programs we have available:

- Community service credits through volunteerism
- Teaching Buried History
- A Day on the Village Green Education Program
- Family History Day
- Paid internship through the Gardiner Young Scholar Program
- Help in applying for college scholarships, especially for potential history majors
- Private tours coordinated with teachers

We give tours of our properties to students on the elementary, middle, and high school levels. We've even hosted students from Molloy University.





Community service credits through volunteerism

The Old Durying Ground in Catsburg at 4270 Main Road has been owned and maintained by the Historical Council since 1900. It is a sacred and historic site where the remains of Catsburg's settlers were laid to rest and has markers dating from the early 1700s. Through grants, and Council funds we hold workshops on the maintenance and restoration of the site and markers. We also offer a variety of other projects students can do to earn community service credits.

Right: Students right a stone on Community Service Day. Below: Catsburg residents work on the site circa 1915. The entire community once participated in the maintenance of the site.



Teaching Buried History

This program connects local classroom teachers to the historical resources found in the local ground. In this program, students survey cemeteries, collect data, and integrate their research into various curriculum subjects guided by teachers and the Historical Council. Our collection, resources, and sites offer students unique learning experiences, connecting local stories with the broad national narrative they study in school. The program can be easily customized to your curriculum and connects with areas of Social Studies, History, English, Geography, and even Math and STEM. It offers training to teachers, background information, and instructions to get up everything. It is tied to state education standards so teachers can integrate it into the structure of their existing curriculum and in classroom ready. It offers busy teachers a lesson plan that requires very little advanced preparation. It is designed for middle and high school classes. All materials are easily edited. What's included: • Lesson plans • Background information for teachers • Classroom materials including Power/Print presentations and illustrated guides. • Mapping tools. The program includes a tool so students can collect data at the cemetery to create GIS maps, using a program available to every school in the United States.



A day on the Village Green's education program

We offer a day of local history teaching on our historic Village Green. We customize our curriculum to suit yours, but generally, students start the day with tours of the historic houses and end up in the 1850 Schoolhouse, where the rest of the day is conducted as a class as it would have been undertaken in the mid 19th century using primers and chalk, tables. Lesson plans can be altered to foster their teacher's own program or fit in with state requirements. Colonial games are provided for recess on the Green. Our proximity to the Catsburg-New Suffolk Library has enabled us to mesh with library events, presenting the need for two separate field days.



Family History Day



2023 Marks our second annual Family History Day. This event, which we rescheduled from the past, is a fun family day designed to teach children and adults hands-on about our local history. The event centers around the program of the 3rd NY Regiment, 1776, recreations of the Revolutionary War. It includes morning ballad singers, presenters talking about the Corchug Indians and Native American life, colonial games and cooking demonstration, tours of the historic buildings, and more. This year's event will be on May 27 and held on the Village Green. Look for specifics in the paper and on our Facebook page.



Left: Elementary school children about the Revolutionary War. Above: A presenter tells local Indian artifacts and the Native American way of life.



Advertising/Publicity/Media Presence

We continue to maintain a presence on Facebook with more than 2,0000 followers and page likes. Our posts get lots of responses and engagement and we average about 7 posts per month.

Our Instagram account was inactive in the beginning of 2023, with less than 100 followers. We now average more than 7 posts a month and have more than 600 followers.

Our latest foray into a social media outlet is through Nextdoor.com. The site is very local and popular; we tend to get more than 400 views for each post.

We use Constant Contact to send out about 5 email blasts per month to our mailing list of 1200. We take advantage of all the free media venues, including Patch, Dan's Papers, Northforker, the Suffolk Times' free community calendar and others. We also have a radio presence by advertising on WLNG-FM.

We occasionally purchase paid ads in local media when grant money is available.

Media Report

Newsday, May 29, 2023

U.S. Navy to name new submarine USS Long Island

Inside article, quote attributed to
CNSHC

Suffolk Times July 20, 2023

'Secret' letter found in 18th century desk

CNSHC Page 2 article

Suffolk Times, June 19, 2023

History is honored and re-imagined on the Cutchogue Village Green

Inside article on CNSHC WWI Exhibit
and Keturah installation

Riverhead News Review, July 25, 2023

'Secret' letter found in 18th century desk

CNSHC Online edition

NoFoNeighbors, June edition

History Comes Alive: Mark MacNish

Front cover biography of CNSHC ED

Newsday, August 3, 2023

Secret compartment in 18th- century desk reveals a decades-old family letter

CNSHC article in 'Our Towns' section of
Newsday

Suffolk Times, June 29, 2023

Southold farm-to-table pioneer shares his story

CNSHC 50th celebration mentioned in
page 2 story

History Channel on-line, August 18, 2023

11 Ways people beat the heat before air conditioning

Executive Director cited 10 times in
article

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Suffolk Times July 6, 2023

Celebration honors vineyard pioneers

Page 3 article on CNSHC 50th
celebration

Suffolk Times, Sept. 21, 2023

Local history comes to 'afterlife'

Article on CNSHC Burying Ground Tour

Patch, July 10, 2023

"50 Years of Vineyards on the North Fork" Event Honors Louisa Hargrave

Online article promoting CNSHC 50th
celebration

Suffolk Times, Sept. 24, 2023

North Fork Community Theatre's graveyard tour expands to Cutchogue

Article explains how Mattituck tour expands to Cutchogue Old Burying Ground

Express Magazine, Sept., 2023

Finally Recognized

CNSHC noted in article for recognition of enslaved woman "Keturah" in Old House

Suffolk Times Oct. 10, 2023

Photo essay: Cutchogue Old burying Ground Tour

Executive Director quoted about history of the area.

Dan's Papers, Oct. 31, 2023

From Cockfights to Opera: Cutchogue Changes Over Time

Executive Director quoted several times in article

NOFO Neighbors, Feb. 2024

Advancing the way we perceive Black history

Page 10 reprint of CNSHC Blog

Suffolk Times, Feb. 1, 2024

Musical Manuscript found at historical Society

Page 14 feature article inspired by CNSHC blog

Historic Homes Magazine, Spring 2024

Worth the Stop: Historic Haunts of the North Fork

Cutchogue Burying Ground Tour featured in article

Newsday, July 5, 2024

It's red, white, and blue all over Island

CNSHC presence in New Suffolk Parade (image picked up by Getty Images)

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\$100,000 federal grant — an building a site-based database that will have more than 1000 names of enslaved people from the East End. The grant, obtained through U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer's office, also funded the "Forgotten Founders" documentary and an audio exhibit featuring paintings by Michael A. Butler that was put up first at the Sag Harbor Church in February and more recently at the Village House, the headquarters of the Hamlet Community Historical Society in July.

The marking of all this data is a work in progress, with more excavations sites and all to be completed, according to the North Fork Project's Richard Wilson, a descendant of free early Blacked farm families and an authority on the history of the Hellenistic Museum Farm and the Jamestown Meeting House. Wilson worked on Wolf Run for 20 years managing down to create with inmate laborers. He also has a master's degree in marketing from Howard and Ph.D. in history from Brown.

"Ultimately, when we think in a hard hat of the East End, we think of a history that's been built on," Wilson said of the work. "The grant is helping us to see just that this story was never told. It was ignored [by] the early slave historians and the early researchers on the so-called founding families."

Continuing research on whether that has found any descendants of the man involved will bring us to the East End. "We're extremely excited to meet families from the 20th century for the first time in our lives," Wilson said. "Finally, they'll sound like us."

In addition to excavations, Wilson believes "how they were treated" and how they have been a major focus of the East End's Black population to restore Long Island and New York City where there were established communities of color for them. "It shows they lived very individual lives," he said. "The typical image was one of free colored people" in a household.

The only response to the signs in the mid-19th century was the Battle of Gettysburg and the Smithsonian Indian Museum in Washington.



RELIQUETS OF KETURAH IN THE KITCHEN OF THE OLD HOUSE IN CUTCHOGUE. SHE WAS FREED AND REMARRIED IN THE 1820S AND LIVED HER DAYS IN 1860

There may be no answer for the bond between two Black slaves, Wilson said. "The study of slavery on the North Fork is a fundamental change right now," he said.

In the last few years, history has begun to be told in a "bigger way," Wilson said. "I've been told that in the Old House in Cutchogue, which was once used to the right English-style house in New York City."

"That turned out to be accurate. The historical site was used to the right English-style house in New York City."





Treasurer's Report 2023, 2024

2023 and 2024 were difficult years for the Council. Even with belt-tightening measures, receiving increased grant money from the County and other sources, while running a full program of events and activities our operating expenses continue to exceed our typical revenue sources. There were some unexpected and unusual repairs that had to be made, along with a complete updating of our fire and security systems. The cost to maintain the grounds at the Village Green, the area of the Old House, and the Old Burying Ground continue to increase along with the cost of insurance and programs. In order to receive an additional source of revenue, we opened the Carriage House as a retail establishment with relevant historical items and unique Christmas inventory. It was opened in late May 2022. Through this successful venture, we were able to increase our gross revenue to about \$13,000, and will continue to build on this as a revenue source. To meet our operating expenses, and because of the high return on our investment account, we were able to withdraw money from that account to meet all of our expenses without significantly diminishing its value. For the 2025 year, we are continuing to look for additional revenue sources including public funding.

Richard Stauffer



Financial Report 2023, 2024

Our Bainbridge Trust account is with Charles Schwab. The finance committee consisting of the Council's Treasurer (Richard Stauffer), the President (Gloria Groocock) and members of the organization (Michael Crosser, Lauren Grant, and Lucine Kirchhoff) meet quarterly with our Wealth Investment Adviser (Denis Cronin) to determine whether or not our financial objectives are being met and whether or not changes should be made. As the result of our investment value increasing each year, we have been able to withdraw money to meet our operating expenses.

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| 65 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 66 | 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 67 | Program & Fundrsng | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | 2024 | 2023 |
| 68 | Expenses | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ytd. | yr end |
| 69 | Burying Grd. Workshop | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 6463 |
| 70 | Carriage Hse Gift Shop | 300 | | 250 | 4092 | 2146 | 53 | 366 | 158 | 4863 | 290 | 140 | 722 | 13380 | 9995 |
| 71 | Collections | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 3366 |
| 72 | Designated Gifts | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 500 |
| 73 | Exhibitions | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| 74 | Hospitality | | | | | | 16 | | | | | | | 16 | 314 |
| 75 | Library | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| 76 | Membership | | | | | 2409 | | | | | | | | 2409 | 2409 |
| 77 | Old House | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| 78 | Scholarships | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| 79 | School Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | |
| 80 | Speakers | | | | | | | | | | 200 | | | 200 | |
| 81 | Tree Lighting & Carols | 1450 | | | | | | | | | | | 1999 | 3449 | 1200 |
| 82 | Vintage Car show | | | | | | 409 | 106 | 270 | | | 85 | | 870 | 1595 |
| 83 | Volunteers - tours | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 375 |
| 84 | Family History Day | | | | | 3467 | | | | | | | | 3467 | 2786 |
| 85 | Memorial Concert | | | | | | 6000 | | | | | | | 6000 | 1500 |
| 86 | Special Events - Other | | 1593 | | | | 564 | | 2584 | | 100 | | | 4841 | 14379 |
| 87 | Program & Fundrsg | 1750 | 1593 | 250 | 4092 | 5613 | 9435 | 488 | 3012 | 4863 | 590 | 225 | 2721 | 34632 | 44882 |
| 88 | Total Expenses | 6364 | 6142 | 6200 | 9278 | 17305 | 16862 | 12039 | 24398 | 22659 | 8261 | 9861 | 21513 | 160882 | 161978 |
| 89 | Net Profit (Loss) | -78 | -4935 | -6105 | -6433 | -16020 | -14560 | -7888 | -15536 | -18153 | -2360 | -2318 | -13978 | -108364 | -106228 |



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