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Our mission is to preserve, protect, and promote the history of this special area of the North Fork and its people, from earliest times to the present day, for current and future generations.

Ira Tuthill
Sunday, April 28, 2019, 2:30 p.m.
Step back in time and join us for a traditional Victorian Tea Party at the 1841 Ira Tuthill house on the corner of Main Road and Cardinal drive (entrance in the back). The event will feature home made Petit-fours, Cookies, Tea Sandwiches, Scones, a large array of teas and other homemade delights as well as raffle baskets.

Admission is $25.00
Advance ticket sales only, tickets will not be sold at the door
Tickets can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com, browse or go to tinyurl.com/y3sdaou5
Or at Bauer’s Gifts on Love Lane in Mattituck.

Period or elegant dress encouraged but not required. All proceeds benefit MLHS

If you are interested in Volunteering for the event please attend the volunteer meeting after the board meeting at the museum on March 23 at 12:00
Areas where volunteers are needed would be set-up (weekends, a few weeks prior to the event), food making, etc.
Mattituck-Laural Historical Society is announcing their 2019 Lecture series. An effort is underway to save and revitalize the society and we’ve worked hard to come up with a series of 10 lectures that we hope will be of interest to the community while being in line with our mission statement. The series will go from May to November and be held at the New Egypt School House on the Society grounds at Main Road and Cardinal Dr., Mattituck, NY. All talks begin at 2 pm unless otherwise noted.


May 19, Speaker: Catherine Harper. Title: Victorian Canvas Needle Arts. Berlin Work, Plush Work, and Bead Work. A local expert explores the history and nature of 19th century canvas work, illustrating the talk with rare and unusual pieces from her extensive private collection.

June 16, Speaker: Mark MacNish. Title: Starting a historic themed Bed and Breakfast. Mark MacNish, owner of Andrew’s Legacy, a historic Cutchogue Bed and Breakfast (currently open as the North Fork Guest House) that successfully operated for 12 years, will talk about what you need to do to set up and run a Bed and Breakfast on the North Fork.

July 21, Speaker: Amy Folk. Title: Southold in the American Revolution. Join Southold Town Historian Amy Folk and explore what happened in Southold Town during the American Revolution.

August 4, Speakers: Howie Hansen and Nancy Reeve. Title: Restoration efforts and talk on the Burying Ground at the Mattituck Presbyterian Church. Howie Hansen and Nancy Reeve will present a history of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church, its Burying Ground, and plans for restoring the gravestones.

August 18, Speakers: Dick Richardson & Tim Seiger. Title: A Decoy Presentation. Life on Long Island included duck hunting and other water sports. Long Island is located on the eastern flyway for waterfowl. At the turn of the century, ducks were plentiful over the East End and would be hunted for food and sport. This presentation will demonstrate the decoys used for waterfowl hunting on Long Island. The talk will feature information on decoys and duck hunting as well as anecdotal hunting tales from the Bellport area. An Antique Road Show-style appraisal will be held after the event, so please bring your decoys.

September 8, Speaker: Mark MacNish. Title: Ladies of Limoge. Collector and curator of the MLHS, Mark MacNish, will talk about the Victorian-era craze of China painting in the United States. Lady-like endeavors such as embroidery and music were considered socially acceptable for women, as was China painting. The history of the China painting fad will be explored and how it helped some woman achieve financial autonomy and independence, a feat that was difficult for a woman to achieve at the time.

September 22, Speaker: Tricia Foley. Title: “Mary L. Booth: An Extraordinary 19th Century Woman”. The author will present an overview of Mary L. Booth (1831-1889) and her life and times on Long Island and 19th-Century New York. Writer/historian/abolitionist/suffragette, Booth wrote The History of the City of New York, translated 47 books, was founding editor of Harper's Bazaar and worked for Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War. Talk and book signing.

October 20, Speaker: Suzanne Johnson. Title: “Alonzo Chappel: The Infamous Artist of Artist Lake”. Local history librarian Suzanne Johnson will present an overview of the life and work of Alonzo Chappel (1825-1887), an American painter known for his historical scenes and portraiture. Born in New York City, he moved to Middle Island in 1869. The artistic legacy of his commissions at Artist Lake (25 miles west of Mattituck) is finally gaining attention.

November 10, Speaker: Amy Folk. Topic: Rum running on the North Fork. Rum running was more than just running alcohol locally... Join Southold Town Historian Amy Folk for a talk about rum running on the North Fork.

For questions or information: webmaster@mlhistoricalsociety.org Or contact event coordinator Mark MacNish at 631-379-7494 or macnish@aol.com
From time to time, many of us who are members of organizations have felt motivated to help in some way. Some need touches us and we wish to respond to that need, either with money or time or possessions. Here are some of our most immediate needs:

- Right now the Tuthill House, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, needs to have the peeling wallpaper in the Music Room and Parlor taken down and replaced.
- The house also needs to be air-conditioned so that our extensive holdings are protected against mold formation during high-humidity days.
- The New Egypt Schoolhouse needs to have a heat pump installed so that it can be used year-around for community events and presentations. This work would also include upgrades to the plumbing and kitchen in the basement.

If any of these needs touch your heart, please let us know. We would be most appreciative.

Mattituck and Laurel, the book co-authored by Norman Wamback and Trustee Jeff Walden, is available for $21.99 by calling Norman 631-298-8461 or at any of our events. We also have white T-shirts for sale with the Jesse-Ira Tuthill house on the front, and cream T-shirts with a picture of the MLHS library on the front. Contact Emily: etuthillbest@yahoo.com (613-403-7548) for sizes and prices (reasonable).

Membership Sign-Up

The Historical Society depends on membership contributions and donations to help operate and maintain the our site. We receive no funds from any Government entities, we are solely sustained by contributions from private citizens and companies. Please fill out the following form and send in your contribution to MLHS, Box 766, Mattituck, NY 119952.

MATTITUCK-LAUREL HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUMS
MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM 2019
Enclosed is my check payable to Mattituck-Laurel Historical Society & Museums for the membership category checked:

• Active Membership, Individual $20  • Family $30  • Business $50
• Patron Membership - $100• Life Membership - $500   Donation $______

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Phone#: ___________________________ E-Mail ____________________________________________

Here are some items for which we need your help, please check at least one:  • Keep track of membership and correspondence  • Oversee refreshments for events  • Edit newsletters  • Canvass local businesses for donations  • Plan and schedule programs  • Conduct guided tours  • Assist with Public Relations  • Assist the Pres/VP  • Help with Grounds/Gardening
As we all emerge from the deep cold of the past winter into the warmer days of Spring, we welcome the warmer weather and the longer periods of daylight. Summer is on the way!! The Historical Society has developed an exciting schedule for 2019:

- Four special events starting on Sunday, April 28 with the April Showers Tea
- Ten lectures starting on May 5 with Robert Harper’s lecture on windows and shutters of the historic home
- The annual Antiques, Arts, and Crafts Fair on June 1.

Our annual call for donations has so far brought in $4700 plus one anonymous matching donation up to $15,000. Our goal is to continue to reduce our annual deficit this year by sponsoring more special events and lectures. As the year progresses, we will keep you informed on our progress. Right now, we have more than 150 active members: 90 that renewed their membership for 2019, 20 new members, and 47 Life members. Aside from financial support, our greatest need is for volunteers to help us with our special events, lectures, and guiding museum tours. If you wish to learn more about the Society, please go to our website, call or email Emily, Mark, or me, or come to our planning meetings at the Ira Tuthill House on the corner of Main Avenue and Cardinal Drive. Our next three meetings are on March 23, April 27, and May 30. We would love to meet with you and learn what additional things you would like to see the Society do within our community.

Erich Cramer
President
Emily Tuthill Best Cramer
Vice President