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*The Old Mill  
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Planting Potatoes  
and Pounding Piano Keys*



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We are always looking for writers and/or photos that can help preserve local history. If you have old photos, please share. Story ideas to share or write? **Contact us!**

## LOOKING FOR INFO...

In March we asked for any information, pictures or memories of the Greenport Driving Range that was across the street from Drossos on Rte 25 heading into Greenport. We heard stories on how, on occasion, the golf balls would fly over the fence into the woods — which was not welcomed by the range management.

Ray Lekich, from Wirtz, VA (formerly Southold) shared the following:

*“The first time I went to the driving range I could not have been more than 10 or 11. I went because my cousin Tom won a free bucket of balls (possibly at the Southold FD carnival playing bingo). He took me and we shared the bucket of balls.*

## On the Cover—

### The Old Mill, Peconic • 1898

The aftermath of the Great Blizzard of 1898 — the Old Mill at Goldsmiths inlet was damaged beyond repair and was subsequently dismantled. The storm blew three freighters ashore at the Peconic Sound Beach. “The Macauley” was driven near the mouth of the inlet and was salvaged.



Photo showing  
the freighter Macauley  
and the old mill  
after the blizzard of 1898.

Not only was this the first time I went to the driving range, it was the first time I ever hit a golf ball. I had never even played miniature golf. I had fun hitting the balls as hard as I could. When we were done with the bucket, we went across the street to Drosso's to play miniature golf. I was up first. I put my ball on the first tee and like I did at the driving range, hit the ball as hard as I could. It went to the left, over the fence and into the parking lot. We retrieved the ball and I learned how to putt.”

Thank you, Ray, for sharing a memory... **and giving us another idea:**

**The Fire Department Carnivals!** Betting on the numbers on the spinning wheels, winning those prizes on the shelves, many donated by local businesses. It would be fun to print photos from those fun times. **Anyone have any to share?**

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# Chester "Chet" Sawastynowicz: Planting Potatoes and Pounding Piano Keys

*This story by Jerry Matovicik is based upon interviews with Nancy Sawastynowicz, Chet's daughter.*

Chester "Chet" Sawastynowicz (c. 1945) pounds the jaunty rhythms of Dixieland Jazz on the piano keys, while the clarinet and saxophone add embellishments, in the dance hall at the Anchor Inn, a restaurant, at one time, on Mattituck Creek near the Old Mill. Seated second from the left on saxophone is "Ritz" Domaleski. Standing behind Chet is John Elak. (Courtesy of Southold Historical Society)



In 1914, at the age of eighteen, Ludwig "Louis" Sawastynowicz fled Poland, then under Russian control, to avoid being con

could then migrate from Europe to America. Ludwig came to Cutchogue in an era when many farmers of Polish descent were making their way out to Long Island to plant potatoes. The sandy soil and climate were ideal for potatoes, and the relative proximity to New

York City provided a huge built-in market. Louis purchased a house and land on the west side of Depot Lane, east of Alvah's Lane. Louis married Stafka Doroski, a local farmer's daughter, and in 1926, their second child, Chester "Chet" Sawastynowicz, was born.

Stafka was the daughter of Philip and Rosalia Doroski, a potato farming family already established in Cutchogue on Main Road, in the area that is now the Crown



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Ludwig "Louis" and Stafka (Doroski) in their wedding photo, c.1924.



Louis Sawastynowicz plants potato "seeds" while riding on a potato planter pulled by horses. A small plow under the planter dug a trench, into which "seeds" (cut potatoes with eyes) were dropped, and footed disks covered them over with soil.



Land development. Ludwig, a burly man who stood at least six feet tall, was certainly strong enough to handle the demanding physical work on the farm. Early in the planting season, at night, he would get together with other farmers along Fisherman's Beach on the west side of Nassau Point to cast nets into the cove for bunker. Louis and the other farmers would drag the nets, heavily laden with fish, onto the beach, separating out the forage fish for fertilizer and keeping the choice variety of fish for their dinner table.

Nancy, Louis's granddaughter, has fond memories of the farm as a child.

The houses were built close to Main Road in order to preserve as much precious farmland as possible. She remembers traveling to the auction block in the flatbed truck, surrounded by crates of large white cauliflowers in their jackets of leaves. She and her parents would walk across the farm to attend church at Our Lady of Ostrabrama. In the beautiful, open space of the fields, one could see the three steeples of Our Lady of Ostrabrama, Sacred Heart, and the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church.

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Second row from right: Bertha Elak, Jane Domaleski; Rose Elak.

Front: On the end left, Helen Polecki; Father Zbawioney; sitting on grass at priest's left, Edmund Kos.

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1938 Hurricane: (l. to r.) Ed and Ted Grohoski, and Chet (twelve years old) on uprooted tree.  
The four Grohoski boys, Albert, Edward, Joseph, and Ted were Chet's cousins and Nancy Sawastynowicz's uncles

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Chet on the piano at the Smithtown Country Club, probably playing such popular tunes as "I Can't Stop Loving You" by Ray Charles, "In the Mood" by Glenn Miller, and "Well, Git It!" by Tommy Dorsey. Chet sometimes earned as much as \$15 a night playing in various bands.

Chet's mom, Stafka, recognized her son's musical potential when he was young so she coerced him to persistently practice his piano. Uncle Ted Grohoski remembers that Chet had to practice an hour a day before he could come out and play with his friends. The lessons paid off. When Chet was as young as eighteen, he was playing piano in various bands.



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Chet helped his father plant and harvest potatoes as part of his contribution to the family farm. In the photo to the left, Chet drives the tractor that pulls the potato digger, a machine that conveys potatoes into bins so they can be placed into burlap bags.

His dad Louis is standing (center) on the digging machine with other helpers.



In addition to their farmland, the Sawastynowicz family leased land running east along the railroad tracks, adjacent to the Cutchogue Railroad Depot, which can be seen in the center of the photo to the right. The roof and chimney just visible on the right was a commercial barn across the street to which all farmers would bring their potatoes for distribution. The white building in the distance on the left, with its windows facing, is the Blue Top Bar & Grill on Depot Lane (now the Red Rooster Bistro)

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.Chet tossing horseshoes out back of the Blue Top Bar & Grill.

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Ted Grohoski, Helen Kaloski,  
Chet and Irene (Kaloski)  
Sawastynowicz, c. 1946.

On the left is the Kaloski family's Model T. Irene remembers that when she was a little girl, during the 1938 hurricane, her brother drove the Model T to pick her up from school. She doesn't know how they made it home; there were so many fallen trees blocking the roads. When she was older and driving the Model T, Irene was coming home from Mattituck at night when the headlights went out. Fortunately, she had a flashlight that she held out the window so that oncoming traffic could see her.



After Chet and Irene Kaloski married in 1948, Chet continued to work on his father's farm. Every time Irene would drop Chet off on the farm, her father-in-law, Louis, would always give her food to take home. Sadly, Chet's father, Ludwig, passed away at the end of October, 1950. Farming without his father proved to be a burden for Chet, so in 1954, with a partner, Chet secured a mortgage to

have the Riverhead Bowling Lanes built. (The bowling lanes were located in the domed building that still stands today as part of Richmond Realty across from the Department of Motor Vehicles on Old Country Road in Riverhead.) From then on, Chet owned and operated the bowling center as his career.

Chet Sawastynowicz, the sinewy, robust son of a Polish immigrant, had

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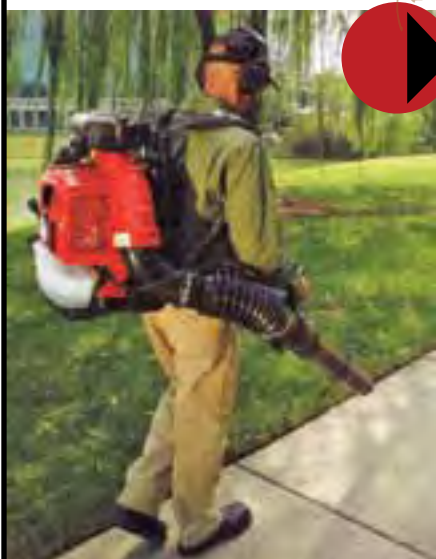
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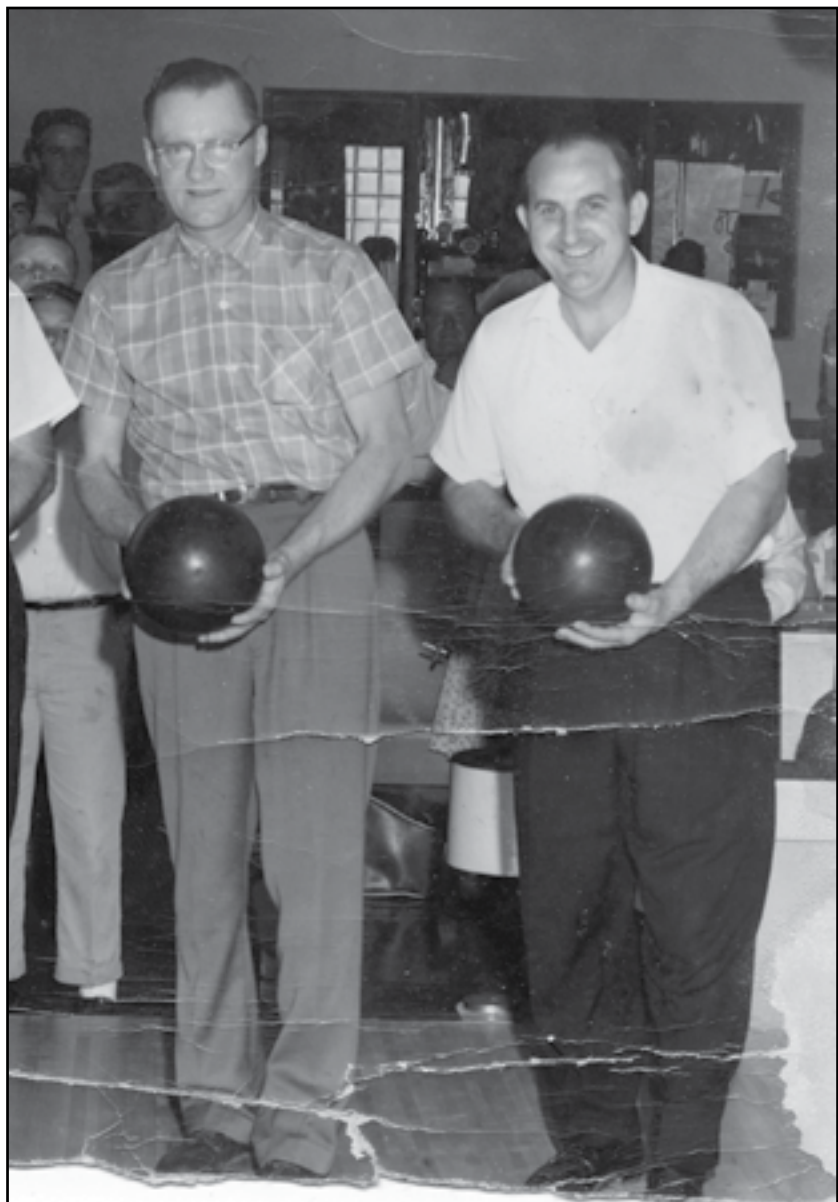
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Chet smoking a Chesterfield cigarette on Main Road with cherry trees in the background.



Chet Sawastynowicz (left) and Tony Regula pose in front of a crowd of admirers at the Riverhead Lanes, c. 1975.

the strength in both hands to lift burlap bags filled with potatoes onto the flatbed truck for market, but he also had the agility in both hands to entertain an audience on the piano keys. Chet's wife Irene still remembers the exuberant polkas he played on the piano as joyful dancers hopped and turned, gliding across the dance floor to "Roll Out the Barrel" and "Who Stole the Keeshka." How fond the memories of flush faces and broad smiles in the dance hall! How cherished the sweet smell of soil and the cool hardness of potatoes held in hand! At the turn of the twentieth century, a wave of European immigrants joined the native sons and daughters of Southold to preserve the agricultural life of the North Fork and create a legacy, in their descendants, of industry, culture, and music, a legacy that was personified in the life of Chester "Chet" Sawastynowicz.



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**April 12**, Thursday, April Showers Dinner at O'Mally's from 12 noon - 8pm. Half Chicken or Salmon, or Vegetarian Entree available upon request. Tickets are \$30 (gratuity included) and are on sale at the SHS Prince Building, 54325 Main Rd, Southold. 10am-2pm Monday - Friday through April 11 or at the door the day of the dinner. Don't miss the 50/50 raffle, which will be on sale at the door! For more info: (631) 765-5500. **April 23, *Diet for a Small Planet* by Frances Moore Lappe** (PL) In this book that challenged readers in the 1990's, author Frances Moore Lappe shares with the reader not only a philosophy on changing yourself and the world by changing the way you eat but also simple rules for a healthy diet.

**May 14, *Cod* by Mark Kurlansky** (SHS) In this bestselling book author Mark Kurlansky writes about the biography of a fish, namely Cod, that was the reason Europeans set sail across the Atlantic and helped change the course of history of the world!

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### BOOK AND AUTHOR PROGRAM SUNDAY, APRIL 22

The public is invited to learn about compelling stories of Jewish history in a free book and author program with Ira Poliakoff, the writer and researcher of *Synagogues of Long Island*, just published by The History Press. The program is sponsored by three North Fork synagogues — Congregation Tifereth Israel in Greenport, the North Fork Reform Synagogue in Cutchogue, and Temple Israel of Riverhead — and will be held in the community room of the Greenport synagogue at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be offered.

After WWII, thousands of Jewish soldiers returned from the war, looking for a life in the suburbs. In 1946, to accommodate the new arrivals on Long Island, Rabbi Elias Solomon called a meeting of Conservative rabbis to map out a plan. The group came up with a scheme to provide a synagogue at every railroad stop along the south shore of LI from Valley Stream to Patchogue. Once Reform Judaism took hold in the later decades of the 20th century, Central Synagogue of Nassau County and Beth El in Great Neck each grew more than 1,000 families strong. More recently, the growth of the Chabad movement has spurred an increase of Orthodox Judaism. Synagogues to accommodate the three branches of Judaism — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform — continue to flourish.

The author has studied the histories of nearly 300 synagogues in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, some that once thrived and others that continue to prosper. His research is documented by dozens of photographs and also copies of rare documents of development and incorporation. In his book and his talks, he reveals the oldest synagogues in both counties, and includes Congregation Tifereth Israel among the historic synagogues now listed on the National and State Registries of Historic Places. This history-unveiling catalogue illuminates the synagogues and congregations that have shaped Long Island's Jewish past and present. Ira Poliakoff grew up in Manhattan and in Rockville Center on Long Island. He served as a youth director at the Oceanside Jewish Center and the Queensboro Hill Jewish Center. A retired small business owner, he now lives with his wife in Wynnewood, PA, where they are active members of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

Congregation Tifereth Israel is located at 519 Fourth Street in Greenport, immediately south of the intersection of Fourth and Front Streets. For more info: 631-477-0232.

### FAMOUS BRIDGES — SATURDAY APRIL 28

The Mattituck-Laurel Historical Society & Museums will have a 2PM presentation and discussion by Dr. Edward Marlatt on the design and building of New York's famous bridges, Throgs Neck, Whitestone, Tri-Borough, and Verrazano-Narrows. The talk will be in the New Egypt Schoolhouse, 18300 Main Road and Cardinal Drive, Mattituck. Free, all are welcome. For more info: Erich at cramere@usa.com., or leave message at (631) 298-5248.

### NFRS WINTER CINEMATIC SERIES SATURDAY APRIL 28

www.northforkreformsynagogue.org — 631 722-5712

**Europa, Europa** — A Jewish boy, separated from his family in the early days of WWII, poses as a German orphan and is thereafter taken into the heart of the Nazi world as a "war hero" and eventually made a Hitler youth. Based on a true story. Nominated for Best Foreign Film. This is the last film in this Series — 7:30 p.m. at Cutchogue Presbyterian Church. Refreshments served. Suggested \$5 donation. Handicap accessible.

### AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE® WEDNESDAY MAY 2

The United States Power Squadrons will present "America's Boating Course®" (ABC), beginning at 7pm at the Moose Lodge, 51 Madison Street, Riverhead. ABC is approved by NY State and is the finest course available for boaters to comply with the NY state boater education law, as it provides essential information for new boaters or a great brush up for experienced boaters. The course is also approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard. The 4 sessions (*continues 5/9, 5/16 & 5/23*) will cover boating law, safety equipment, safe boating practices, navigation, boating emergencies, personal watercraft, charts, GPS, trailering and much more. Attendees will receive a 244 page America's Boating Course manual, companion CD and after passing an exam, a completion certificate. Many insurance companies offer discounts to boaters who earn their completion certificate. The \$50 fee covers the cost of the manual and CD. Students must be at least 10 years of age on or before 23 May 2018. **Register on line before April 19** at www.PBPS.us/education/schedule or call Vince Mauceri at 631-725-3679 to learn more.

### TRUMAN'S BEACH CLEAN UP SATURDAY MAY 5

The Orient-East Marion Park District is calling all volunteers from 9AM until noon! Come lend a hand, enjoy the beautiful views, and help get our beach ready for the summer! Donuts and coffee will be served. Rain date Sunday, May 6.



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Registering for 5 or more shows entitles the vendor to one discount of \$20.

**SUNSHINE SOCIETY FUNDRAISER MONDAY MAY 7**

Southold Sunshine Society Inc. is holding its 12th annual fundraising event at the Wharf House, Founders Landing, Southold. Along with a scenic setting, attendees will enjoy a sandwich luncheon and an afternoon of game playing, complete with a prize for the high scorer at each table. Admission is \$15 per person. **Pre-registration is necessary!** Contact Anne Swanson to make your reservation at 765-5735. Gather your foursome, select and bring the game of your choice and make your reservation. Space is limited. The folks of the Sunshine Society look forward to greeting you at 12 noon for lunch. Play will continue until 3pm.

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**BOAT HANDLING COURSE SATURDAY MAY 19**

The Peconic Bay Power Squadron will present "Boat Handling Under Power", part of the USPS University seminar series, at 9am at Strong's Marine, 2400 Camp Mineola Road, Mattituck. Attendees will learn techniques for controlling their boats in various situations and under a variety of wind or tidal conditions. The classroom seminar will be followed by an On the Water exercise using boats provided by Strong's Marine. With many different types of boats, drive systems, weather conditions, sea conditions, boating circumstances and more, no two boating situations are exactly the same. Understanding these variations is the first step in being prepared to handle what life on the water throws your way. The Boat Handling Under Power seminar covers using lines to assist you; close quarters maneuvering; departing & docking; single screw, twin screw or jet drives; steering in reverse and much more. Learn some new skills for the summer season and even have the opportunity to try them on the water. Class size is limited, so advance registration is required. There is a \$35.00 fee which includes a waterproof quick guide and presentation note book. **Students should register on line at [www.pbps.us/education/schedule](http://www.pbps.us/education/schedule) before 28 April.** To learn more or to reserve your space, call Vince Mauceri at 631-725-3679 or visit [www.PBPS.us](http://www.PBPS.us)

**LIFE JACKET WORLD RECORD DAY MAY 19**

Peconic Bay Power Squadron will participate in "Ready, Set, Wear It!", also at Strong's Marine in Mattituck. The worldwide event kicks off the start of National Safe Boating Week and is designed to raise boating safety awareness. Last year groups across the U.S. and Canada were joined by life jacket wearing participants in Australia, Brazil, Finland, and Japan. Participants will be part of the attempt to break a world record for the most life jackets worn at one time. Vessel Safety Inspections will be conducted 9am to 4pm, with the "Ready, Set, Wear It" official photo at 11am, followed by a flare demonstration. Larger boats are required to carry pyrotechnic visual distress signals (flares), but few people have ever actually used them or even seen how they are ignited. The event is free. To learn more call Steve Burke at 516-965-4716 or visit [www.ReadySetWearIt.com](http://www.ReadySetWearIt.com) or [www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com](http://www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com).

**VIRGINIA BEACH, WILLIAMSBURG & NORFOLK MAY 21 - 25**

Come with the Southold-Peconic Seniors to enjoy some sunny warm weather on a trip including four nights at an oceanfront hotel, four full breakfasts and dinners, the Fort Monroe Casemate Museum, Douglas MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk Naval Base, Hampton Roads Museum, Williamsburg visit, Yankee Candle, time on the beach and boardwalk plus much more. Total price of \$529 includes all of the above with motor-coach transportation, taxes and tips. Please contact Mary Pedersen at 631-765-9243 or 516-607-4504 for further information. You deserve it after a long and cold snowy winter.

**THE FAST LANE CONCERT MAY 27**

— featuring the music of Tom Petty and The Eagles —

Greenport Rotary's latest community project is the refurbishing and rededication of the miniature railroad, the Greenport Express. As you may recall, Frank Field ran this train on his property for a number of years with proceeds going to the hospital. Unfortunately, he found he could not continue and the train languished for years. Now, the Rotary is purchasing the train, will build a station house, complete with public rest rooms, on land donated by the Village off Moores Lane, and hope to continue the family friendly activity and create more wonderful memories for countless folks.

**Our first major fundraiser** to benefit this project will be a concert by The Fast Lane featuring the music of Tom Petty and The Eagles at the Greenport High School auditorium. Tickets (\$40-\$50 open seating) are available on line at [greenportrotary.com](http://greenportrotary.com).



## Upcoming Community Outreach Programs

### Eastern Long Island Hospital Cutting Edge Care With a Personal Touch

#### Living Without Pain: Discover the Newest Ways to Find Pain Relief Without Opioids

May 17, 2018 Peconic Lane Community Center, 6:30-9pm

Keynote Speaker:

- Donald Macron, MD, Stony Brook Psychiatrist

Breakout Session Speakers:

- Fred Carter, MD, FAAOS, FACS, ELIH Chairman of Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery
- Nancy Williams, PT, DPT, GCS, ELIH Director of Physical Therapy
- Jarid Pachter, DO, Board Certified in Addiction Medicine & Internal Medicine, ELIH Medical Staff Vice President

#### April 6th — Medication Review

With Raymond Krupski, RPh, MBA, ELIH  
Director of Pharmacy

Session 1: Southold Senior Center, 11am

Session 2: Floyd Memorial Library, 1pm

#### May 4th — Asthma & Allergy Awareness

With James Rubin, MD, Allergist

Session 1: Southold Senior Center, 11am

Session 2: Floyd Memorial Library, 1:30pm

#### May 22nd — Skin Cancer Detection & Prevention

With Susan M. Conaty, PA-C

Southold Free Library, 2pm

#### June 26th — Summer Safety

With Andrea Libutti, MD, Emergency Medicine

Cutchogue-New Suffolk Free Library, 1pm

#### August 18th — Tick-Borne Disease: What You Need to Know

With Anna-Marie Wellins, DNP, Regional Tick-  
Borne Disease Resource Center

Peconic Landing, 10am

#### September 7th — Fall Prevention

With Fred Carter, MD, FAAOS, FACS, ELIH  
Chairman of Surgery, Orthopedic Surgeon

Session 1: Southold Senior Center, 11am

Session 2: Floyd Memorial Library, 1pm

#### September 25th — Maintaining Emotional Health

With Juliet Frodella, CRC, LMHC, CCM, ELIH  
Director, Community Care

Cutchogue-New Suffolk Free Library, 1pm

For more information and to register, please call ELIH's  
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**EVENTS**

**Saturday, April 21, 1pm: ORCHID TEA & TALK** featuring Special Guest Speaker Bill Bianchi. \$25pp includes assorted teas, fancy finger sandwiches and sweets! Paid reservation by 4/14. Local grower of orchids and owner of Bianchi-Davis Greenhouses in Riverhead, Bill Bianchi will speak on the history and care of orchids. There will also be a sale of orchid plants at this event to benefit the SCHS. Reserve early, space is limited, Call to reserve: 631-727-2881 x100.

**Saturday, April 28, 1pm – BOOK & BOTTLE: George Giannaris, Ferry Tales II: When Hellenic Freezes Over.** Hellenic owner and author George Giannaris will sign copies of his new book and share the local history of his family’s landmark East Marion restaurant, along with coveted recipes, comical short stories, and philosophical insights. Members Free; Non-Members \$5. Includes book sale and signing, light refreshments, and admission to current exhibits. RSVP Requested: 631-727-2881 x100.

**Thursday, May 10, 6pm – BOOK & BOTTLE: Stephen Sanfilippo on East End Whalemens’ Love of “Mother” in Songs and Poems of the East End Whalemens.** This special Mother’s Day-inspired event will feature live music and poetry readings, along with discussion of the songs and poems about mothers and motherhood that the whalemens of the East End sung and wrote on their long journeys from home. Songs such as “Mother, Kiss Me in My Dreams” and “The Indian Mother’s Lullaby” will be performed and discussed. Members Free; Non-Members \$5. RSVP Requested: 631-727-2881 x100.

**EXHIBITS**

**Collective Identity: Photographs & Tintype Images Celebrating African and Native American Diversity in 19th-Century Eastville.** These distinguished tintype portraits were hidden from view for decades, nailed to the floorboards of a Sag Harbor cottage as a flooring material until discovered in 1978. Through the painstaking research and restoration efforts of the Eastville Community Historical Society, these identities have been brought to life. Presented in partnership with the Eastville Community Historical Society. In our Gish Gallery until May 23, 2018.

**Spotlight Series: The Paintings. Highlights from the Permanent Collection.** The first in a new Spotlight Series of exhibits designed to bring some of our wonderful objects out on display for all to enjoy. This exhibit features selected oil paintings by a range of 19th- and 20th-century professional and amateur artists chosen for their beauty, quality, and community connection. In our Weathervane Galley until June 16, 2018.

**Over Here, Over There: Long Island & the Great War.** Commemorating the centennial of America’s entry into WWI, the exhibit features artifacts, maps, photographs, weaponry, posters, and more depicting Long Islanders’ experiences during the war from the front lines to the home front, neutrality to belligerence, and mobilization to victory. Curated by Richard F. Welch. In our Grand Staas Gallery until April 28, 2018.

**Votes for New York Women (1917-2017), a Centennial Exhibit.** When women in New York State won the right to vote 100 years ago—making Nov. 2017 the centennial of that historic civil rights victory—their success changed the national political landscape and was a critical tipping point on the road to a constitutional amendment three years later. In our History in the Hall Gallery thru Spring 2018.

**OFF-SITE EXHIBITION: Suffolk County Pine Barrens Pictorial Exhibit.** A standing display, an overview of the history of the Pine Barrens and the critical role this region plays in the protection of Suffolk County’s precious groundwater. On display at the Suffolk County Water Authority Education Center: 260 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge.

**SCHS Photo of the Week Series!** Subscribe to our free and popular historic photo-story series on our website or send email request to wannibell@schs-museum.org

**ONGOING: Membership Drive!** Join the SCHS and support local history preservation. Founded in 1886, SCHS is a non-profit organization that collects and preserves the rich history of Suffolk County. We operate a history museum, offer an expansive library and archives, and host a multitude of events, programs, and educational lectures and workshops. Our collection reflects more than three centuries of local history! Visit our website or call 631-727-2881 to become a member! 727-2881 to become a member!





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## READER FEEDBACK:

Our March cover featured the photo shown here. It hung on the walls of Claudio's Restaurant along with old family photographs and licenses for as long as anyone can remember. Only this photo seems to have no relationship to the property, labeled "Clam Bake, Orchard House, Aug 18, 1907".

### Melissa Andruski found the following:

In the August 13, 1898 issue of *The Corrector* (Sag Harbor) there's a brief mention of J. Fred Davis, of the Orchard House, between Greenport and Southold. He had ventured to the Klondike in search of gold in the spring of the previous year.

Don Bayles compiled a booklet *Hashamomuck and Arshamomaque* in 2011 and lists home owners on the Main or South Road in Arshamomaque-1910 and 1920.

James Frederick Davis, a fisherman, and his wife, Betsey have a lot. They are bordered on the west by Peter Clark (Clarkin) and on the east by William Butter (Butler). These three lots are shown on the 1909 atlas and lie between Albertson and Chapel Lane.

The Southold Shelter Island Register, 1910-1911, lists the James F Davis family in their census: James F living on South Road is a fisherman, his wife, Betsy O Brown (maiden name), Charles F is a pupil, Irene O is a pupil, James B is a fisherman, Bessie E is a non-resident living in Flatbush, and Margaret J also is a non-resident and married (Triggs) and living at the same address as her sister, Bessie.

An article from the *South Side Signal* (Babylon) March, 1899 reports that J. Fred Davis, proprietor of the Orchard House, Arshamomaque, expects to soon start on his return trip to Klondike. An earlier article from that same publication dated August 7, 1897, titles the page 4 article "A Greenport Argonaut". Mr. J. Frederick Davis, son of Charles F. Davis, and late landlord of the Orchard House, on the South road to Southold, started on the 8th of last March for Seattle, Washington.

### Carlos DeJesus send several newspaper clippings.

Most of them would not reproduce will in this paper, but the one to the right is quite clear and I would say we have found the location of the photo hanging in Claudio's.

**Thanks to everyone who took the time to investigate and send us information. Because of people like you we are able to help document local history.**



I. Fred Davis of the Orchard House, between Greenport and Southold has returned from the Klondike where he went in the spring of last year. He does not tell how much gold he got, but says he is satisfied with his trip and did better than he expected, but that it was the hardest kind of hard work.

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