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40 Years of The Candlelight House Tour By Patty Yantz & Patty Cain

Saturday, December 8, 1979, was the date of the first Three Village Historical Society Candlelight House Tour. The house tour was the idea of Eva Glaser and Liz Tyler as a means of raising funds to benefit the Neighborhood House Restoration Fund. At the time, the Setauket Neighborhood House was the location for the Historical Society, which was then 15 years old.

The title of the 1st house tour was "Christmas in the Three Village Historic Districts." Forty years later, the Three Village Historical Society is proud that we have our own home at 93 North Country Road, and that the Candlelight House Tour is still a major successful fundraising event for the benefit of the Three Village Historical Society. Once again, this year's tour will feature an historic district highlighting the past 4 decades and homes that span 4 centuries. The Candlelight House Tour has grown over time, from humble beginnings (tour was only from 3 to 7 pm) with a handful of volunteers, to an army of volunteers paired with many months of preparation offering three different options for touring over a 2 day period.

The success of the house tour over the years is due to the generosity of the community. From the homeowners who graciously share their beautiful homes, to the kindness of our sponsors, and of course all of the giving volunteers who make this event a story that comes to life.

We hope that you will be part of this wonderful story on **Friday, November 30th, and Saturday, December 1st**, as we celebrate our **40th Candlelight House Tour**. We also celebrate 55 years for the Three Village Historical Society and an amazing 100 years for the Setauket Neighborhood House as a community center.



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President's Message



Stephen Healy
President, TVHS

Dear Friends and Members of the Three Village Historical Society,

It has been an honor to be the President of the Three Village Historical Society for the last two years. During that time, thanks to an amazing office staff and TVHS board, we have seen some significant growth. The Society has expanded its education branch and added a new team member to help grow this program.

Going forward, we will focus on in-class presentations and on-site fieldtrips. The goal remains to educate youth on local history. We expanded the adult program to add more bus trips to historical institutions and locations. In November, we will visit the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

Culper Spy Day, which will be held on September 15th, will tell the story of the American Revolution, the spies and everyday people from Setauket, and the role the Culper Spy Ring played in helping to win the war. At each location in the Three Village area, attendees will be able to learn about the Culper Spy Ring and participate in activities that help illustrate what working in British occupied Long Island entailed. Don't forget to join our TURN Memorabilia Auction and Sale at The Studio at Gallery North.

Our lecture series, which is a collaboration with the Setauket Neighborhood House, will resume September 17th with "Exploring Long Island's Shipwrecks," a talk by Michael Solvarezza. The lecture series has already featured, among many interesting discussions, a talk by Mike Russell on Vietnam (past and present), and a presentation by Kristen Nyitray of letters written by George Washington that are now part of Stony Brook University's Special Collections.

The Spirits Tour: Fickle Finger of Fate, on October 20th, will be a spooky night featuring the historical insight and wisdom only the dearly departed can impart. Buy your tickets early for this cemetery stroll through time, which will take place at the Caroline Church and Setauket Presbyterian Church Cemeteries.

The Society will also celebrate the 40th year of The Candlelight House Tour, on November 30th and December 1st, with Patty Yantz and Patty Cain chairing this major event. Participants will enjoy curated tours of some of the area's historic homes. This annual tradition is very popular, so make sure you get your tickets before it is sold out.

This past June, Prohibition Night, our collaboration with The Jazz Loft, was a flapper friendly evening of festive music, delicious drinks provided by the Montauk Brewery, and an awesome raffle. Additionally, the film *One Life to Give* was a major success; it was filmed locally and depicts the series of events that led to the formation of the Culper Spy Ring. Many of the TVHS staff and board members were extras in the film; Stony Brook University's Staller Center premiered it to a packed house.

The Three Village Historical Society has undergone many changes over the decades. It has grown into the great organization it is today with the help of our board members, employees, past presidents, and dedicated volunteers. The biggest thanks must be given to the Three Village community for supporting our events.

The Three Village Historical Society is an education based non-profit that serves its community. We are blessed to live in an area that is rich in history. We count on the support of our members and volunteers. Look at our website for upcoming events and if you're not a member—we hope you consider joining our organization.

Stephen Healy

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My Grandmother was a Member of the DAR...or was she? by Karen Martin

Prior to the formation of the Anna Smith Strong Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) on Dec. 10, 1971, there was another national lineage organization that was active in the local community. Today it is largely unknown.

“The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was founded on October 11, 1890, during a time that was marked by a revival in patriotism and intense interest in the beginnings of the United States of America. Women felt the desire to express their patriotic feelings and were frustrated by their exclusion from men’s organizations formed to perpetuate the memory of ancestors who fought to make this country free and independent.” (www.dar.org/national-society/about-dar/dar-history)



Daughters of the Revolution exhibit Sept. 10 & 11, 1920

In response to a clause in the original membership criteria of the DAR, an organization was founded in 1891 known as the Daughters of the Revolution of 1776 (DR). Also a patriotic genealogical lineage society, it had similar membership requirements and similar goals to those of the DAR. The membership application said, “A woman may be eligible to membership in the Society who is above the age of eighteen years, and is descended from an ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence during the War of the Revolution, either as a military or naval officer, a soldier or a sailor, an official in the service of any of the thirteen original Colonies or of the United Colonies or States or of Vermont; a member of a committee of Correspondence or of Public safety, or a recognized patriot who rendered material service in the cause of American Independence.” The difference was that the Daughters of the Revolution required direct descent from a patriot ancestor. This was more strict than the requirements for the DAR, which at the time, also allowed membership based on collateral lines of

descent (requirements long since removed by the DAR). ([www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Daughters_of_the_Revolution_of_1776_\(DOR_or_DR\)](http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Daughters_of_the_Revolution_of_1776_(DOR_or_DR)))

Organized Feb. 17, 1920, the first meeting of the Mayflower Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution of 1776 took place on March 16, 1920 at the Setauket Neighborhood House. Three names for the chapter had been discussed. “Minnasseroke, Little Neck, now Strong’s Neck, home of the Chief of the Setauket Indians...Warrawakmy, Chief of the Setauket Tribes 1655; Mayflower 1620-1920...Mayflower was suggested—there being so many charter members who claim direct descent from the Mayflower Pilgrims as well as Revolutionary patriots. The present time being the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims”. With members from Stony Brook, Setauket, Port Jefferson, and neighboring communities, familiar names such as Strong, Wells, Tyler, Williamson, Howell, Smith, etc. can be found in the membership rolls.

Some of the activities of the chapter included marking historic sites including Patriot’s Rock in 1927 and the grave of Abraham Woodhull in 1936, a new flag and flag pole presented to the Setauket Neighborhood Association on Flag Day 1923, and hosting historical exhibits and events.

Members transcribed records from the Caroline, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches, wrote articles on local history, and compiled genealogical information including transcriptions



DR members placing the plaque on Patriots Rock 1927

from family bibles. These materials can be found in the Society’s archives, as well as scrapbooks and organizational records of the Mayflower Chapter including minutes, correspondence, membership, some lineage

applications, and material on the national organization.



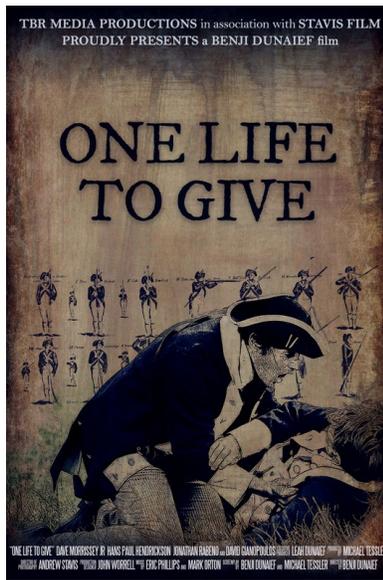
The Chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary on June 25, 1970 at the Three Village Inn, but by Jan. 1971 there was talk of disbanding the chapter: membership was declining and dues were being raised to meet costs (issues being faced

by other chapters too). The minutes of the September 23, 1971 meeting state “There was a discussion in regard to the DAR organization in comparison to the DR. It was agreed that the DAR is a larger organization and is more attractive to young women”. In Nov. 1971, with a membership of only 37, the Mayflower Chapter voted to disband on January 31, 1972. Without a local chapter many of those members voted to become members-at-large of the national organization. In 1983 with national membership declining (223 members nationally, 10 on Long Island) the National Society of the Daughters of the Revolution of 1776 was dissolved. (Newsday, June 1983).

It was important, when the DR dissolved, that the records of the New York based society be preserved. They were donated to the Suffolk County Historical Society (SCHS) in Riverhead and are available for research. According to SCHS “this organization was distinct from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and our D of R holdings reflect different lineages from those found in DAR records.” Visit <http://suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org/library.html> and click on the link to the searchable database to these records.

While the Mayflower Chapter was preparing to disband, a new chapter of the DAR was formed on December 10, 1971, named to commemorate Anna Smith Strong. Today the Anna Smith Strong Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, is thriving and is very involved in our community; especially working with and supporting our veterans. To learn more about the chapter or to find out about membership visit www.annasmithstrongchapter-nsdar.org

One Life To Give by Orlando T. Maione



It may “take a village to raise a child,” but it took practically the entire Three Village community to raise Michael Tessler’s original film script “*One Life To Give*” into an exciting historic Revolutionary War story of Nathan Hale, Benjamin Tallmadge, and the origin of the Culper Spy Ring in the Setauket area of Long Island.

After sixteen days of on-site filming in the summer of 2017 at Benner’s Farm, Sherwood-Jayne House, and other historic locations in the Three Village area, and over a year of editing, the world premiere of “*One Life To Give*” took place at the Stony Brook University Staller Center, Main Stage on Sunday, June 24th. The packed house of cast, crew, producers, sponsors, and invited guests were greeted by Leah Dunaief, Executive Producer, owner and publisher of The Times Beacon Record News Media, who provided the official welcome. This was followed by a short behind-the-scenes documentary with commentaries from Director/Co-author, Benji Dunaief; Producer/Co-author Michael Tessler (who also couldn’t resist taking one of the acting parts in the film); major sponsors; and our own President Steve Healy representing The Three Village Historical Society, an Associate Producer/Sponsor. The film, which was a little over an hour long, was exciting and enjoyed by all; it received a well deserved round of applause.

The film was followed by an on-stage question and answer period moderated by Leah Dunaief. This included Benji Dunaief, Michael Tessler, and principal professional actors in the film, all of whom have or had ties to the local community: David Morrissey, Jr. (Benjamin Tallmadge); Hans Paul Hendrickson (Nathan Hale); David Gianopoulos (George Washington); and, Jonathan Rabeno (John Chester). An interactive discussion included questions of “What next?”; the answers included new invitations to show the film, film festival queries, as well as, an active search for major distributors. A catered reception followed, held in the second floor lobby of the Staller Center for the cast, crew, and reserved ticket holders where one-on-one discussions continued and filming friendships were reinforced.

Dominick-Crawford Barn Update by Steve Hintze

The Dominick-Crawford Barn is close to finishing its final planning hurdle before receiving the building permit. There have been some unfortunate delays for this project. An improperly filed permit and certificate of occupancy from the previous property owners were discovered after a title search. Also, an erroneous covenant was placed on the Three Village Historical Society property. These errors were unforeseen, and created a cog that cost us a lot of time and some money to correct. All of these issues have been corrected and the project is back on track. Thank you to architect, John Cunniffe, for guiding us through this process.



Rendering of NEW Dominick-Crawford Barn at the Three Village Historical Society by Architect, John Cunniffe

On a positive note, the Town of Brookhaven Planning Board has approved our site plan and variance with a 7-0 vote! Thank you, Town of Brookhaven Planning Board! We love that it too has gotten behind this project. The Three Village Historical Society would like to thank, Kara Hahn, our Suffolk County Legislator, Valerie Cartwright, our Town of Brookhaven Councilwoman and Jonathan Kornreich and George Hoffman from the Three Village Civic Association. All wrote letters of support to the Planning Board in favor of this project. We would also like to thank Assemblyman Steve Englebright for not only writing a letter of support to the Planning Board, but for also obtaining a New York State grant of \$300K to help us start this project.

Our current estimated completion of this project is now Summer of 2019.

THE HISTORIC 2001 NY YANKEES POSTSEASON *Part 2 in a 3 part Series* by Bob Lauto

Continuing our reflection back on the historic baseball postseason of 2001, the Yankees had just come off a dramatic comeback against the Oakland A's in the Division Series after being down 2 games to none and now faced the Seattle Mariners. Though the Mariners had won an American League record of 116 regular season games, which also tied the Major League record of the 1906 Chicago Cubs, the Yankees won the first 2 games in Seattle by the score of 4-2 and 3-2. Following game 2, an irritated Lou Piniella, manager of the Seattle team, guaranteed the Mariners would bring the Series back to Seattle for games 6 and 7. This meant he was guaranteeing a minimum of two wins by Seattle of the 3 games in Yankee Stadium. In sports never make guarantees unless you can keep them.

The Mariners started well, winning game 3 in New York 14-3. However, after staking the Mariners to a 1 to nothing lead in game 4, the Yankees came back in the 8th and 9th innings, winning in walk off fashion by a score of 3-1 when Alfonso Soriano hit a 2 run homer in the bottom of the ninth. The Yankees needed one more win to move on to the World Series.

Attending the fifth game of the ALCS, with my season tickets behind home plate, the game began with emotional post 9-11 pregame activities; honoring our first responders, a rousing rendition of our National Anthem with the torn and damaged World Trade Center Flag flying from the Yankee Stadium flag pole, a bald Eagle flying in from the bleachers to its handler on the pitcher's mound, and a tribute to those who died.

With Andy Pettitte on the hill, the Yanks were off and running, first scoring in the bottom of the third, then the 4th and 6th innings. With an already commanding lead in the middle innings, the Yankee Stadium crowd was starting to grow restless. A low chant that started in the bleachers was making its way around the grandstands. I could not make out the chant at first, but then it started to envelope the entire stadium! The crowd was chanting 'overrated' over and over. I had never heard the stadium crowd act in this way before. It was a declaration by the fans as the Yankees continued to score in the 6th inning. As the innings progressed the chanting changed to 'Oakland was better' then '116'. Then when Lou Piniella came out to change the pitcher and was standing on the mound, the chanting changed again to 'no game 6'. When Ichiro came to bat later in the game the chanting changed to 'Hey, Hey Goodbye' and 'sayonara'. Mariano Rivera states in his book, *The Closer*, that he doesn't "like this kind of taunting...what is the point of mocking anybody?" I understand his point, but while it was happening and aside from the sayonara chant, I didn't see it so much as taunting, but as a collective release by the city of New York. The game, the series was essentially over at this point and the fans needed to release their collective anxiety, worry



and concern that had cloaked the city and its suburbs since September 11th.

In the end, the Yankees won in a rout over the Mariners 12-3 and sent the best team in baseball in almost 100 years home for the winter. Even Lou Piniella, in his manager's press conference after the game, said he had "the best time getting his butt kicked."

With that high note the Yankees were off to Arizona to play the Diamondbacks in the World Series. 2001 World Series to follow...

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

As the days shorten and nights get cooler, we are reminded that 2019 is near. Currently, our membership is approximately 400 amazing supporters (nearly a 50 person increase over the previous year at this time)! By now, all members should be aware of the membership duration change that took place last year, when we switched to an annual (365 days) membership, no matter when you join.

We are very grateful to all of you that have transitioned smoothly over to our new membership policy, as it has been working out very well. As always, ALL MEMBERSHIPS are eligible for advanced and discounted ticket offerings to all events for the duration of your membership (the purchase of Candlelight House Tour tickets at the discounted member rate are only valid for the year you joined or renewed your membership and will not be carried over into the following year). We hope that our members will spread the word about the fantastic events and programs the society hosts. You know our members are our best advertisement!

Please help us to further increase our membership by giving the form below to a friend or acquaintance or purchase a membership as a gift for a friend, family member or new neighbor to our beautiful and historically significant area!

If you have any questions or would like to lend a hand, please let us know!

Holly Griesel and Janette Handley
Membership Co-Chairs

Visit our website: www.tvhs.org to make a secure online payment for your membership!

2018 Three Village Historical Society-Membership Application

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The 4th Annual Culper Spy Day by Margo Arceri

On Saturday, September 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Three Village Historical Society and Tri-Spy Tours in Setauket, and the Long Island Museum and the Ward Melville Heritage Organization in Stony Brook, will host a day of spy related tours and activities for the 4th Annual Culper Spy Day.

Among other Culper Spy Day activities, the Three Village Historical Society will host a TURN Memorabilia Auction and Sale at The Studio at Gallery North. At the Society's History Center, take part in an interactive Culper SPIES! exhibit, live colonial music performed by the Three Village Chamber Players, and a book signing with award winning novelist and nonfiction author Selene Castrovilla. Visitors will also enjoy invisible ink demonstrations and Anna Strong's famed clothesline, used for sending signals to Culper spies working off Long Island's shores. The Huntington Militia re-enactors will have an encampment on Historical Society grounds. Take a lunch or snack break at the Tavern on the Field.

Go to The Long Island Museum to see demonstrations in the Blacksmith Shop or be a 19th century student in the one-room schoolhouse. Blacksmith demonstrations will be ongoing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a special display of Revolutionary War artifacts will be featured. You might even run into some of the key members of Washington's Culper Spy Ring! Culper Spy Day tickets will also be accepted on September 22-23 for visitors to the museum's new exhibition, *Elias Pelletreau: Silversmith, Patriot & Entrepreneur*, opening Friday, September 21.

The Ward Melville Heritage Organization will host colonial cooking demonstrations, walking tours of Stony Brook Village Center, and tours of historic structures that served as home bases for several spy ring members. Stony Brook University's Special Collections department will display original letters written to Benjamin Tallmadge from George Washington. The Three Village Inn will offer breakfast, The Country House Restaurant will offer a spy-themed lunch, and The Ketcham Manor of the Moriches will host a guided tour and dinner at the home of noted spy Benjamin Havens.

Organizations participating in the Culper Spy Day event include the Three Village Historical Society, The Long Island Museum, The Ward Melville Heritage Organization, Tri-Spy Tours, Benjamin Tallmadge District of the Boy Scouts, Campus Bicycle, Caroline Church of Brookhaven, Country House Restaurant, Custom House, Discover Long Island, East Hampton Library, Long Island Collection, Emma S. Clark Memorial Library, Fairfield Historical Society, Fairfield Museum & History Center, Frank Melville Memorial Park, Fraunces Tavern ® Museum, History Close at Hand, Huntington Historical Society, Huntington Militia, Joseph Lloyd Manor House, Ketcham Inn Foundation, Northport Historical Society, Old Methodist Church, Paumanok Tours, Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, Port Jefferson Free Library, Preservation Long Island, Raynham Hall Museum, Rock Hall Museum, Setauket Elementary School, Setauket Harbor Task Force, Setauket Neighborhood House, Setauket Presbyterian Church, Sherwood-Jayne Farm, Special Collections, Stony Brook University Libraries, Stirring Up History, Stony Brookside Bed and Bike Inn, The Studio at Gallery North, Three Village Community Trust, The Three Village Inn, Times Beacon News Media and Village of Port Jefferson Drowned Meadow Cottage.

Tickets are on sale now and can be securely purchased online at www.tvhs.org. Wrist bands for entry and Culper Spy Day maps with all event listings and activities can be picked up at the Three Village Historical Society at 93 North Country Road in Setauket from September 10 – 14th between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or on September 15th starting at 9:00 a.m..

Tickets are good for admission to participating organizations for Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16. Additional fees apply for meals.

For a full list of Culper Spy Day activities, please visit www.tvhs.org



4th Annual | Saturday, September 15th, 2018 | www.tvhs.org

CULPER★SPY DAY

Our Revolutionary Story 

Book Review of *Kayleigh & Connor Detectives Inc. and King The Spy Dog* by Bev Tyler



Telling stories about the men and women of the Culper Spy Ring and portraying Setauket spy leader Abraham Woodhull has been one way for me to bring local history to life for both residents and visitors to

this area. Reading about the Culper Spies is also important, so I have written a number of articles and recommended books that tell the story. I have recently read and enthusiastically recommend Dana Lynn Zotter's book *Kayleigh & Conner Detectives Inc. and King The Spy Dog* for children of all ages. This 174-page soft cover book tells the story of two children as they visit their great grandparents who live in an historic house in Stony Brook that holds all kinds of secrets. The boy and girl find, in the roots of an old tree, a gravestone with the name KING. Their great grandfather tells them the story that there was a spy dog named King who has appeared as a ghost. The two children meet a local boy, and as

detailed on the back cover, "Three children search for the truth about ghosts, legends, and Long Island's Culper Spies."

Zotter has woven a delightful story of a family and their experiences in the Long Island communities of Stony Brook, Setauket, and Port Jefferson together with an accurate portrayal of the men and women involved in the Revolutionary War Culper Spy Ring. This well-crafted story vividly transports the reader to the historic hamlet of Stony Brook where the children explore their great grandparents' colonial era home and the shoreline of this picturesque community.

As the young girl and boy explore, they discover mysteries connected with the house and the community, including the appearing and disappearing King. Agreeing to become detectives and follow the clues, the children explore and discover how the Culper Spies operated and how King the Spy Dog became an important member of the Culper Spy Ring.

Their adventures take them along West Meadow Creek and as far as the Village of Port Jefferson where their

adventures include meeting General Lafayette on a recreated 18th-century French warship (which actually visited Greenport, Long Island in 2015). At one point the children are mysteriously transported back to the Revolutionary War and join the Culper Spies and King the Spy Dog on a brief spy adventure.

Kayleigh & Conner Detectives Inc. and King The Spy Dog includes 20 illustrations by Zotter who describes herself as a gardener, poet, artist, and finder of four leaf clovers. The illustrations, including one of the Setauket Presbyterian Church and graveyard, help bring the story to life without taking away from the writing that allow readers full use of their imaginations. I enjoyed the story and easily identified with the characters. Dana Lynn Zotter has crafted a wonderful story that will delight children and make historians smile.

Signed copies of *Kayleigh & Conner Detectives Inc. and King The Spy Dog* are available at the Three Village Historical Society gift shop, which is open during office hours, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays 1-4 p.m.

The 2nd Annual Prohibition Night at The Jazz Loft Review by Steve Healy



Photos from L to R: Ellen Mason, Vanderbilt Museum docent, dressed in honor of Alva Vanderbilt Belmont. Holly Griesel, TVHS Board Member dressed as a flapper, enjoying Montauk Beer. TVHS Staff and Board enjoying the Suffragette exhibit on display.

The second annual Prohibition Night at the Jazz Loft was a smashing success. The sub-theme this year was the Women's Suffrage Movement. Nan Guzetta graciously loaned a woman's suffrage costume and Barbara Russell loaned photos of women suffragettes, which were on display for party-goers to view. *Tom Manuel and his Hot Peppers!!!!* played standard jazz and swing classics with a fresh flair that had people swaying. Attendees put on their best flapper wear and enjoyed tasty libations provided by the Montauk Brewing Company in the outdoor garden or upstairs bar. Participants entered their names in the raffle to win beer themed items donated by the Montauk Brewing Company and fudge donated by Chocology Unlimited. In an unexpected twist, Three Village Historical Society Trustee Barbara Gottfried won the 50-50 raffle.

Special thanks to The Jazz Loft for helping the Three Village Historical Society create this evening of merriment and revelry, and to the Montauk Brewing Company for sponsoring it! Going forward, Prohibition Night will be a yearly occurrence; with next year's theme being bootlegging.

Year in Review in Photos



Photos from L to R:

- 1) NY State Assemblyman Steve Englebright, Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn and Councilwoman Valerie Cartwright with Tom Manuel of The Jazz Loft & Steve Healy, TVHS President at the 41st Annual Awards Dinner on March 23rd.
- 2) Kara Hahn at Annual Awards Dinner.
- 3) Steve Englebright at Annual Awards Dinner.
- 4) Valerie Cartwright at Annual Awards Dinner.
- 5) Award Winners at Annual Awards Dinner.
- 6) Bev Tyler at *Tea with a Spot of History*.
- 7) Michael Russell at Monthly Lecture Series.
- 8) Kristen Nyitray with Steve Healy and Steve Englebright at Monthly Lecture Series.
- 9) Frank Turano at *Tea with a Spot of History*.
- 10) Barbara Russell getting her book signed at Monthly Lecture Series with Brian Kilmeade.
- 11) Guest viewing an original George Washington letter at Monthly Lecture Series.
- 12) Actors with Kara Hahn and Valerie Cartwright at *One Life to Give* premiere.
- 13) Steve Healy, Patty Cain, Bob Lauto, Annie Healy, Janet McCauley and Triumph Qosej marching in the Memorial Day Parade.

Book Review: *How Shall We Sing the Lord's Song in a New Land?* by Bev Tyler

With Barbara Myers Swartz's book, you have a great deal more than a book about 200 years of religion and the Presbyterian Church in Setauket. Within the ten chapters of this well-researched book are the stories of the settlement and development of Setauket/Brookhaven and the religious struggle, harmony, and strife that marked the progression of our community and town.

Swartz died in 2010 and the manuscript of her book was finally edited and completed in 2018 by her daughter Katherine Swartz, who writes in her forward to the book, "...my mother...started the project sometime in 2001...(and she) was totally engrossed in the project until about 2008." Then with the illness of her husband, Barbara became a full-time caretaker. In summer of 2009 she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and died in February 2010. Katherine took her mother's unfinished manuscript, added a few notes, "chased down incomplete references" and spent countless hours, days, weeks, and months completing this book her mother was never able to finish.

Barbara Swartz spent many hours doing research with archivist Karen Martin at the Three Village Historical Society (TVHS) archives in the Emma S. Clark Memorial Library and was actually able to keep her computer there as she worked. Karen Martin noted that as Katherine worked on and completed her mother's book, she deposited boxes and boxes of Barbara's research material in the TVHS archives. Karen Martin proudly said that all of Barbara's extensive research files and reference books were eventually donated to the Historical Society archives by her daughter.

First and foremost, this is a book about the Setauket Presbyterian Church and its place in the Setauket/Brookhaven community between 1655, when the new settlement was struggling to survive, and the end of the 61 years of the ministry of Reverend Zachariah Greene who died on June 20, 1858. The book provides a wealth of information on the first 200 years of the Setauket/Brookhaven settlement.

The first chapter, *THE NEW EDEN*, paints a wonderful portrait of the struggling community from 1655 to 1661. We are then introduced to John Scott who arrived in Setauket in 1662. Swartz's references to Scott are from *The Indomitable John Scott* by Lilian T. Mowrer. Setauket settlers and Mowrer and Swartz were taken in by Scott. Mowrer notes "there is no evidence that Scott ever used (a false document) to force others to sell him their lands."

Historian John Innes noted, "(Scott) was to have a great manor of 40 miles in extent along the shores of Long Island... the lands of Setauket..." With the settling of the bounds of the towns in 1664, Scott was forced to produce proof of his claim. His paper with the King's signature was discovered to be a forgery. Hunted by both New York and Connecticut, Scott left Setauket. In New Haven, Scott sold young Daniel Gotherson to an inn-keeper, claiming that he was his indentured servant. Later that year Daniel was located by his family and freed. Once past Scott, Swartz's book provides a wonderful look at Setauket and Brookhaven through multiple documented secondary sources, including Mowrer, who deserves much credit outside of her fascination and love of John Scott.

In chapter two, Swartz's book soars as it tells the story of the community as it welcomed its first minister Reverend Nathaniel Brewster (served 1665-1690) and details his life here. Then the second minister, Rev. George Phillips (served 1697-1739), becomes the central subject and we more fully understand the effect of each of these ministers on the lives of the residents of Setauket and Brookhaven. Here Swartz weaves together the records of the Town of Brookhaven, genealogical records, and church history to form a more complete and interesting look at how our area grew from a struggling settlement to a unified community and town. Swartz also details the problems and challenges the town faced as the British authorities governing Long Island put many laws, rules and requirements in place that severely restricted the ability of residents of the town to chart their own course and determine their own future. This structure leads us through chapter 3 to the decade before the Revolutionary War.

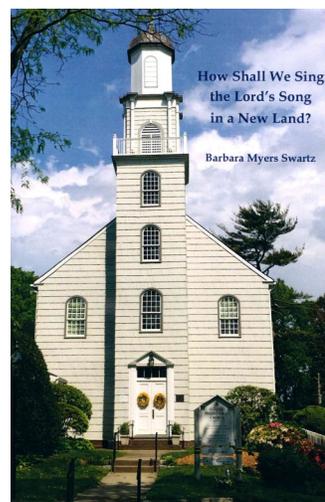
Chapters four, five, and six provide an insightful and engaging story centered around the third and fourth ministers, Rev. David Youngs (served 1742-1752), and Rev. Benjamin Tallmadge (served 1754-1785), of the then First Presbyterian Church of Brookhaven (later Setauket Presbyterian Church), as well as the period of the Great Awakening. This Christian revival, led by Jonathan Edwards, as noted by Swartz, was "In Edwards' view...the justification for mankind's salvation lay in his faith in Christ."

Chapters seven and eight cover the Revolutionary War on Long Island and the Culper Spy Ring. In the story of the Culper Spies, as in chapter 1 with John Scott, Swartz relies too heavily on one specific source, Morton Pennypacker's *General Washington's Spies on Long*

Island and in New York, and fails to recognize the new sources that help to bring the story of the Culper Spy Ring into proper focus. By 2006, the new and well-researched book *Washington's Spies* by Alexander Rose was published. Rose gave a lecture and book signing at the October 16, 2006 meeting of the Three Village Historical Society. This, together with the extensive online publication of Washington's papers by the Library of Congress, provided new and exciting insights into the lives of the men and women in the Culper Spies.

Chapter nine and ten tell the story, in extensive detail, of the development of the Presbyterian Church in Setauket, Brookhaven and on Long Island, as well as, the actions of the Presbyterian Church in America in the century following the Revolutionary War. Woven through the chapters are the stories of the lives of the fifth and sixth ministers of the Setauket Presbyterian Church, Rev. Noah Wetmore (served 1786-1796), and Rev. Zachariah Greene (served 1797 to 1858). Unfortunately, Swartz's illness and death prevented her from more fully fleshing out the life and ministry of Zachariah Greene. There are many stories and details of his extensive and colorful life that would have benefitted from Barbara Swartz's research and story-telling ability.

A labor of love should never go unrewarded, and so this book needs to see the light of day and be read, studied, and enjoyed. Barbara Swartz's book contains a wealth of sources in her footnotes and references. There is also a wonderful "Timeline of Presbyterianism in America." Another real treasure is her research papers in the Three Village Historical Society archives, just waiting for an interested researcher and writer to take up the challenge and add to the story.



Fickle Finger of Fate—The 24th Annual Haunted Spirits in the Cemetery Tour by Brian Cea

Do you ever wonder how things come to pass, or whether we have control of our destiny? Do you realize how one minor decision could have drastic consequences or incredible outcomes?

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So join us if you dare, Saturday October 20th, on this journey of mystery and suspense at the Setauket Presbyterian Church and Caroline Church Cemeteries. Members Only Presale: September 10th-14th. General Public Sale begins September 15th. Tickets can be securely purchased at www.tvhs.org.

Watercolor Painting by Francis Melville
The Melville Family Papers



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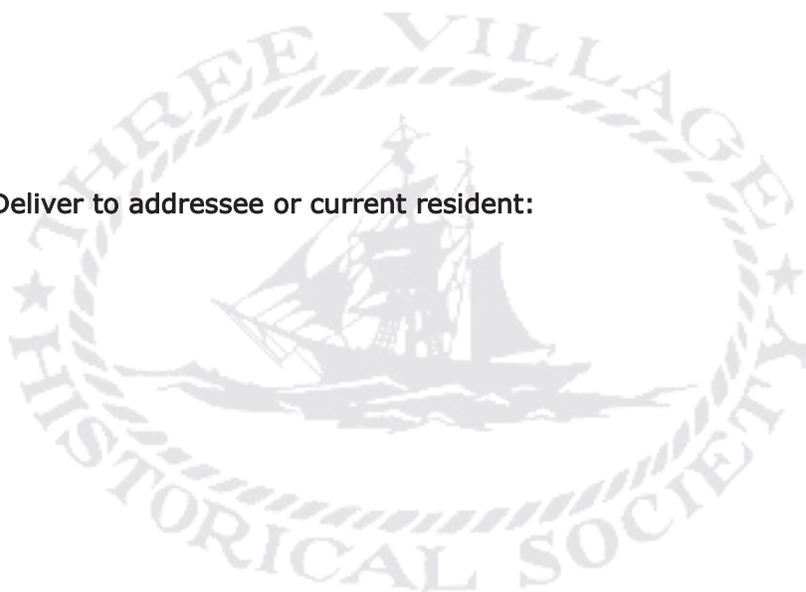
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TVHS Calendar of Events

Tea with a Spot Of History:

Members Only Held at our History Center at
93 North Country Rd, Setauket at 2:00 pm*

Sept. 19th: **The Battle of Fort McHenry and our National Anthem**
w/ John Yantz

Oct. 24th : **History of the Long Island Wine Industry**
w/ Judi Betts

Nov. 14th : **Nehemiah Hand, The Man Behind the TVHS Logo**
w/ Art Billadello

Lecture Series:

Setauket Neighborhood House, 95 Main Street, Setauket.
Free to members, \$5 for non-members. 7pm-9pm

Sept. 17th: Michael Solvarezza: **Exploring Shipwrecks**

Oct. 15th: Kristen Nyitray: **Life & Legacy of Eversley Childs**

Nov. 19th: Steve Drielak: **Murder Season in the Hamptons**

SPECIAL EVENTS

4th Annual Culper Spy Day:

Saturday, September 15th

24th Annual Spirits Tour:

Saturday, October 20th

Museum of the American Revolution Bus Trip:

Saturday, November 3rd

40th Annual Candlelight House Tour:

Friday, November 30th & Saturday, December 1st

Ticket Purchase and More Info at www.tvhs.org

TVHS WALKING TOURS *

Down the Ways: The Wooden Ship Era: Sept. 23rd

Walk Through History with Abraham Woodhull: Oct. 6th, Nov. 11th (Veterans Free)

Explore & Discover Setauket's Revolutionary History Tour: Sept. 1st, Sept. 29th, Oct. 27th, Nov. 3rd

Admission: \$10 *Please check the Society's website at www.tvhs.org or complete descriptions, location and starting times for all of the Walking Tours or contact the office at (631)-751-3730.

All walks start at 2:00 pm unless otherwise noted



Tri Spy Tours, April- November
Purchase Tickets at www.tvhs.org
\$25 per person for each tour

Tri Spy Walking Tour: Oct. 20th @ 1pm, Nov. 23rd @ 1pm

Tri Spy Biking Tour: Oct. 7th @ 10am



Exhibit Hours: Open Sundays from 1-4 pm

Chicken Hill: "A Community Lost to Time"

Spies! *How a Group of Long Island Patriots Helped George Washington Win the Revolution.*

Admission: \$5 Children/Students,
\$10 Adults. **Members Free.**

