

New Roof for The Suydam House



Thanks to a grant from the Town of Huntington, expedited by councilpersons, Susan Berland and Mark Capodanno, GCHA was able to replace the deteriorating asphalt roof at the Suydam House with historically accurate cedar shingles. The Quail Roofers, specialists in restoration work, accomplished the job in spite of the severe weather. Bravo and many thanks!

You can read more about this happening on our web site, [http://gcha.suffolk.lib.ny.us.;](http://gcha.suffolk.lib.ny.us;)

Holiday House Tour A Success!



On Sunday December 8th, from 12:30-3:30 PM the Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association sponsored a **Holiday House Tour**. Many enjoyed their visit to six unique local homes. After touring the homes, refreshments was served at the Harborfields Public Library. We would like to extend our thanks to the homeowners who generously opened their homes and the docents and volunteers who helped at this event.;

And The Winners Are:

Last years raffle drawing was held on Sunday, December 15th. The following were the prize winners:

1st
2nd
3rd

Ms. Sonia Rusinak of Centerport ~ 1st Prize ~
Pair of Oak Press Back Chairs circa 1900

Mr. & Mrs. John J. Safarik of Huntington ~ 2nd Prize ~
"Trio of Canadas" Limited Edition Print by Gary Moss

Ms. Angeline Jackofsky of Centerport ~ 3rd Prize ~
Limoges China Vegetable Server, circa 1900

CONGRATULATIONS!



Our volunteers have been the backbone of the Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association. Without their dedication and hard work we would not be as successful as we are today .

We are in need of volunteers to help out with the wide variety of events and activities that take place at the GCHA. Please consider donating your time. Join one of our committees, partake in one of our events, or become a Museum Docent. Call the GCHA office to find out where your interests and talents may serve. **(631)754-1180.**;

Thank you for supporting the GCHA!

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Newsletter



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Greenlawn Antiques Show to Feature Exhibit: "Made In Huntington"



MADE IN HUNTINGTON: Brush Family chair c. 1760, Suydam Family candle stand c.1840, Caire jug, c. 1850, Brown Brother butter churn, c. 1870, Suydam Family quilt c. 1880.

The 24th annual Greenlawn Antiques Show sponsored by the Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association will commemorate the 350th anniversary of the 1st Purchase of the Town of Huntington with an exhibit "Made in Huntington." The Antiques Show will again be held at the Harborfields High School on Pulaski Road in Greenlawn, Long Island on Saturday March 8th from 10-5 and Sunday March 9th from 11-5. There will be 65 dealers in room setting booths featuring 18th and 19th century American, English and continental furniture and accessories, paintings, etchings, folk

art, jewelry, ceramics and garden accessories. Every year this show is considered one of the premier antiques events on Long Island and consistently draws large crowds.

The exhibit, featuring items created in the Town of Huntington during it's 350 year history, will include a sampler from the Huntington Academy, examples of Huntington pottery, 18th and 19th century furniture made in the Town of Huntington, a painting by the 19th century Huntington artist Edward Lange, a jacquard coverlet done for a Huntington family and various other items manufactured or created in the town. Even the composition "Symphonic Dances" by Sergei Rachmaninoff, which he wrote in the Town of Huntington in the early 1940's, will be featured.

For more details and directions to the show, contact the Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association at (631) 754-1180 or visit our website: <http://gcha.Suffolk.lib.ny.us>. The show is run by trustees of the Association and antiques dealers Jim Campbell and Toby Kissam. All proceeds benefit the Association which maintains the historic Suydam Homestead in Centerport and the recently acquired Gardiner Farm in Greenlawn as well as a Research Center and office in the Harborfields Public Library building in Greenlawn.;

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Moving of Gardiner Barn



Recently you may have seen a startling photo on the front page of The Long Islander depicting a barn straddling Little Plains Road just east of Park Avenue. What you might not know is that this hay barn was built in 1905 by John Gardiner and was part of the nearly 200 acres he owned at that time.

Over the years, most of the farm was sold. Some of the land became the Robin Park housing development, some the site of the former Little Plains School, now the Development Disabilities Institute, and the land containing the barn became Brand's Nursery. When Thomas Brand recently decided to sell his property, he offered the barn to the GCHA if we would move it. Recognizing the historic significance of the barn, the GCHA agreed to move it to the Gardiner land just across Little Plains Road. This 3 acre parcel, which includes the landmark Smith-Gardiner House, was part of the John Gardiner farm. The property was deeded to the GHCA through a trust from J. Herbert Gardiner, John's son.

Before the barn was moved, Toby Kissam, Chris Hansen, Jim Breeden, Frank Kock, plus a few other volunteers stripped away two layers of siding to reach the original beautiful gray ship-lap wood. The Davis Construction Co. moved the barn across the road onto a new foundation laid by the John Codiero Co. Current plans call for part of the barn to contain a reception center and caretaker apartment, while the rest will display historic farm implements donated over the years by Gardiner descendents. If you'd like to help with this barn project, please contact Toby, Chris or Tony Guarnaschelli.:

Coming Events



Thursday & Friday March 6 & 7, set-up for Antiques Show
Saturday & Sunday March 8 & 9, GREENLAWN ANTIQUES SHOW
Presenting **Made In Huntington** Exhibit



Sunday April 6, FAMILY DAY at Huntington High School, part of the 350th Anniversary Celebration
GCHA to present **Oh Pickles!** Exhibit



Sunday June 1, ANNUAL MEETING & OPENING OF SUYDAM HOUSE
Unveiling of **Huntington Stoneware** Exhibit



Sunday July 20, HARBORFIELDS ALUMNI DAY
at the Suydam Homestead

Please call the office if you'd like to volunteer for any of these activities.
631/764-1180;



Barbara Mellor Yates

November 5, 1918 - January 16, 2003

On January 16th we lost a very dear friend, volunteer and supporter of GCHA. For many years Barbara served on the Board both as an officer and as a trustee. Many of you will remember her at various events, such as the Pickle Festival where she helped sell the items she made with the group at the Knights of Columbus hall in Greenlawn, down at the Suydam House in the summer serving as docent and during the preparation for the Antiques Show where her wonderful height helped install the paper on the dealer booth walls.

Behind the scenes, she was in charge of keeping track of members' dues, and the monthly mailings, plus assisting in various sewing repairs on historic items in our collection, such as the hooked rug in the Suydam House parlor and the crewel decorated curtain in its entryway. Her contributions could continue for pages.

Over the years, Barbara was also active in the Girl Scouts, served on the Harborfields School Board, and volunteered at the Burrwood Home for the blind. In recent years, aside from her work at the GCHA, Barbara volunteered on a regular basis at the Helen Keller Center in Huntington and for Meals on Wheels.

We send our sincerest condolences to her daughters Betsy Bruce, Nancy Neskowsky and son Linc, her two sisters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. We will miss her good humor and willingness to serve.:



John Herbert Gardiner

December 26, 1902 - January 3, 2003

How many of you know someone who lived a century, remained in the same house their whole life, and live by choice, without the convenience of indoor plumbing? Herbert Gardiner was an unusual man! He farmed into his nineties, never traveled more than 100 miles from Huntington, and spent no more than 30 nights away from his home on Park Avenue.

Herbert was pre-deceased by his twin, Harold and older sister, Alice, who also lived their entire lives in the farmhouse; none of them married. Several local families including the Tildens, Miltners, Sheas, and Van Velsors can claim kinship to the Gardiners. Nearly 20 years ago, Tony Guarnaschelli, a local antique/classic car and truck restorer, befriended Herbert and it is through him that we have learned about Herbert's life. Future articles will be devoted to excerpts from Tony's oral history of Herbert.

Through Herbert's generosity, the GCHA has inherited the remaining three acre Gardiner Homestead on Park Avenue and Little Plains Road. We need some time (and help) to spruce up the premises. Look for news regarding the opening of this frozen-in-time house, which will always have blooming geraniums in the front window in memory of Herbert.:

Why Harborfields?

And what do "Little Old Cows" have to do with it?



Centerport Two Room School House, 1861-1933

they year 1657, four years after the April 2nd, 1653 purchase.

The title of the exhibit, "**HISTORY of the HARBORFIELDS SCHOOLS,**" should promote interest in the collection of pictures and memorabilia that date from schools in Greenlawn and Centerport from the early 1800's to the present. In 1956, the two K-8 districts of Greenlawn and Centerport united into a single K-12 district called Harborfields. Even residents of the district may wonder "**Why Harborfields?**" To find out visit this exhibit at the main lobby of Harborfields Public Library. :

Greenlawn Antiques Show 2003 Our 24th Annual Show

Saturday, March 8th ~ 10am to 5pm
& Sunday, March 9th ~ 11am to 5pm

A quality show featuring country and formal furniture, decorative accessories, folk art and jewelry.

Luncheon prepared by the Culinary Studio, available for purchase.



to stop by the "Made in Huntington" exhibit.

Visit our web page for directions, a preview of some of our vendors, and to obtain extra copies of the discount coupon!

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The 2003 GREENLAWN ANTIQUES SHOW

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Sunday, March 9 - 11am to 5pm

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& Taylor Ave.
Greenlawn, LI

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