

## PICTURESQUE PUTNAM

We are excited to announce that the *Picturesque Putnam* Art Exhibit will be held jointly at the Southeast Museum and at the Belle Levine Art Center in Mahopac from November 4 through November 19 of this year.

To commemorate the shared 60th anniversary of both the Southeast Museum and the Putnam Arts Council, as well as the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Southeast, this year's collaborative art and history exhibit will feature outdoor works by area artists as well as images of historic Putnam contributed by historical societies and museums throughout the county. The Putnam History Museum will participate in this event by contributing images from the western portion of the county. The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will be participating as well by bringing artists affiliated with their Cultural Arts Center. This event will be publicized by both the Putnam Board of Tourism and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce, who will be arranging for a ribbon cutting ceremony.



1906 BREWSTER HILL ROAD AT SOUTH DRIVE JOHN T PALMER JR AND CREW.  
SOURCE: 1988 TOWN OF SOUTHEAST CENTENNIAL BOOK.

The exhibit will be split between the arts center in Mahopac and the museum in Brewster. The exhibit opening will be in Mahopac, and the closing will be in Brewster. We are in the process of scheduling speaking engagements by both the artists and the historians who are contributing to this event. The exhibit will “weave a story” between the historic images and the works of art to tell the history of Putnam County. We are hoping all will come out to enjoy the beautiful art and historic images to celebrate the museum's sixtieth anniversary season as well as the one hundred and seventy fifth anniversary of the founding of the village of Brewster.

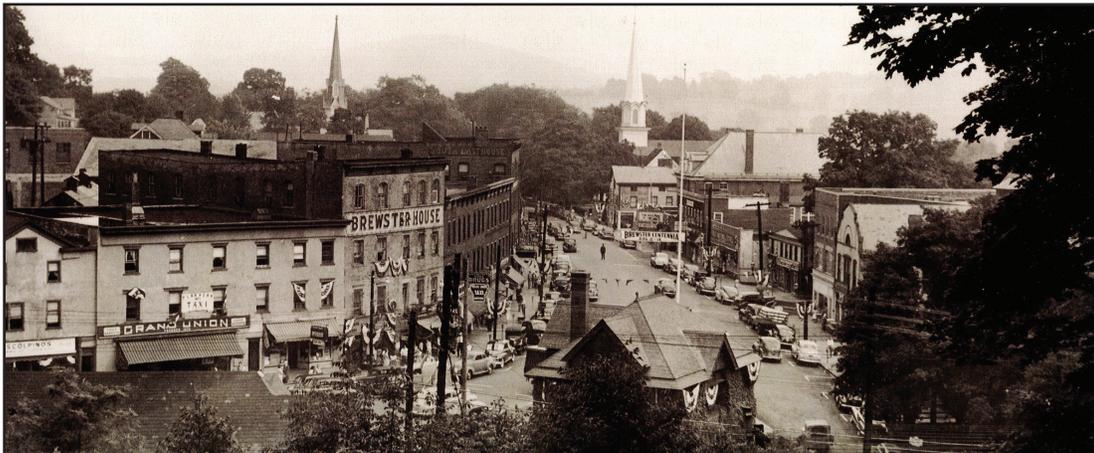


100TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

## THE VILLAGE AT 175 EXHIBIT AND THE BREWSTER ROTARY FALL FESTIVAL

In preparation for the October 7 Brewster Rotary Fall Festival, The Putnam County Historian's Office is lending us artifacts, articles, memorabilia, and ephemera relating to the 1948 Centennial Celebration for an exhibit commemorating Brewster's Septaquinquicentennial or dodransbicentennial, whichever term you can pronounce! I'll stick with the 175th anniversary. Photographs of the Centennial Parade taken by Robert “Bobby” Kilcoyne from the HC577 Kilcoyne Family Collection will be on display.

According to local newspaper accounts, The Centennial was a huge success, receiving nation-wide attention and providing a week of festivity for Villagers and those of neighboring communities. Reading about the article's description of a sidewalk museum provided by the shop window displays of everything from canopy beds to middle nineteenth century earrings provided us with some ideas for recreating such an event like this.



BREWSTER CENTENNIAL, AERIAL VIEW, 1948.

Most exciting are the images and recollection of the Centennial Parade which was held on Friday, August 13, 1948. A crowd estimated at well over 5,000 was on hand to witness last Friday night's Centennial parade and exercises at the Plaza. Among those who entered floats in the parade were the Cecilian

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Society, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Grange, the Junior Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Radler's and Goossen's. The spectacular parade concluded with a program consisting of patriotic group singing and brief speeches.

The culminating event sounds resplendent with pageantry as described in the article. At Saturday night's Calico ball, Mrs. John Flanagan was judged the best among the ladies attired in gowns of long ago. Mayor Durkin attended dressed in the old-time finery he wore for the Borden broadcast and Mr. Wells wore a Spanish-American War uniform. Barney Foster attended in an old fire chief's costume. People certainly knew how to put on a show in 1948!

A transcription of the full article will be on display in the exhibit. Come out to the Fall Festival on October 7, and make sure to stop in at the museum to enjoy cider and doughnuts courtesy of Outhouse Orchards, as you enjoy this nostalgic exhibit!

PICTURES, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:

1. FROM THE BREWSTER STANDARD, AUGUST 19, 1948: FIFTY GIRLS AND BOYS WITH HAROLD A. KNAPP, DIRECTOR, MAYOR ANDREW J. DURKIN AND HIS AIDE FRED GOOSEN, AS THEY APPEARED FOR THE CENTENNIAL PARADE OF AUGUST 1948. PHOTO: RITA RAPP.
2. 1948 CENTENNIAL PARADE. CREDIT: PUTNAM COUNTY HISTORIAN
3. BREWSTER VILLAGE PARADE. CREDIT: SOUTHEAST MUSEUM
4. SPECIAL PRIZE WINNERS FOR THEIR HISTORIC COSTUMES WORN IN THE CHILDREN'S PARADE AS PART OF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. GREETING "ELSIE THE COW." CREDIT: ACME FOTO

