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“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.

Involve me and I learn.”

—Benjamin Franklin—

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Southeast Museum has partnered with the Brewster Public Library to facilitate monthly History Exchange and History Book Club meetings. History Exchange has been extremely popular, attracting such local history experts such as Vincent D'Aquino, author of two books on Sybil Ludington, Fleur Fairman, researcher of the Stone Chambers of Putnam County, Jack Duncan, Brewster military expert, and Jennifer Cassidy, Putnam County Historian, who will present at November's meeting.

Southeast Museum has provided local history presentations, designed to enrich the NYS social studies curriculum, for grades K-5 at the Brewster School District throughout the academic year, covering such topics as The Stone Chambers of Putnam County, Putnam County: Then and Now, Heroes of Putnam County, and The Fourth Grade Colonial Fair. These events have been well received by the students, faculty and Administration, and will continue to evolve throughout the 2024-2025 school year. A program designed to bring students to the Old Doansburg one room schoolhouse to learn about the history of the educators and students who attended this school is in the research state for the 2025-26 academic year.

Southeast Museum is collaborating with the Brewster Chamber of Commerce and the Putnam County Historian on its major exhibit scheduled to premiere on March 19, 2025: The History of Business in Brewster. Lifelong residents and business owners have been interviewed and recorded in order to paint an authentic picture of what Main Street businesses

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PROGRAMS CALENDAR

2ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

Dec. 7, 4:00-7:00pm, at Old Town Hall. In partnership with the Coalition for the Arts. Refreshments will be provided. Children's ornament craft table on the museum level. Santa will arrive to lead us in a caroling procession down Main Street to the Brewster tree lighting.

HISTORY BOOK CLUB

December 11, from 12:30-1:30 in the Brewster Public Library's downstairs conference room. Presentation by Deborah Oswald on the subjects featured in our *Revolutionary Visions, Women in the Hudson Highlands during the American Revolution* art exhibit. A joint venture with The Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring.

HISTORY OF BUSINESS IN BREWSTER EXHIBIT

March 19, 2025 opening, 12:00pm. In conjunction with the Brewster Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments. For more as the date nears: www.southeastmuseum.org



provided throughout the nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first centuries.

Interviews with Daniel Ledley, Alexandra Johnson, niece of *Brewster Standard* Editor, Marjorie Addis; Bob Salinger; David Bruen, Jr.; Bob Ocskasy of Brewster Glass; Carol Bailey; John Crawford, son of Joan Crawford, former archivist of the Southeast Museum; Suzanne Freigan of Putnam County Savings Bank; the late Joseph Ciccilanti; the Ryder Family; Anne Koplik; as well as Latina business owner Maria Quezads of Six Diamonds Tree Services, have yielded a plethora of information regarding the past and present businesses of Brewster, including Oxman's Stationary, Benny's, The Cameo Theater, Hope's Drug Store, and Goosen's Furniture. These interviews are being transcribed in order to build an oral history program in collaboration with The Brewster Public Library. At a recent Greater Hudson Heritage Network conference, I learned of a philanthropic organization called Bloomberg Connects, which will supply recording equipment and technical support to create a virtual tour of our museum that will enable people to view our exhibits by clicking on a link on our website.



Southeast Museum received grants from the Putnam Arts Council, Tompkins Bank, The Brewster Rotary Club, M&T Bank, The Putnam County Savings Bank, and the Brewster Fire Department that allowed us to host an evening of history and music on September 7th, featuring local blues and pentecostal artist Joshua Brittingham in collaboration with the Southeast Museum Director of Education, who narrated a slideshow honoring prominent African American residents of the Hudson Valley throughout history. These multiple grants enabled the museum to purchase a projector and a screen that will be used to provide

future slideshow presentations, most notably the oral history program mentioned previously.

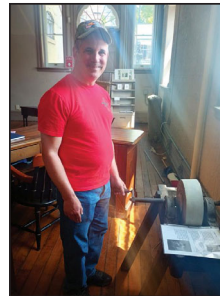
The museum collaborated with the Putnam History Museum to host an art exhibit that premiered on October 18th, featuring local artists' portrayals of the women of the Hudson Valley who contributed to the American Revolution. This exhibit will come to the Southeast Museum following its run in Cold Spring throughout November. This was the kickoff event to Rev250, Putnam County's celebration of the 250th birthday of our nation.

Southeast Museum has contracted with Master It Media. Maggie Carey, president of this company, has created a new website for the museum, which enables residents to purchase online tickets for upcoming events. Maggie is establishing links on the website that will allow visitors to view the *Tilly Foster Mine* mineral exhibit as well as an upcoming slideshow on the East Branch Reservoir. Both of these digital exhibits were created by Brewster High School students.

In the area of outreach programs to underserved populations, the Southeast Museum has presented to the Southeast Seniors at their clubhouse overlooking Lake Tonetta, has opened their museum space for visits followed by lunch for a



group from Careers Support Solutions in Carmel and a group from Artis Senior Living in Somers in their museum space, and "a business mentoring group" with "SCORE business mentoring group.



Finally, the museum looks forward to its second annual collaboration with our downstairs neighbors, The Coalition for the Arts, in presenting *A Festival of Trees*, which invites community organizations to sponsor and decorate holiday trees in the upstairs theater space. Last year's festive event hosted families with such holiday treats as hot chocolate with Santa, tree ornament craft making, and a caroling procession down Main Street to the tree lighting across the street from the railroad depot. This year's Festival of Trees is scheduled for December 7th, from 4:00-7:00.

The success of these exhibits and presentations have come about through the collaboration with community organizations. Southeast Museum has benefited from these partnerships and will continue to do so as we move forward in exploring new opportunities to provide local history educational programming and community events.

Deborah Oswald, Ed.D
Executive Director

PROGRAMS AHEAD



Southeast Museum will be partnering with the Coalition for the Arts for our second annual Festival of Trees to take place at Old Town Hall on Saturday, December 7, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Several beautifully decorated trees will be displayed in the upstairs theater. Refreshments will be provided. Each tree will be

sponsored and decorated by community organizations. Debbie Oswald will be facilitating a children's ornament craft table on the museum level.

Santa will arrive to lead us in a caroling procession accompanied by members of the CV Starr Intermediate School Chorus, down Main Street to the main event, the Brewster tree lighting.

Debbie Oswald will facilitate December's History Exchange, which will be held on Wednesday, December 11, from 12:30-1:30 in the Brewster Public Library's



downstairs conference room. Debbie will present on the subjects of the art exhibit "Revolutionary Visions, Women in the Hudson Highlands during the American Revolution. This exhibit was the kickoff event for a collaboration between the Southeast Museum and The Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring. The exhibit premiered at the museum in Cold Spring in October and will be coming to our museum in December. This exhibit featured works by local artists which explored the roles of women in the Hudson Valley during the American Revolution. Sybil Ludington, Deborah Sampson are among the women portrayed in this exhibit.

We've been hard at researching, interviewing, and assembling our long anticipated *History of Business in Brewster exhibit*, in conjunction with the Southeast Chamber of Commerce, now set to open on March 19, 2025. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 12:00 with refreshments provided on this special day. Check out www.southeastmuseum.org, for more information as the date approaches.

SOUTHEAST MUSEUM WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The Southeast Museum Staff is expanding. This spring, Kathleen Zuris joined us as Curator of our collection. Kathleen brings years of experience in genealogy research and museum collection management. Kathleen comes to us from the New Milford Historical Society. She has published a book on African Americans from New Milford who served during the Civil War. She has worked wonders accessioning new artifacts and managing our membership. Kathleen is knowledgeable in locating information for our visitors and researching documentation and images for our upcoming exhibits. Please welcome Kathleen on your next visit.



Angela Nardozi has recently joined us as Director of Administration. Angela brings with her forty years of administrative management experience with PepsiCo. She has instantly transformed our office space to improve our efficiency. Angela is off to a running start, taking over management of our website as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages, and has streamlined our ordering and space maintenance procedures.