



# Rocky Point Historical Society

Celebrating Our **15th Anniversary**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2010



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Thurs., Sept. 9th 7:30 PM**  
at the NSBPOA Clubhouse  
Meeting and program by  
Kathy Then

***"Climbing Your Family Tree  
On The Internet***

**Sat. & Sun. Sept. 11 & 12**  
**11 AM-5 PM Brookhaven Coun-**  
**try**

Fair at Longwood Estate  
Need volunteers for our table

**Sat., Oct. 2nd. 11 AM**  
**Noah Hallock Cemetery Clean-**  
**up**  
Bring a rake

**Sunday, Oct. 17th 3 PM**  
Our 14th Annual Tea  
**"MADE ON LONG ISLAND"**  
At Fischer-Hewins VFW Post 6249  
King Road, Rocky Point

**Thurs., Nov. 11th 7:30 PM**  
at the NSBPOA Clubhouse  
Meeting and program by  
Karen Mouzakes about the  
**Suffolk Alms house**  
which was located in Yaphank

**Sat., Nov. 13th** We will host a ta-  
ble at the Indoor Craft Fair at the  
VFW. Plan to visit this great event.



The Merritt Hallock Bible, was displayed during our July 8th meeting, by our Officers: Joe Santoriello, Linda Cathcart, Jim Higgins, Suzanne Johnson and Natalie Aurucci Stiefel.

### The Merritt Hallock Bible

Through the kind generosity of the Hallock-Tuthill family, we have added another artifact to our archival collection.

While cleaning the attic at the Mt. Sinai Congregational Church, members recently came across a 19<sup>th</sup> century Bible, which was originally owned by Merritt S. Hallock of Rocky Point. Jane Carter, member of the church, immediately advised the descendant of the Rocky Point Hallocks, Mrs. Ann Tuthill-Hallock Polta. Mrs. Polta advised to give the Bible to the Rocky Point Historical Society. The Bible is very unique with many illustrations and is a Concordance Bible with detailed references

Merritt Hallock inscribed the following inside the Bible which was published in 1880: *Rocky Point, N.Y. September 30, 1897. I, M. S. Hallock, loan this Bible to the people of Rocky Point, to be used in the Lecture Room of Rocky Point for an indefinite period of time. After I pass away, my son, Sylvester Hallock, should he so desire, take possession of this book after placing a notice on the inside door of The Lecture Room, stating that his purpose to do so. M. S. Hallock".*

(The Lecture Room is now called the Parish Resource Center)



Thanks to Ruth Szuminskyj for planning our June 5th trip to "Home Sweet Home" the museum of John Payne in East Hampton, followed by a delightful luncheon in Sag Harbor and tours of the Whaling Museum and Church.



President Suzanne Johnson and Honey Fulton Parker, with the photo of Honey's sister, *Dottie Fulton*, one of the first 28 women pilots in the United States military and a member of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying squad during World War II. Program during our April 8th meeting.



92 year old, Irvin Meyer, of Wading River, presented a program during our May 13th meeting highlighting his seventy years as a Master Glassblower at the Brookhaven National Laboratory. His prime job was to fashion made-to-order beakers for laboratory use

## President's Message

No doubt you have all been enjoying our beautiful Rocky Point summer weather, where breezes from Long Island Sound save us from the oppressive heat. See inside for some of the programs we've hosted in the recent past. This fall we have some interesting speakers lined up as well as our Annual Tea in October.

Recently we were very fortunate to receive a wonderful gift, thanks to the family of Sam and Frances Tuthill, a Bible owned by Merritt S. Hallock. (See article on page 1.) The Society has obtained 501(c)3 status as a charitable organization. Large or small, please think of us if you have memorabilia about Rocky Point you'd like to donate.

Nominations for officers will be made in October, and voting will take place in November. Please consider volunteering to help at our Annual Tea or in any way you can to preserve the history of Rocky Point.

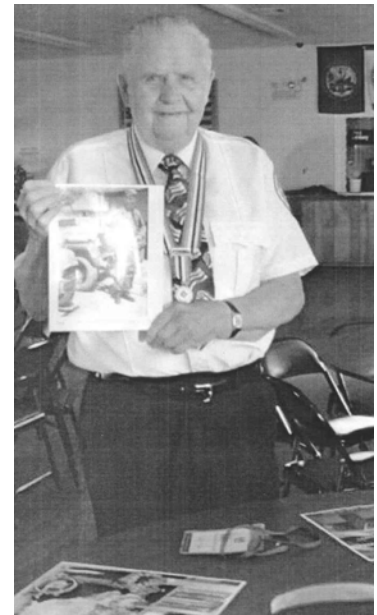
Suzanne Johnson



Jeff Davis and Suzanne Johnson during our April 8th meeting with a presentation of \$100 from Jeff and \$100 from the Rocky Point Historical Society to Hank Sipila (center) toward expenses for his trip to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War.



Hank Sipila at age 23 in 1953, Korea



At our July 8th meeting at the VFW Post, Hank Sipila narrated a video of over 160 photos which he took in 1953 and during his recent trip to Korea. Hank, as a member of the Central Long Island Chapter of the Korean War Veterans, under the direction of Salvatore Scarlato, was part of a ten-man team of veterans from Long Island, to take part in the anniversary during June.



**Rocky Point Historical Society**  
P. O. BOX 1720, ROCKY POINT, NY 11778

**OFFICERS**

Suzanne Johnson , *President*  
James Higgins , *Vice President*  
Linda Cathcart, *Treasurer & Membership*  
Joseph Santoriello, *Recording Secretary*  
Natalie Aurucci Stiefel, *Corresponding Secretary  
& Newsletter Editor*  
Immediate Past President: Kenny Blinn

**TRUSTEES**

Jeffrey Davis  
Joan Depken  
Walter Depken  
Joseph Di Marzio  
John Galietti  
Netty Gautier  
Robert Rizzotto

**Honorary Members:** James Keegan  
Robert T. Lundquist RCA Radio Central Station Engineer

Internet Web Host: Ken Blinn, Jr.

Internet Web Page:

[www.rockypointhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.rockypointhistoricalsociety.org)

**Brookhaven Country Fair  
At the Longwood Estate**

We plan to be at the Brookhaven Country Fair at the Longwood Estate Fair on Saturday, and Sunday, Sept. 11th and 12th, from 10 to 4. Volunteers are needed for an hour or two or plan to stop by and say hello. This is an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors about our proud history, sign up new members, sell our books and raffles. The Longwood Fair has so much to offer with history, re-enactment groups, good food and absolutely a magnificent visit to the past at the historic house and grounds.

Rocky Point Historical Society  
**PLEASE RENEW YOUR 2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES  
OR BECOME A NEW MEMBER**

*It will help us preserve beautiful Rocky Point's history*

Kindly make check payable to:

**Rocky Point Historical Society**

PO Box 1720, Rocky Point, NY 11778

**DUES:** Individual: \$10      Family: \$15  
Senior/Students: \$5      \*Business: \$100

\*Business members are entitled to  
quarterly newsletter business card listings

**Contributions are welcomed**

**We are a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Organization**

**Wounded Warriors Golf Outing**

On Sept. 27th the Rocky Point VFW Post #6249 will sponsor its third annual Wounded Warrior Golf Outing. The event will benefit two of our wounded warriors, Cpl. Michael Cummings, U. S. Marines, SPC Timothy Strobel, U. S. Army, plus a scholarship in the name of Sergeant Jonathan Keller of Wading River who died of wounds received from hostile forces in Afghanistan. Anyone interested in participating or contributing to the event, please contact Mike Mauro at [mmauro33@hotmail.com](mailto:mmmauro33@hotmail.com) or telephone Commander Joe Cognitore 744-9106.

**Our 14th Annual Tea**

Will feature the theme  
**"Made On Long Island"**

Sunday, Oct. 17th, 2010 at 3 PM  
At the VFW Post #6249, King Road

Music by Cindy Redman

Tea includes sandwiches, tea, dessert  
\$15.00 per person  
Reservations by mail or  
Tel: 744-8193, 744-9423 or 744-8896

**Raffle prizes:**

**Quilted Log Cabin Theme set of  
Table Runner, Tea Cozy & Pil-  
low**

*Quilted and donated by  
Netty Gautier*

**Please bring your own teacup & saucer**  
See enclosed flyer for details