



# QUOGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## ART WEEKEND IN QUOGUE AUGUST 9 & 10

Please join us for the 54th Annual Quogue Art Show and Sale on the Village Green on Saturday, August 10, preceded by our "Celebrate Art" Cocktail Party on Friday, August 9, at the Quogue Field Club's Junior Sports Clubhouse.

Our Art Show will exhibit oil paintings, acrylic works, watercolors and photography from participating artists from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It has been our pleasure over the years to showcase local artists. We suggest a \$5 family donation to support the Society's new and ongoing programs.

In case of rain, the Art Show will be held at the Quogue Firehouse on Jessup Avenue. (Last year, for the first time in the history of the Art Show, a torrential downpour forced us to cancel the Art Show on the Village Green and to reschedule on a makeshift and smaller basis for the next day in the front room of the Quogue Firehouse. To make sure that this does not occur again, we have arranged to use the larger back area of the Firehouse on the scheduled date of the Art Show if the weather again fails to cooperate. We are very grateful to the Quogue Fire Department for agreeing to this arrangement, and for their last-minute assistance last year.)

In addition, there will be a juried Children's Art Show on Saturday, August 10 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., also on the Village Green. Free art lessons in preparation for the show will be held on Wednesday, July 31 and Wednesday, August 7 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Quogue Firehouse. The art lessons are sponsored in part by the Counselman-Oxholm Fund.

Our Art Weekend will kick off with the "Celebrate Art" Cocktail Party on Friday, August 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to the refreshments and hors d'oeuvres, the party will feature a presentation by Brian Rutenberg, considered one of the finest American painters of his generation. As an abstract painter, Brian will take us behind the studio door, from the Salt Marshes in South Carolina's low country to New York City, to explore the making of an artist, his joy in the process and his love of art history. His recent memoir, *Clear Seeing Place*, will be available for purchase at the event.

*We look forward  
to seeing you there!*

Art Weekend tickets are available for purchase on our website at [www.quoguehistory.org](http://www.quoguehistory.org).

## Plaques Around Town HISTORIC PLAQUE PROGRAM

In 2016, after three years of effort by the QHS, the U.S. Department of the Interior approved the creation of a Quogue Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Historic District contains a remarkable 200-plus "contributing properties" that are eligible to display handsome bronze plaques indicating that they are listed in the National Register.

We are pleased to report that more than 50 house-proud owners of "contributing properties" have purchased bronze plaques to display on their homes. We encourage more property owners to contact us to learn about the history of their property and display it on a plaque. The Society provides research assistance to determine the date of construction and a historic name, if any. A list of the "contributing properties" in the Historic District eligible to display a Historic District plaque, as well as the form of application to purchase a plaque, can be found on the QHS website. ([www.quoguehistory.org/preservation/current-projects](http://www.quoguehistory.org/preservation/current-projects))



Proud participants display their work at Art Show 2018.



## 1822 SCHOOLHOUSE CLOSED, BUT POND HOUSE OPEN FOR (Historic) BUSINESS

Quogue's one-room Schoolhouse, built in 1822, is arguably the oldest schoolhouse building remaining on the East End of Long Island. The QHS considers it the most important historic building in the Village.

In 1893, when a larger, two-room school was built on Jessup Avenue

(the site of today's Quogue Fire Department), the Schoolhouse was closed and abandoned. It was rescued in the early 1900s by Abram Post, who moved it to his property just east of the Quogue Library.

In 1947, the Post family donated the Schoolhouse to the Library to be operated as a museum by the

Library's newly formed Historical Committee, forerunner of the Quogue Historical Society. It was moved to its current location and, in 1949, opened as a museum for exhibition of historical materials. (Photo: Schoolhouse hall displaying portion of the first exhibition.)

The Library's current expansion project requires that the Schoolhouse close for the summer, with the building moved to another location. We are very pleased that the Library plans to have the Schoolhouse occupy a more prominent location in the southeast corner of the Library property. Later this summer, the Historical Society will undertake a substantial restoration of the Schoolhouse. Be sure to visit the Pond House to see the special exhibition, Quogue's 1822 Schoolhouse: History and Preservation, to learn about school days in Quogue in the 19th Century, as well as our plans to restore the almost 200-year-old building.

In addition to two floors of exhibitions highlighting 350 years of Quogue history, the cozy Reading Room at the Pond House offers a growing library of historical materials about Village history. The newest additions to this collection are binders containing newspaper clippings of almost 30 years of events in Quogue, including local sports, fishing, weather calamities, civic events, and of course weddings, births, and deaths. Currently, the collection covers 1975 through 2004. These binders are a wonderful resource for researching the Village, a property, old fishing catches or, from 1963, fast-breaking news about a six-year-old needing 10 stitches after his bicycle collided with a truck.



## NEW WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC JESSUP AVENUE, SUNDAY, JULY 14

Before the Long Island Railroad started making stops in Quogue in 1870, Quogue residents shopped in Westhampton Beach or Riverhead. With the influx of summer visitors, George Jessup built a dry-goods store on Quogue Street in 1871. As the population of Quogue continued to grow, Jessup Avenue was laid out, opening in 1878, and the commercial district began to flourish. The avenue is named for the Jessup family, early-18th-century settlers whose extensive property ran east, from the ocean to the north woods.

The Quogue Market has always been an anchor of Jessup Avenue. In January 1917, it was reported in the local press that the Wimpfheimer brothers, Irving and Herbert, had purchased the former Sea Side Market and renamed it the Quogue Market.



*Staff of the Quogue Market, with owner Herbert Wimpfheimer (far right in hat with his daughter Florence) in 1933. Collection of the Quogue Historical Society.*

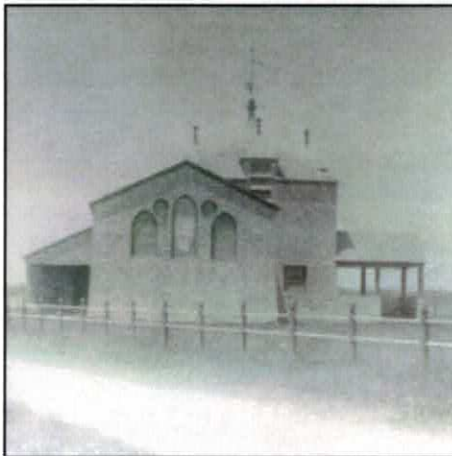
This "new" market combined the butcher, the baker and the fishmonger, when previously it had been the custom to patronize specialty stores for provisions. Butchers by trade, the Wimpfheimers saw the need for one-stop shopping. The market sold groceries in the north section of the present building,

and choice meat, poultry, and fish in the south section. The Quogue Market thrived under the Wimpfheimers for 40 years, until Herbert retired in 1957. All of us look forward to the 2019 "new" Quogue Market!

Join us on a walking tour of Jessup Avenue on Sunday, July 14, to learn more about the history of the Quogue Market and the many thriving businesses located here over the years. See the Calendar of Events for more information.

### HISTORIC DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT

The Church of the Atonement, erected in 1884 in the Shingle Style, was designed by architect Sidney V. Stratton, who apprenticed with Stanford White in the renowned architectural firm McKim, Mead & White. The walls and vaulting are covered with small shingles of palm wood, laid in a fish-scale motif. Its stained-glass windows are from the studios of Louis Comfort Tiffany.



**QUOGUE.**

The work of erecting an Episcopal chapel at this place will be commenced in the spring. The contract has, as is reported, been awarded to Meade & Taft, of Hudson, N. Y. The new edifice is to be about 26x60 feet and will cost \$4,000.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**6th QHS Holiday House Tour  
Saturday, December 14, 2019**

The Quogue Historical Society is delighted to announce it will be presenting its sixth semi-annual Holiday House Tour, featuring five Village homes festively dressed for the holidays on Saturday, December 14. The Tour will offer refreshments at one of the homes and, as always, a joyous cocktail party will cap off the day. Invitations will be sent in the fall. Please mark your calendars!

## EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS

**Pond House** (114 Jessup Avenue) **"1822 Schoolhouse** (90 Quogue Street) **Closed for restoration"**

**Summer Hours begin June 30, OPEN Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and by appointment.**

(631-996-2404, [info@quoguehistory.org](mailto:info@quoguehistory.org)). *All events are free unless otherwise stated.*

### JUNE

**Saturday, June 29, Saturday,  
September 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

#### POND HOUSE

**SUMMER HOURS OPEN 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

*The 1822 Schoolhouse  
is closed for restoration.*

The Pond House features exhibitions highlighting Quogue's 350-plus year history, including Quawquannantucke: Early Settlement; Boarding Houses, the Heyday: 1880-1910; and Through the Lens of George Bradford Brainerd: Quogue, ca. 1875.

**"NEW! Quogue's 1822 Schoolhouse Preservation"**

### JULY

**Thursday, July 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Community Recipes Remembered:**

**"Card Cake, Scotch Follies,  
& Snow Cakes!"**

*Lecture by Julie Greene, QHS Curator and  
Southampton Town Historian.*

Pick up an authentic recipe from the 1922 Quogue Ladies' Auxiliary cookbook at the Quogue Library at 4 Midland Street and bring your creation to the Firehouse on July 11 for a celebration of the past through our taste-buds.

In 1922, the Quogue Ladies' Auxiliary funded the construction of the village's first community house, to the tune of \$8,550. The Community House contained a large

auditorium, much in demand for card parties, dances, and public meetings. It also had an elegantly furnished "ladies' parlor," kitchen, and bowling alleys in the basement. A year later, the Auxiliary published a cookbook to help pay off the building costs. The cookbook included a wide range of recipes contributed by Quogue residents with such recognizable names as Foster, Jessup, Post, and Payne.

At the Quogue Firehouse. Co-sponsored with the Quogue Library

Call 631-653-4224 x 101 to register.

**Sunday, July 14, 4 p.m.**

**Walking Tour of Historic Jessup Ave.**

*With Julie Greene, QHS Curator and  
Southampton Town Historian*

In the 19th century, as Quogue grew as a popular summer resort, its small business district on Jessup Avenue prospered. Running north and south between Quogue Street and Montauk Highway, Jessup Avenue, which opened in 1878, is today a hub of business, cultural, and civic activity. Limited to 20. Reservations are required. For information and to register: 631-996-2404, [info@quoguehistory.org](mailto:info@quoguehistory.org)

**Wednesday, July 31 and August 7,**

**1:15 to 2:30 p.m., for ages 6 to 14**

**39th Annual Children's Art Lessons**

**At the Quogue Firehouse**

20 children per class (max.) Admission is free. The children's artwork will be displayed at the Children's Art Show, Saturday, August 10, 12:30 to 3 p.m., on the Village Green, as part of the Annual Art Show & Sale.

The Art Lessons are sponsored in part by the Counselman-Oxholm Fund.

Registration begins Sunday, July 1. Email [ChildrensArt2019@gmail.com](mailto:ChildrensArt2019@gmail.com).

### AUGUST

**Friday, August 9, 5 to 7 p.m.**

**CELEBRATE ART!**

**Cocktails & Art Talk Benefit**

**At the QFC Junior Sports Clubhouse**

5:30 to 6 p.m., Clear Seeing Place. American abstract painter Brian Rutenberg will take us behind the studio door, from the Salt Marshes in South Carolina's low country to New York City, to explore the making of an artist, his joy of the process and his love of art history. His recent memoir, *Clear Seeing Place*, will be available for purchase.

Invitations will be mailed in July. Tickets: \$60 and \$100 (Patron).

**Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**54th Annual Art Show & Sale to  
Benefit the Quogue Historical Society  
On the Village Green, Rain or Shine**

The 54th Annual Art Show & Sale will feature almost 40 artists, including many local artists, as always. The Pond House will be closed.

All proceeds benefit the restoration of the 1822 Schoolhouse.

Suggested donation \$5.

**Thursday, August 22, 6 p.m.**

**Researching Your Historic House**

*With Julie Greene, QHS Curator and  
Southampton Town Historian*

This workshop will cover how to research your home with resources available in the Society's library as well as other local repositories. Curator Julie Greene will lead participants step-by-step through the process of uncovering a property's past by way of general histories, deeds, wills, online newspaper databases, and other sources. Information sheets will be available.

Contributing properties in the Quogue Historic District are eligible for a bronze plaque.

At the Pond House, 114 Jessup Avenue. For info., 631-996-2404, [info@quoguehistory.org](mailto:info@quoguehistory.org). Reservations are not necessary.

## EXHIBITIONS

### Main Floor

**NEW! Quogue's 1822 Schoolhouse  
History and Preservation**

**A Moment in Time, Photographs of  
Quogue Village Streets, February  
1942**

**19th Century Figural Glass Flasks  
and Bottles**

**Through the Lens of George Bradford  
Brainerd: Quogue, ca. 1875**

### Lower Level

**Quawquannantucke:  
Early Settlement**

**Boarding Houses, the Heyday:  
1880-1910**

**Historic Jessup Avenue: A Tribute**

**Highlights from the Collection**

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