

News from the Farm

Summer 2021



News12's Doug Geed Films Feature on Hallockville

News12 Long Island's anchor Doug Geed visited us in May to film a feature on Hallockville as part of his popular series spotlighting interesting places on the East End.



He interviewed Executive Director Roberta Shoten about recent and upcoming events at the Museum Farm and then spoke with historian and board member Richard Wines, who walked him through our new *Sustainability Trail*. Mr. Geed was clearly impressed.

His pieces ran on Channel 12 throughout early and mid-June, with a longer, six-minute segment airing over the weekends of June

12th and June 19th. Both versions are easily accessible via links on our own website: hallockville.org.



Our Richard Wines describes the system the Hallock family had for capturing water from washing dishes and clothes and then recycling it to irrigate their gardens.

Students Design and Build Antique Equipment Display

With a hand from Hallockville's program director, Herb Strobel, and guidance from their teachers, two seventh



graders from the Peconic Community School in Aquebogue built a display area for antique farm machines that had never before been exhibited.

Not only did Andrew Ferrandino and Kai

Tvelia do much of the physical work, they also undertook research that went into the informational signs. Also assisting on the project were three members of the Hallockville board, Joe Dalimonte, Dale Moyer and Hallockville's co-president, Alfonso Martinez-Fonts. "These machines were integral to a farm's success, and their history ought to be told," said Mr. Martinez-Fonts, "Now it is."



From left to right: Hallockville Program Director Herb Strobel, teacher Lea Abrams, students Kai Tvelia and Andrew Ferrandino, teacher Alex Gamber, and Hallockville Co-President Alfonso Martinez-Fonts.



In 11th Year, Fiber Festival Brings Crowds and Vendors

The Hallockville Fiber Festival, an annual favorite since 2010, attracted more than 600 visitors and 21 vendors on a bright, sunny Saturday, May 22nd.



Greenport Tie Dye, fashioned tie-dyed tee shirts.

A food truck, *Weenie Panini*, was on hand to provide lunch and volunteers sold home-made baked goods.

Throughout the day, artisans gave demonstrations in basket weaving, carving, embroidery, rug hooking, felting, quilting and weaving, all traditional trades and skills dating to the early days of the Hallock Farm.

Meanwhile, vendors sold their own works and offered supplies visitors would need to create their own pieces. As seen in the photo at left, Lucas Natali of

History Curriculum Created for Teachers

Hallockville's Education Committee has put together a curriculum of courses to be offered to middle school and high school teachers who wish to learn more about life on farms on the East End in the last century — knowledge they can apply in the classroom and perhaps earn professional development credits for taking the classes.

The courses, to be offered in September and October, will cover such subjects as sustainability, traditional crafts, the immigrant experience and food. The faculty will include two Hallockville board members with doctorates in history, as well as accomplished local artisans, gardeners and cooks. Information on the lectures is being distributed to schools.

New Pasture Fence Installed; Our Cows Moo their Approval



Thanks to a grant from Hallockville's co-president, Alfonso Martinez-Fonts, and his wife, Raquel, the Museum Farm has a new fence around its pasture, replacing one that was falling apart, patched in many places and on its last legs.

The new fence is 855 linear feet in length and supported by 90 posts. The posts are eight feet in length and sunk four feet into the ground for exceptional sturdiness, keeping safe our bovine friends, Stella, Darla and Rosie, while protecting visitors.

The job was done by a local company, Romanski, Inc., of Calverton, which had promised the fence would be finished by the end of June before the start of summer camp. Romanski did one better, completing the work before the end of May. The cost was covered totally by the donation from Al and Raquel.

In the photo, that's Al greeting Rosie as Executive Director Roberta Shoten looks on.

Advisory Committee Assembled To Assist in Hallockville's Direction

An Advisory Committee has been formed to counsel both staff and the Board of Directors on Hallockville's mission, programs and events. Comprised of local community leaders of varied backgrounds, the group includes:

- Donna Albano, a practicing attorney who has participated in many activities at Hallockville over the years.
- Rich Cato, who returned to his roots on the North Fork following a career in finance in New York and now runs an oyster company.
- Joan Cear, a former public relations executive and journalist and active Hallockville volunteer.
- Elizabeth Gay, a real estate agent and descendant of the Tuthill family, with North Fork roots dating back to the 1700's.
- Sara Phillips, a former professional fund raiser for non-profit organizations in the arts and education.
- Mina Vescera, a veteran in gardening education, currently with the Cornell Cooperative Extension.



First Held in 2008, Annual Spring Tea Still a Major Draw

With the Naugles Barn adorned in lights and magically transformed by volunteers, Hallockville's Annual Spring Tea attracted 70 patrons on June 11th and could have held more were it not for Covid 19 constraints.

The smartly-dressed crowd -- mostly women, some wearing feathered hats -- enjoyed finger sandwiches, followed by irresistible pastries and were then treated to informative and entertaining talks by guest speakers.

Michael Harney, master tea buyer and blender for Harney & Sons, a company started by his father, and author of "Guide to Tea," spoke about his favorite subject and his love for traveling the world looking for the best teas. Mr. Harney graciously provided a variety of teas for the event.

Connie Klos, Hallockville board secretary and master quilter, in part addressed the classes she offers, teaching a craft she learned growing up on a farm on the East End.



Among guests at the tea was Yvette Aguiar, Town of Riverhead supervisor and honorary member of our board.

From the Director's Desk

The farm was a busy place during the spring, and summer promises to be even more active and engaged.

Spring saw six weeks of Saturday morning programming for children from five to twelve years revolving around farming and the care of farm animals. This collaboration with *Farm Hands at Hallockville* will hopefully continue in the fall.

With more than 600 visitors, the Fiber Festival on May 22nd really took off, and we thank all our bakers, volunteers, vendors, demonstrators, and Sal from the *Weenie Panini* food truck.

Wedding season is in full swing. As of now, more than 10 couples will say "I do" in Naugles Barn, which will also be the venue for the Southold Senior Prom. If you are planning a party, wedding or other event, please give me a call to get you on our calendar.

The best news is that our annual Country Fair will return in late August.

We've had a major physical change. Our wobbly pasture fencing got a much needed replacement, and we thank Al and Raquel Martinez-Fonts for their generous gift to pay for it.

We are also engaged in an adaptive re-use study for the

Naugles Barn to allow us to provide more community outreach.

Yes, it's true. The celebrated Doug Geed of News12 Long Island visited Hallockville in May and the segments he filmed aired in mid-June. A two-minute and six-minute segment can be accessed via links on our website: hallockville.org.

Summer fun will soon be in full-swing. All six weeks of our day camp day have been filled and there is a waiting list.

This year will see the return of our popular barn dances on July 31st and October 9th. Legendary caller Chart Guthrie and his band will be on hand for both events.

Drive-in live music will also return to the Naugles Barn this summer, and on a new note: This year, you'll be able to get out of your cars! So bring your chairs, blankets and a picnic supper.

The following dates have been confirmed: July 1st, Grateful Bluegrass Jammers; July 8th, Buddy Merriam and Back Roads; July 22nd, Chic Voorhis and his band; July 29th, Rob Wolfson and his Band of Merriment; August 5th, Not Quite Dead; and August 12th, Blues Jammers.

Tickets are \$50 a car to allow us to pay the bands, the sound crew and support Hallockville.

There are ongoing crafts classes and groups who visit Hallockville on a regular basis. The Knitters meet on Tuesday mornings, the Hallockville Carvers arrive each month, the Sound Avenue Stitches are joining us, and basket weaving will start shortly.

The best news of all is that our 40th annual Country Fair will take place this year on August 28th and 29th, bringing visitors of all ages to our campus.

There will be food trucks, a children's game area, craft vendors and the opportunity to tour all of Hallockville. Join us for what promises to be one of the highlights of summer 2021.

See you all soon!

Roberta



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A ceremony was held June 24th to unveil a new plaque on Sound Avenue denoting the Hallock Homestead's listing on The National Register of Historic Places. From left to right: Richard Wines, chairman of the Riverhead Historic Restoration Commission and Hallockville director; New York State Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio; Hallockville Executive Director Roberta Shoten; Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski; Riverhead Supervisor Yvette Aguiar; Hallockville Vice President Suzanne Johnson. The plaque was made possible by a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

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