

The Barn Museum News

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GALA RECEPTION IS VERY SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER

Over 300 members, friends and guests assembled under the enormous tent that covered the area behind the Barn Museum on Saturday evening, August 14 for the Gala Reception that opened the three-week long exhibition *As Time Goes By: Remembering Ingrid Bergman*. Her d'oeuvres were catered by The Bellport and wine was poured as the Paul Lindemeyer Quartet beckoned couples to the dance floor throughout the evening. The Barn Museum was open so that the exhibition was available for viewing by those attending the opening night festivities.

Early in the evening the fabulous items for the live auction were on display in the Brown Bldg.. Auctioneer Paula Ludlow asked the audience to "bid aggressively" for this meaningful charity and they did, each item going for a handsome price.

Following the auction, *The Film Life of Ingrid Bergman*, a special screening of a film created and narrated by Pia Lindstrom was shown on the large movie screen inside the tent. The evening's program concluded with Isabella Rossellini and Pia Lindstrom, Ingrid Bergman's daughters, interviewed by Cablevision host Shirley Romaine. Perched

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ANNUAL MEETING TAKES PLACE

On June 24 the members of the Society gathered in the Brown Building for the Annual Meeting. President Carol Bleser welcomed them and gave a brief summary of previous and up-coming events.

After dispensing with the reading of last year's minutes, she called for reports from the various Society committees. Membership Chair Kathy Ellis reported that membership was approaching 500 persons. Joe Doran summarized the activities in Building and Grounds. Jon Pokorny, Society Treasurer, reported that cash assets were \$277,239.68 and the operating budget for 2004, as approved by the Board of Trustees was \$44,000.00. He noted that the large number of buildings in the museum complex requires considerable maintenance. He also said that the establishment of an endowment fund was being evaluated.

The Nominating Committee: Elaine Hendrie, Robert Duckworth, Patricia Trainor, Patricia Campbell and Jan Harting-McChesney, presented the slate of nominees for the office of Society Trustee. Unanimously approved by the membership to serve three-year terms were Victor Principe, Virginia Waterman, David Cleaves, Robert Duckworth and Carol Bleser.

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THANK YOU ALL

Our heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful volunteers from the Trustees of the Society. We could not have mounted our many successful events without you. If we have forgotten to mention anyone it was inadvertant... let us know who they are so we can make amends in the next newsletter. Call E. Hendrie at 286-8664 with those names.

Many thanks to the Champagne Reception volunteers... to Elizabeth Grimes, Rachel Pokorny, and Michael Meade for serving, Arlene Hashagen in the kitchen, to Neil Ferrara behind the bar. Thanks to Van der Zalm Nursery for plants, to Judy Bianco and Joanne Powell for the invitation. The tasty hor d'oeuvres, enjoyed by everyone, were prepared by the Trustees

Thanks to the volunteers at the Ingrid Bergman Gala and Exhibition ... to Barbara Mallet, Judy Hope, Christine Le Leux, Gloria Cummings, Wes Springhorn, Margaret Doran, Craig Morrison at the admissions table. To Robert Schancupp and Roya Jenner for the design of the fabulous poster. To Jeff and Lynda Mayer of Mayer's Flower Cottage for the beautiful and abundant floral arrangements; Kathy Dallin and Cheryl Steinhauer at BIBA Floral Design for the striking table arrangements and Peg Rand for keeping the flower displays fresh; to Bud Corwin for tree-trimming: to Bob Wallen of Wallen's Market for the soft drinks; to Walter Roe of the Old Inlet Inn for the gift of trays of food; to Barbara Cardeau-Weissman for helping with docent scheduling and to the intrepid docents: Patty Munson, Jim and Martha Tinsley, Laurinel Owen, Norbert Nelson, Mike Iaradi, Bill and Jane Love, Elizabeth Lewis, Marion Hawkins, Wes Springhorn, Fran Hammond, Claire Reilly, Andrea Payne, Ruth Vollmer, Nancy Meade, Mindy Smith and to those at the Post-Crowell House: Peg Rand, Gloria Cummings, Ruth Hallock, Dufy Brown, Rhoda Sparrow, Michael and Leslie Young, Ginny Weston, Ruth Schwartz, Harry Waywell and Don Stonebridge. To Jo Keim for publicity support; to Donna Waters for that very effective window display and also for being a major ticket outlet; to Robert Schancupp and Francine Katzman for setting up the auction displays and to Scott Munson for watching over them; to Patrice Casanova for his color photography; to Jim Bonomo and Linda Neuman for help with the mailings; to David McChesney for launching our website and to Chris Gamboni and Charles Christiansen for audio visual support.

Thanks to Dun-Rite Appliance in Brookhaven Hamlet for the donation of the air-conditioning unit now upstairs in the Exchange Shop. Thanks also to Wes Springhorn for contributing to the cost of refinishing the floor in the Brown Building.

Thanks to the volunteers who made the September 4 Antique Show such a success. More than 700 people came to browse and buy. Thanks to Gloria Cummings, Margaret Doran, Emelia Lynch, Barbara Mallett, Judy Hope, Mary Louise McChesney, Peg Rand, Ruth Vollmer, Marge Feeney and Rhoda Sparrow.

**Do Your Holiday Shopping at
The Exchange Shop**
Always interesting collectibles



**Visit
Thursday, Friday and
Saturday, 11am- 5pm**

*The Society receives 1/3 of
the item's sale price, which
is a tax deductible donation
for the consignor. Deductions
are also available for items
donated outright.*

*Consignments accepted on
Wednesdays 10am to noon*

THE ANNUAL MEETING

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The Ingrid Bergman Exhibition and Gala Reception were discussed by Carol Bleser and Victor Principe. Kathy Ellis spoke about the planned September trip for members to Essex, Connecticut.

.After adjournment of the meeting guest speaker Harry Havemeyer, author of many books about Long Island told those assembled some of his "South Bay Stories" and signed copies of his books. Refreshments were then served to the large crowd attending the meeting.

→**SAVE THIS DATE: Sunday, October 17,** is the next General Meeting. Speaker Don Makowiecki will talk about ice boating and scootering on Great South Bay.

FUND RAISER FOR THE SOCIETY

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on high stools in front of the attentive guests they spoke candidly about their mother and provided affectionate insights into her career, her life and her relationship with them. Then they answered questions from the audience.

It was a glittering evening with even the weather cooperating, the rain holding off until the Gala's end. The Bellport Film Society, in cooperation with the Historical Society, was to show the film *Casablanca* at the marina after the Gala, but was forced indoors to the Community Center.

Proceeds of fund-raising events like the Gala make such exhibitions available to the general public. The show ran seven days a week through Labor Day and was very well attended with tour buses bringing visitors from all parts of the Island to see it.

Neither the exhibition nor the Gala would have been possible without the support of the many contributors to these unique events and without the help and cooperation of the many volunteers who gave so willingly and enthusiastically of their time and expertise. Thanks to everyone involved the Society was able to raise the sum of \$50,000 after expenses, which will be used to benefit the Barn Museum and to fund the possible hiring of a museum director.

A BUSY YEAR

In April there was the Eric Forsythe talk and film about his latest shipboard adventures, then author Harry Havemeyer gave us "South Bay Stories" at the Annual Meeting in June. Two tours were held for members and guests: a day trip to Fairfield County in May to visit the P.T. Barnum Museum and the Connecticut Audubon Birdcraft Museum and a Fall Tour to Essex with two nights stay at the historic Griswold Inn.

The Annual Champagne Reception was held in late June and honored Priscilla Swezey Knapp Teich.

"Remembering Phyllis Streit", the exhibition of her paintings, was held at the beginning of July in the Brown Building.

August brought us, from the Wesleyan University Cinema Archives, a three-week retrospective exhibition, "As Time Goes By: Remembering Ingrid Bergman" (see page 1, column 1) curated by our own Delores O'Connor. In early September the Society's Annual Antique Show took place on the museum grounds.

New events are being planned: Some of the future activities are listed below.

Sunday Oct. 17: General Membership Meeting

Don Makowiecki to speak about ice boating

Saturday, Dec. 11: Annual Holiday Celebration

Sunday, Apr. 17: General Membership Meeting

June: Annual Champagne Reception

date to be announced

Thurs., June 23: Annual Meeting

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Michael and Lynn Ierardi, Ken and Helen Budney, Alisa Levin and Charles Nathan, Susan Witter, Craig Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Albinson, Rita Buckley, Gertrude Gardner, Robert Rightmire, Dennis Miller and Milan Hughston, James Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schancupp, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Giordano, Elinor Norton, David Daval, Jeremiah McGill, Henry Waywell **AND RENEWAL MEMBERS** Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Corwin, Mr. and Mrs. Eben Ludlow, Dr. and Mrs. George Marschall, Patricia Trainor and Taylor Alonzo.

*If you read the June issue of **Money** magazine you know Bellport was described as one of the "Best Places to Live on the Coast"... .. one of only seven places in the northeastern United States mentioned in the magazine.*

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