

# News from the Farm

Summer 2019



## 39th Annual Hallockville Country Fair and Craft Show

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday  
August 24th and 25th

Games and Activities for Children

More Than 50 Authentic  
Arts and Craft Vendors

Woodworking, Basket Weaving,  
Quilting and Rug Hooking  
Demonstrations

Bake Sale, Food Trucks,  
Beverages and Live Music

## Annual Barn Dance

Saturday Evening, July 27th at 6:30



## From the Director's Desk

It's been a while since our last newsletter, but as you may already know from our regular emails, social media posts and website, there is a lot going on at Hallockville.

Our 2019 programming started in early February with the *Coffee and a Good Book* lecture series, followed by a variety of craft classes and, more recently, the *North Fork Horseradish Festival* and *Long Island Fleece and Fiber Fair*. Our *Community Garden* is in full bloom, spring school visits just concluded and many other activities are ongoing.

Summer will be no less busy. We are again partnering with the Peconic Community School in offering the *Arts on the Farm Summer Camp*. It's a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy a high quality (*and fun*) experience that's grounded in history, farming, and outdoor activities.

Our annual *Barn Dance* will be at the end of July, and our largest fundraiser, the *Country Fair and Craft Show*, will take place on August 24 and 25.

None of what we do here would be possible without the support of our friends near and far. A lot of people think that Hallockville is a town, county, or state facility. In reality, we are a grassroots organization that depends on the generosity of community members like you.

Some 85 percent of your contributions go directly to the programming offered by the museum farm. This has sustained and grown the museum farm for over 40 years, and we thank you.

We are striving to better engage our members and supporters, so thanks to everyone who completed the recent on-line survey on how we can better serve the community. It will be very useful as our board of directors works on making the museum farm an even better place for the public to learn about our agricultural and rural roots.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has stepped up to volunteer at our public events, on school visits and in many other ways. We always need the help, so please reach out!

Best regards, Herb

For a complete calendar of events, please go to our website: [Hallockville.com](http://Hallockville.com)

## Survey Kicks Off Strategic Plan; Here's What You Told Us

The Board of Hallockville is undertaking a strategic planning process, the first step of which came in April, when we surveyed our members and other friends to find out what interested them and what brings them to Hallockville. We received more than 300 responses, and here's what we learned:

The most popular events are the Country Fair, the Fleece & Fiber Fair, the Spring Tea, workshops and crafts. Respondents said they would like to see farm-to-table events, seasonal programming, educational programming and living history demonstrations.

They also enjoy the animals and live music. New programs they suggested included cheese making, outdoor music events, gardening to attract bees and birds, natural soap making and canning food and jam.

Suggestions for improvements included more animals, better bathroom facilities, education for children and better upkeep of our campus, and we're working on those things and others.

Most respondents said they don't volunteer at Hallockville, yet many said they were interested in doing so. So we just went out with a second survey devoted entirely to volunteering and asking about your specific skills and interests.

Our plan is to then form groups so people can come together to contribute in areas of mutual interest.

To address concerns raised about campus upkeep, our first group we'll be called the "Hallockville Fixers," as described on the opposite page.

## Something New: Yoga in the Barn!

Come join us on the farm for our first three-part series of yoga sessions in our historic Naugles Barn or outside when weather permits.

Classes will be structured for all levels, from beginners to advanced, providing a welcoming experience for everyone.

Sessions will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the following dates: Saturday, July 13th, Sunday, July 21st Saturday, July 27th.

Tickets are \$15 per session and \$40 for all three classes when purchased in advance on our website: Hallockville.com.

Tickets purchased on the day of a class will be \$20 per session. Participants are asked to bring their own mats, water bottle, and a smile!



## Hallockville Gardeners: 26 Years of Volunteering And Friendship

One day in 1993, a board member at the time, Joan Rogers, thought to herself: "The Hallock family would have had gardens. That should be part of Hallockville's story today."

So she reached out to the Cornell Master Gardener volunteers. That was 26 years ago. Now Hallockville has a dedicated group of 14 gardeners who meet every Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning to tend to the Hudson House, the Perennial Heritage Garden, the Heritage



Vegetable Garden, the raised beds, the rose garden, and the herb garden.

The gardens grow many of the kinds of crops, flowers and herbs that would have been grown at the time the Hallock family lived here. Their latest project is a "habitat" area to support birds and pollinators.

The gardeners are not all Master Gardeners,

but all are interested in beautifying our grounds in an effort led today by Bev Vlcek and Christine Killorin.

As Bev explains: "We fundraise for our garden supplies by first brainstorming new ideas for items to sell at the Country Fair. For example, hydrangea wreaths and hypertufa planters filled with succulents."

There's also a social aspect to the group.

"We have traveled together," Bev reports, "We have dinner together, go on garden tours and generally have fun both in and out of the gardens."

Here's a list of the volunteer gardeners:

Suey Braatz, Pat Cajigas, Anita Chekijian, Nancy Frankman, Alfonso Martinez-Fonts, Susan Gantly, Carol Granata, Christine Killorin, Lois Leonard, Andee Llewellyn, Dale Moyer, Sharna Nicholson, Ellen Rajdl, Donna Terrill, Bev Vlcek, Nancy Ziino.

**In photo: Lois Leonard. Bev Vlcek and Andee Llewellyn.**

### Become a Hallockville Gardener

Volunteer gardeners warmly welcome. Please contact Christine Killorin at (201) 306-2218 or by email at [cakillorin7@gmail.com](mailto:cakillorin7@gmail.com)

## Help Wanted: Become A Hallockville 'Fixer'

Are you handy with tools? If you see something out of order, do you want to put it right? If so, Hallockville can use your help maintaining our historic buildings and grounds.

We need people with general woodworking skills, a desire to work with others and who are looking for an opportunity to learn while helping to maintain Hallockville as a valuable asset to our community.

The "Hallockville Fixers" volunteer group will be holding with a kickoff meeting on Wednesday morning, July 24, at 9:00. At this first meeting, Mark Vosburgh, a member of our board of directors and chair of our Buildings and Grounds Committee, will walk the grounds with volunteers to assess needs.

Examples of what needs to be done include replacing broken windows, repairing window sills and dry rot, refurbishing the picnic tables and benches, organizing our basement collections stored in the Nagles Barn, fence repair, scraping, preparing and painting interior and exterior parts of our 19 structures.

Don't not be concerned about your skill level. You will never be asked to do something that you don't feel comfortable doing. In other words, there is something for everyone!

**To become a "fixer," call Mark Vosburgh at 631-241-3181 or show up at the Apple Orchard directly behind the Hudson House on July 24th at 9 a.m.**

## Eco-Friendly Sustainability: Try Composting at Home

*An important part of Hallockville's mission is to look at the past for relevance today. An example is composting, as explained by Hallockville's treasurer Christine Killorin.*

When the Hallock family first lived here, there were no garbage trucks coming by every week. Everything was used and reused, and everything else got disposed of one way or the other right here on the farm.

It was a sustainable system. All food waste was composted and turned into valuable soil to enrich the farmland. If this were still the case, we would have a much greener planet!

What can you do at home to reduce waste destined for

methane-gas-producing land fill?

Start by getting a receptacle for your kitchen counter to collect food scraps. Scrunch up newspaper at the bottom. Put in all vegetative material from cooking, including egg shells, banana peels, vegetable scraps, coffee grounds -- any leftover food other than meat, oil and milk products.

When the container gets filled, You can start your own compost bin, you can bury it in your yard, or you can drop it off at the Hallockville compost bin at the back of the garden north of the Homestead.



## Hallockville Receives Artifacts Spanning Six Generations

Hallockville has been given an extensive collection of artifacts from a Michigan family with Sound Avenue roots – all from the estate of Marie Wells Remer and donated by her children, Deborah Remer and William Remer

The treasures were carefully saved and cherished across six generations of women from the early 1800s through the present. Marie Wells Remer had taken everything with her to Michigan for safe keeping when she moved to her husband's hometown.

"The artifacts represent the warp and woof of farm life over the past two centuries," said Hallockville director and historian Richard Wines.

They range from a table linen woven from home-grown flax by the donors' great-great-great-grandmother in the 1820s to a dress made by Marie Wells Remer out of fabric featuring images of the 1939 World's Fair.

In between are ceramics from the 1850s, a spectacular plum colored wedding dress worn by the donors' great-great grandmother in 1883 and a pair of striped wedding-night pajamas given to a groom by his father-in-law-to-be.

There are silver spoons that were popular wedding presents in the 1800-1850 period as well a large collection of paper dolls the donors' mother played with in the 1920s and 30s.

The pieces range in size from baby teeth hidden by the tooth fairy in the 1920s to an entire bedroom set purchased by a newlywed Sound Avenue couple in 1884.

Mr. Wines explained that the original owners of all of these items are tied by complex kinship connections to the Hallock family who lived in Hallockville's old homestead.

The items will form the basis of a special summer exhibit at Hallockville, tentatively titled "A Sound Avenue Legacy: Family Treasures Saved by Six Generations of Women."

After the exhibit closes, the artifacts will be split between Hallockville and the Suffolk County Historical Society.

## What's New at the Gift Shop?

Miss Ella's Yarn and Gift Shop shop has moved across the hall from its previous location in the Hudson House, taken on a new look and added new items for sale.

They include hand made items such as embroidered pictures, baskets, decorated Easter Eggs, artwork, quilted items, and wood items made by local artisans.

These are in addition to a wide variety of wool and cotton yarns, local scene greeting cards, historic books, beautiful farm postcards and hand-painted Polish pottery arranged in a country shop setting.

The shop is an ideal place to find a unique gift for any occasion. Open from 12-4 on Saturdays through the summer and during major events such as the Country Fair.





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## Hallockville's Mission

To take Long Island back to its family farming roots and explore their relevance today.

## Our Vision

To create a vibrant, active and inclusive Hallockville community anchored in history and focused on the future.



## Scenes from last year's Country Fair

*Top* A young visitor is introduced to a weaving loom.  
*Bottom* A craftsman markets his carvings.

