

Historic Mulford Farm

East Hampton Historical Society 2026

EAST HAMPTON 1921 HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Where history comes alive and our community comes together

Highlights from the Past Year

During the past year, the East Hampton Historical Society has fulfilled its mission "to illuminate the past and inspire the community through the preservation and interpretation of East Hampton's history" by –

- Stewarding five historic properties –
  - **Clinton Academy** (which includes the Town House and Hook Schoolhouse)
  - **Dominy Shops**
  - **East Hampton Town Marine Museum**
  - **Mulford Farm**
  - **Thomas & Mary Nimmo Moran Home & Studio, and Mulford Farm**

  – and made them accessible to thousands of visitors annually.
- Completing the construction of our new 5,500 square foot state-of-the-art Collections Center to house our nearly 20,000 artifacts.
- Installing new collections storage shelving and furniture thanks to a prestigious matching grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.
- Celebrating America's 250th by completing a comprehensive restoration of the Mulford Farmhouse – the first in almost 80 years.
- Initiating a multi-year renovation and reinterpretation of the Marine Museum in collaboration with the Town of East Hampton, which owns the building.
- Partnering with other nonprofits, schools, and local government to dramatically increase our programming.
- Developing a new monthly podcast that recounts the history of East Hampton during the American Revolution.
- Teaching history to thousands of students at almost a dozen different historic sites including the Marine Museum, Mulford Farm, the Moran Studio, Amagansett Life-Saving Station Museum, Cedar Point Lighthouse, and the South Ferry.
- Collaborating with the East Hampton Library on the Tom Twomey Lecture Series throughout the year.
- Expanding opportunities for visitors to engage with the past using digital technology.

At the East Hampton Historical Society, our vision is to be a crucial resource where history comes alive, and our community comes together to explore East Hampton's past. Any aspect of American history can be examined through the lens of East Hampton. Because of your generous support, the East Hampton Historical Society is engaging new audiences and providing historical perspective for our community.

Sincerely,
Steve Long, Executive Director

Ribbon Cutting for the New Collections Center





Thanks to dozens of donors who attended our ribbon cutting ceremony for the new state-of-the-art Collections Center. It will house nearly 20,000 artifacts and be accessible to researchers from around the world.

Design Luncheon



At this year's Design Luncheon, the editor of *Galerie Magazine*, Jacqueline Terrebonne, moderated an engaging and entertaining conversation about the "Fine Art of Collecting" with art and design experts Eleanor Acquavella, Meredith Darrow, and David Netto.

State-of-the-Art Storage Equipment



Recently, Curator of Collections Anna Muller showed off the compact mobile shelving in the new Collections Center to students from the Winterthur Museum's graduate program in material culture. The purchase of the storage equipment was made possible through a matching grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.

New Podcast





To celebrate America's 250th, the East Hampton Historical Society produced a monthly podcast that recounted what was happening in East Hampton during 1776. Researched, written, and narrated by Colin Kelley, who graduated this year from East Hampton High School, the podcast is available on the Museum's website, WLIW.org, and most streaming apps.

Mulford Teapot returns to East Hampton



This summer, the Historical Society featured a rare teapot made c. 1750 for David and Phebe Mulford by the famed silversmith Elias Pelletreau. On loan from Elizabeth Tinling, a Mulford descendant, it was displayed in the very same parlor where it served tea over 250 years ago.

Antiques & Design Show



Thanks to Tom Scheerer and members of our Design Committee for joining us ahead of the Antiques & Design Show Preview Party. Because of their efforts, it was our most successful Antiques & Design Show ever.

Maritime History Programs



While we start planning the renovation and reinterpretation of the Marine Museum, we were thrilled to welcome Sean Decatur, President of the American Museum of Natural History, to East Hampton. He lectured on the history of the renowned Amagansett whale whose skeleton is currently in the Natural History Museum's collection. Many descendants of the whalers who captured the whale in 1907 were in attendance and joined Sean for a photograph.

Restoration of the Mulford Farmhouse completed



In July, the Historical Society completed the first comprehensive interior restoration of the Mulford Farmhouse since it acquired the property in 1948 thanks to the generosity of Ralph Lauren, the Ladies Village Improvement Society, and other donors. With Ralph's Coffee located on site during the summer, the Historical Society welcomed ten times the number of visitors to Mulford Farm compared with last year.

House & Garden Tour



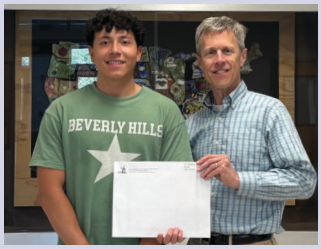
The 37th annual East Hampton House & Garden Tour sold out in record time and featured five spectacular houses in the Divinity Hill, Georgica Estates, and Northwest Woods sections of East Hampton. Thanks to our dozens of volunteers who helped make the fundraiser such a big success!

Educating thousands of students and families



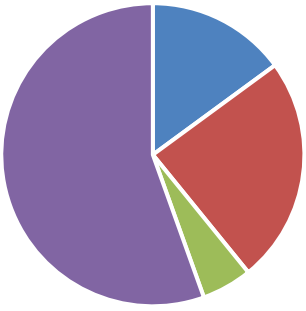
This past year, the Historical Society welcomed thousands of students to its historic properties, as well as to sites managed by other community organizations, including the Amagansett Life-Saving Station Museum, Cedar Point Park, and the Duck Pond. Here, Director of Education, Caly Stewart, facilitates a school program in the Moran Studio.

Inaugural History Scholarship Awarded



In June, we were thrilled to award our inaugural history scholarship to Cesar Galindo from East Hampton High School. The Historical Society's Education Committee was particularly impressed by how Cesar described Mulford Farm not just as a historic site, but as a community gathering place that hosted local events like Bonac Lights and ARF's Stroll to the Sea.

FY25/26 Operating Income



- $161,210 - Admissions, Memberships, and Program Fees
- $261,344 - Contributions and Grants
- $58,121 - Endowment Income
- $598,750 - Special Events Income

Operating Expenses



- $469,039 - Personnel Costs
- $201,500 - Operations
- $224,800 - Special Events
- $96,995 -Interpretation, Education, and Site Management
- $69,806 - Curatorial/Collections

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