

HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION

News

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NEXT MEETING:**April 25th at 7 p.m.**

We are honored to welcome Louise Fitzpatrick, joining us all the way from Pennsylvania, where she serves as Dean of Nursing at Villanova University.

Louise will share with us her memories of her father and what it was like to live with a man whose life became a South River legend. Other surprise guests may join us to share their fond memories of "Fitzy."

Please join us on June 25th at the Old School Baptist Church Museum (War Memorial Building), 64-66 Main Street in South River.

2003 Meeting Dates:**SEPTEMBER 24****NOVEMBER 19****SRH&PS Officers****Marilyn Anastasio***President***Donna Rafano***Vice President***Hank Dziemian***Treasurer***Stephanie Bartz***Secretary***President's Message***by Marilyn Anastasio*

THANK YOU for making the Spring an active and exciting time at the museum. The South River Women's Club had their meeting, a tour, and luncheon at the museum. On the first Sunday in May, Darryl David Jensen, a South River resident, transformed the first floor of the Old School Baptist Church into an art gallery. Mr. Jensen's landscape paintings filled the building with their beauty. Darryl graciously made a print of Dailey's Pond available to visitors, too. Cruise Night on May 15 brought both South River residents and visitors from the surrounding area to the museum. The new exhibits and displays were of particular interest. The com-

munity attended the Memorial Day Parade with its solemn service in front of the museum. On May 30, 170+ curious, well-behaved students from the South River Elementary School visited the museum for a tour of the museum and cemetery.

All of these activities would not be possible without volunteers at the museum. This month, a special thanks goes to Stephanie Bartz, Irene Buga, Jo Ann Devlin, Pat Gawarkiewicz, Doris Miller, Richard Meyers, Ann Rafano, Donna Rafano, Karen Satterthwaite, and Eliane Verloove for their help.

South River students organize Memorial Day Parade

Rich Rosenberg of the South River Students for the Enhancement of the Community (SRSEC), accepted the task of organizing the Memorial Day parade this year as part of the group's commitment of "giving the community 1000 hours of community service." Despite the rainy weather Rosenberg did a great job and the parade was a success. Rosenberg will graduate this month but promises that the SRSEC group will continue to serve South River. Hats off to Rick and all of the high school students who have worked hard throughout the year on various community projects. We hope that this community spirit is contagious!



Rick Rosenberg lead the way down Main Street with help from Stephen Ejk and Lucia Bonsante.



American Legion members march with pride.



Rosenberg, surrounded by local officials, lead the memorial service.

April 23rd Highlights—

Art Londensky presents the South River September 11 Memorial

The April meeting was attended by 30 members. Councilman Art Londensky gave a presentation on the September 11th memorial that will be erected near Dailey's Pond. Councilman Londensky spoke about artist Blaise Batko who is a South River resident and has been sculpting for over 20 years. Mr. Batko is donating his time so that the Borough need only pay for the construction work and materials.

Councilman Londensky presented a model of the 9-11 memorial made by Blaise Batko, along with a sketch drawn by the engineers. Christopher Dincuff who died in the World Trade Center was the initial inspiration for the memorial.

Councilman Londensky explained that the memorial will represent the Manhattan skyline, it will be approximately 5 feet high, and the replicas of the twin towers approximately 8 feet high. The towers will be sculpted out of clear material, and the memorial will be engraved in memory of those lost. It will be surrounded by white concrete and marble benches, with brick walkways leading up to it. Bricks are being sold to offset the cost of the memorial. The bricks are being supplied and engraved by Riverside Supply Co. More than 400 bricks and all four benches have already been sold. Bricks will be sold in front of the museum on Cruise Nights. Individual/Family bricks are \$50. Business/Clubs/Organizations can purchase the brick for \$75.00. For more information contact the South River Borough Hall at 732-257-1999 Ext. 306. Act fast, September is right around the corner.



Artists rendering of proposed September 11th memorial slated for Dailey's pond.



Councilman Art Londensky reads some background information about Blaise Batko.



Members Corinne Cebula, Iris Schmitt, Doris and Emily Miller enjoy the great refreshments after the program.

In Memoriam

The Executive Board and members of the South River Historical & Preservation Society offer our condolences to the families of:

Curtis Selover Booraem

Membership

2003 SRH&PS membership as of April 1, 2003 is 225

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April and May brought many visitors to the museum...



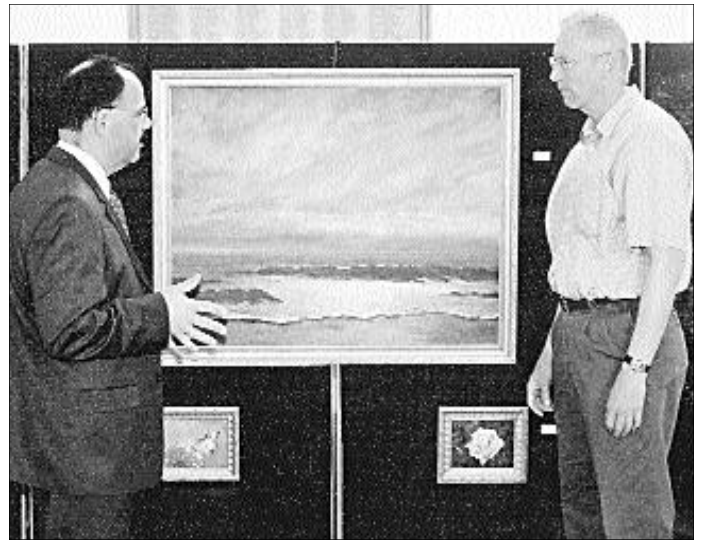
Third grade students visit the museum on May 16 for Government Day.



Inside the museum, Marilyn Anastasio and Doris Miller give the students a tour.



South River Women's Club held their April meeting at the museum. Shown above are Betsy Triznadel, Janet Fagely, Margaret Vargo and Debby Richter.



Mayor Robert Szegeti and Darryl David Jensen engage in a conversation at Darryl's May art exhibit.

Museum Information

Old School Baptist Church Museum

The museum is open on the first Sunday of every month from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

The Society would like to thank all of its contributors for their generous donations. Please remember to include your name, address and phone number on any item that you donate, so we can properly identify the object when it is displayed in the museum.

LAST CHANCE for 2003 Calendars

The 2003 South River calendars are **still** on sale, only a few left. A calendar is \$6.00.

Also available are SRH&P Society t-shirts, hats, 275th Anniversary books and Christmas balls. Items are available at the museum on the first Sunday of each month or by calling the museum at 732-613-3078. We will be open on Cruise nights.

For more information about the South River Historical & Preservation Society visit our website at:
www.rootsweb.com/~njsrhps/.

For more information about the Society or the Old School Baptist Church Museum call 732-613-3078.

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WHAT DANCE WAS THE RAGE OF THE 1920s?



The Charleston was the dance that scandalized America. Women loved it because they could throw off the image of prim and proper womanhood. And men loved it because they could see girls' legs in really short skirts. Although the dance, as we know it, was performed in musical productions on the Harlem stage as early as 1913, the Broadway show "Runnin' Wild" introduced both a song and a dance called "The Charleston" in 1923.

Want to learn the Charleston?

Visit <http://www.park-ridge.il.us/deines/gatsby97/mdance/charlstn.html>
or <http://www.homesteadmuseum.org/jtt/1920s%20charleston.pdf> for some instructions.

