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Historical Society Plans Gala to Benefit Museum Restoration

With preservation work on the exterior of The Garden City Historical Society Museum begun, the Board of Trustees is ramping up its efforts to raise funds to continue the considerable and meaningful restoration of the Museum building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Society welcomes all residents and friends interested in the project to a **Gala Benefit** to be held on Thursday evening, **May 3, 6 o'clock p.m. at The Cherry Valley Club**, (28 Rockaway Avenue). The Society is planning an exciting event that will include cocktails and supper, as well as auctions, raffles and music by George Efthimiou. Reservations at \$100pp can be made at the Society's A.T. Stewart Exchange, Tuesdays-Fridays 10 a.m.-4p.m. and Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. The deadline for reservations is April 30. For more information on the event, contact the Society at events@gardencityhistoricalsociety.org.

The Society, along with our Honorary Event Co-Chairs Kris Harder and Vinny Muldoon, are pleased to announce the **Gala Benefit 2018 Honorees: Suzie and Robert Alvey, and Bob Kaliban**. Suzie and Rob are well-known and respected in Garden City for their tremendous outpouring of community spirit and their "official" volunteer participation in Village life. An accomplished and affable actor, sometimes remembered as the "Ty-D-Bol Man," that company's nattily attired spokesman in TV commercials, Bob Kaliban is an outspoken and passionate Garden City champion and preservationist.

The Restoration Project

Restoring a 146-year old historic building is not an easy task. The Society first engaged the services of Page Ayres Cowley Architecture (PACA) of Manhattan, a firm specializing in preservation architecture. The PACA architects reviewed historic and existing documents provided by the Society to glean background information of the previous repairs performed and locations of special interest relating to the relocation of the building in 1988. PACA findings proved the building is in overall fair condition.

PACA then provided the Society with a Summary Master Plan and Conditions Report, and prioritized repairs. PACA's report included a detailed general description of the entire exterior, including windows and doors, trim, cornices and gutters, mansard and flat roofing surfaces and the porches. Additionally, PACA outlined a pilot project – the restoration of the cupola atop the Museum building.

In conjunction with the Society's Board of Trustees, the architects emphasized that all repairs should be made with in-kind materials and should follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Old World Quality Begins Work

The Historical Society then partnered with Vinny Muldoon and Old World Quality Corp. to begin the pilot project on the cupola. Vinny, founder and owner of Old World Quality, has made a commitment to restore the exterior of the museum building at no monetary benefit to himself. Thanks to his generosity, the Society is only responsible for the cost of labor and materials.

Starting last November, workmen removed existing damaged window materials, crown molding and siding. In Old World Quality's carpentry shop, they refurbished existing window sashes, and milled new circular top wood trim cladding and window legs and then installed the new window trim. Work included constructing and installing new crown molding to match existing materials.

The workmen also removed the old roof, and existing lead flashing at the bottom of the cupola, and after applying a new plywood base, fabricated and installed a spectacular period copper standing seam roof and copper flashing.

As spring arrives, Old World Quality will continue to prime the cupola in preparation for full painting of the structure upon completion of all preparation work.

Save the Date

The Garden City Historical Society encourages the community to share its pride in our past and support this restoration effort by becoming Gala Benefit sponsors and attending the May 3 event, while at the same time, recognizing the contributions of this year's honorees: Suzie and Robert Alvey, and Bob Kaliban. For more information, email the Society at events@gardencityhistoricalsociety.org.

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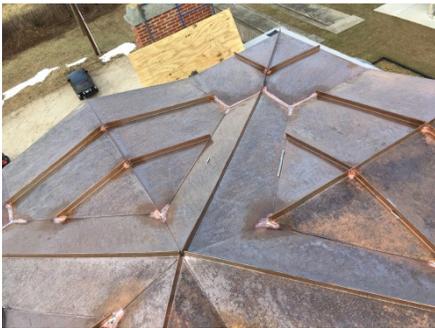
1. The cupola, at the start of restoration



2. Workmen milled new circular top trim for the cupola windows.



3. Window trim and sashes restored with new materials to mirror the original architecture were installed.



4. A spectacular period copper standing seam roof was fabricated and installed.



5. After refurbishing and reconstructing the elements of the cupola, and installing the new materials, Old World Quality workmen readied the cupola for priming.