

Southampton Historical Museums and Research Center

**Convocation Celebrates the 375th Anniversaries of Southampton & Southold on Saturday,
March 7, 2015**

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On Saturday, March 7th beginning at 3:00 p.m. The **Towns of Southampton and Southold** will gather for Convocation, a combined assembly to celebrate their shared 375th anniversaries at Southampton's First Presbyterian Church, located at 2 South Main Street. Following the Convocation at 4:00 p.m. a **375th Reception and Exhibit Opening** will be held at the Rogers Mansion, a property of the Southampton Historical Museum, located across the street at 17 Meeting House Lane.

Speakers at the Convocation include;

Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski, representing Southold
Suffolk County Legislator Jay Schneiderman, representing Southampton
Dr. Peter Kelly from the First Presbyterian Church of Southold
Dr. Richard Boyer from Southampton's First Presbyterian Church
Elizabeth Thunder Bird Haile will represent the Shinnecock Nation
Mark Epley, Mayor, Village of Southampton
John v.H. Halsey, president of Peconic Land Trust
The Reverend Michael Smith, Shinnecock Presbyterian Church.

A poem has been commissioned every 25 years beginning in 1865, Southampton's 225th anniversary, to commemorate this historic birthday. This year Suffolk County Poet Laureate Emeritus **Tammy Nuzzo-Morgan** will read her composition "Poem for Southampton's 375 Anniversary."

Music will be performed by Southampton's **First Presbyterian Church Choir**; gospel music by **Showers of Blessings**, King's Chapel Church of God in Christ in Southampton; and the **Southampton High School Choir**.

In 1640 English pioneers arrived at different landings within a few months of each other on the Peconic Bay. The close proximity of each settlement's founding has, in the past, created a mostly friendly rivalry between the two Towns. This **March 7th Convocation** will bring representatives from both Towns together to commemorate their mutual heritage. In addition to the two Town's 1640 origins, the **First Presbyterian Church of Southold** and **Southampton's First Presbyterian Church** will also be celebrating their 375th anniversaries this year. During the 17th and 18th centuries both houses of worship served as civic meeting houses where magistrates wrote Town laws, collected taxes and dispensed social justice.

At the end of the Convocation at 4:00 p.m. a **375th Reception and Exhibit Opening** for "If These Walls Could Talk: Meet the Families Who Lived in the Rogers Mansion" will be held at the Southampton Historical Museum

located across the street from the Church. Refreshments will be served. The Rogers family established a farm at the corner of Main Street and Meeting House Lane in 1648. It has been the proud residence of three influential Southampton families, including a whaling captain, a country doctor, and a retired lawyer turned philanthropist. This exhibit will highlight the families that lived in the mansion along with the role the Mansion played in the Southampton community..

Convocation

Celebrating the 375th Anniversary of the
Founding of Southampton and Southold

Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.



First Presbyterian Church
2 South Main Street, Southampton, New York

Free Admission for the Convocation and 375th Reception, all are welcome!

At 7:00 PM a **Convocation Dinner at the Southampton Inn** follows, \$37.50 per person + tax, RSVP by February 15, [\(631\) 283-6501](tel:6312836501)

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