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LOCAL HISTORY HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



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20+ great gifts that prove local history matters!

As we head into the holiday season, the Putnam County Historian's Office has curated a gift guide in support of local history, and related historical societies, non-profits and museums. These unique gifts include T-shirts, mugs, historical prints suitable for framing, books on local history and historical fiction, and the all-important membership packages that help keep these organizations up and running during their pursuit of preserving local history. They include:

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www.boscobel.org ▪ 1601 Route 9D, Garrison, NY, 10524 ▪ 845.265.3638

Carmel Historical Society, page 4

on Facebook "Town-of-Carmel-Historical-Society" ▪ PO Box 456, Mahopac, NY 10541
845.628.0500

Kent Historical Society, page 5

on Facebook "Kent-Historical-Society" ▪ PO Box 123, Carmel, NY 10512 ▪ 845.225.9459

Landmarks Preservation Society of Southeast, Inc., page 6

www.landmarksse.com ▪ 43 Oak Street, Brewster, NY 10509 ▪ 914.290.6167

Patterson Historical Society, page 7

www.pattersonhistoricalsociety.org ▪ P.O. Box 534, Patterson, NY ▪ 845.319.3071

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www.putnamhistorymuseum.org ▪ 63 Chestnut Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516
845.265.4010

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www.putnamvalleyhistory.org ▪ P.O. Box 297, Putnam Valley, NY 10579 ▪ 845.528.1024

Southeast Museum, page 11

www.southeastmuseum.org ▪ 67 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509 ▪ 845.279.7500

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Boscobel

Built in 1808 and founded as a museum in 1961, Boscobel House and Gardens is one of America's most beautiful historic sites. Open Wednesday through Monday from mid-April to December, Boscobel preserves and shares its Neoclassical mansion and 68 acres of gardens and grounds with dramatic views of the Hudson River, lush gardens, and a woodland trail. Boscobel presents lively community events, innovative exhibitions, and engaging programs and activities for families. And yes, children are always welcome!

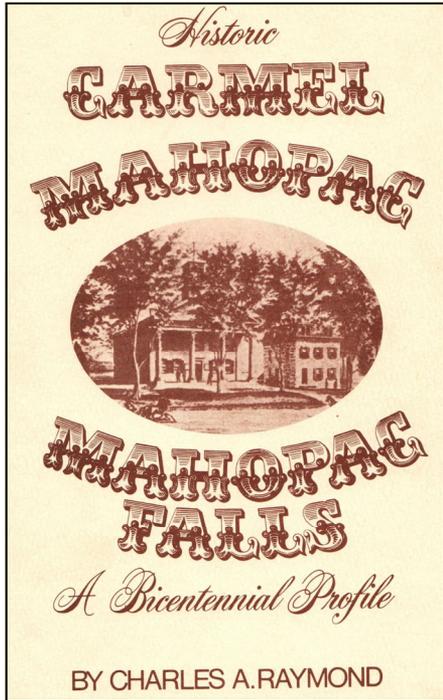


This season, Boscobel is promoting their Federalist Membership (\$150) that includes admission to Boscobel's gardens and grounds for 1-4 visitors every day Boscobel is open to the public; four complimentary passes for guided Historic House Museum tours (Advance reservation recommended); advance notice of Boscobel events and programs; discounts to Boscobel events; 25% Discount on Boscobel merchandise, 15% on all other merchandise in the Design Shop; invitations to Members-only events; one complimentary June weeknight (M/Tu/W/Th) ticket to a Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival performance with purchase of another ticket, and reciprocal admission privileges at 1000 other museums! Memberships are available for purchase at: <https://boscobel.org/get-involved/#membership>

Carmel Historical Society

The Carmel Historical Society is dedicated to preserving over 300 years of local history and informing the community of the Carmel, Mahopac and Mahopac Falls' past. Founded in 1976, the society is a 501(c)(3) educational organization, chartered by the NY State Regents.

A must have look book: *A Bicentennial Profile of Historic Carmel, Mahopac, and Mahopac Falls*, by Charles Raymond --



issued in 1976 for the U.S. Bicentennial and still available over 40 years later – it is “an outline of our past, richly illustrated with photos and maps.”

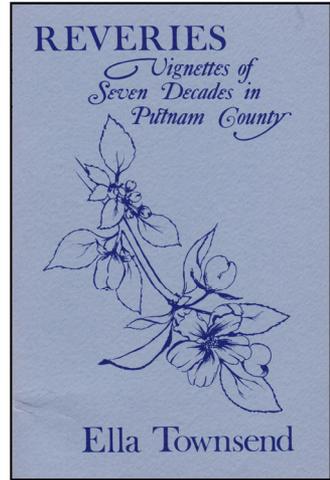
This historic book contains rare glimpses of homes, businesses, schools and churches – some long gone. It provides many wonderful views of the entire Carmel and Mahopac area along with snippets of interesting information.

Copies of this great work are available for \$20 (includes S&H) and orders can be mailed to the Society at PO Box 456, Mahopac, NY 10541.

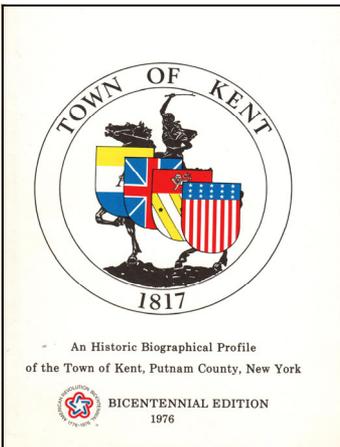


Kent Historical Society

The mission of the Kent Historical Society is to preserve, promote, and disseminate information and materials relevant to the history of the Town of Kent in Putnam County, New York. The Society seeks to provide informational presentations to its members and the general public to increase awareness and appreciation of the town's history. Their motto is, "Preserving the past in the present for our future."



The Kent Historical Society has a limited number of *Reveries: Vignettes of Seven Decades in Putnam County* by Ella Townsend (\$5, plus S&H), a lively collection of traditions, personalities and reflections on Kent culture. Also available and issued for the 1976 U.S. Bicentennial, *Town of Kent: An Historical Biographical Profile of the Town of Kent, Bicentennial Edition* (\$10, plus S&H). To order either of these books, please send requests to kenthistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or KHS, PO Box 123, Carmel, NY 10512.



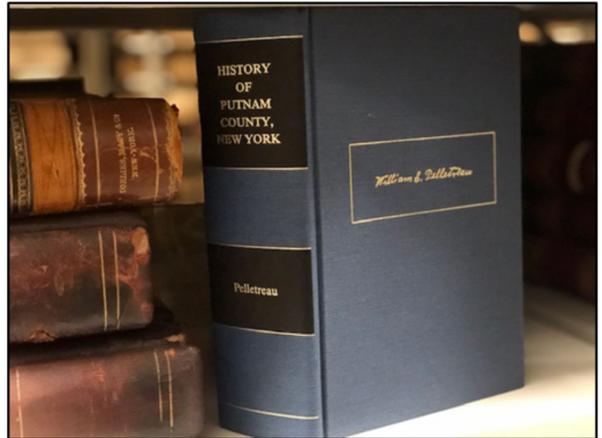
The Society offers assorted membership packages ranging from student level to Seniors (65+) starting at \$10. They accept financial support to help maintain their one room school house and in-kind donations for their annual tag sale fundraiser – that’s one not to be missed!

For more information visit them on [Facebook.com/Kent-Historical-Society](https://www.facebook.com/Kent-Historical-Society) or call 845.225.9459.

Landmarks Preservation Society of Southeast

“Landmarks” is an incorporated not-for-profit 501(c)(3) based in Brewster, NY, dedicated to restoring, maintaining, and preserving properties under their ownership. Since 1977, they’ve worked hard to maintain these heritage properties and preserve the cultural identity of Southeast. Their headquarters is located at 43 Oak Street, inside the 1850 Greek revival style residence of the founder of Brewster Village, Walter Brewster. They also own the Doansburg Schoolhouse as well as the 1794 “Old Southeast Church” on Route 22 which is used as an ecumenical center and is open to visitors upon request. Many of their properties are available for weddings or special events rental.

Now on holiday sale! The quintessential local history book, *History of Putnam County, New York*, first published and written by William S. Pelletreau in 1886, now offered by Landmarks in a reprinted, handsome blue linen hardback book. It features over 780 pages of Putnam County history, biographies, portraits and illustrations, and includes a portrait of the author and an index of names and subjects. The book is currently available for \$25 (plus S&H) through the Landmarks Society, and a limited number are available for pick up from the Putnam County Historian’s Office.



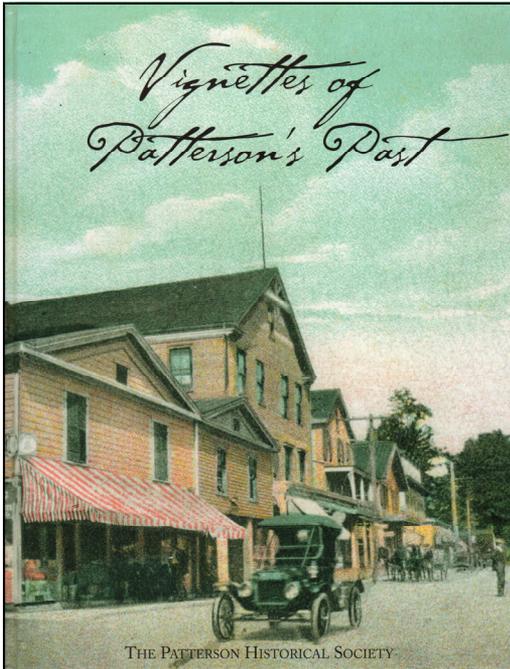
The Landmarks Preservation Society of Southeast depends on membership contributions to help preserve the built heritage for future generations. Membership levels start at \$24 and more information can be found at www.landmarksse.org or by calling 914.290.6167.

Patterson Historical Society

Patterson Historical Society's mission is to collect and preserve materials which relate to the history of the Town of Patterson and to promote awareness and an understanding of Patterson's rich heritage.

The Society currently offers *Vignettes of Patterson's Past*, a wonderful collection of Patterson's histories in a hardback book, illustrated with maps, photos and more (\$35, includes S&H) written and published by the Society. The book is available for order via the Society's website using PayPal at www.pattersonhistoricalsociety.org, or by mail, PO Box 534, Patterson, NY 12563. The Society also offers high-res digital images or print copies of historic images in their collection, prices vary by size.

The Patterson Historical Society maintains an exhibit and has an office at Patterson Town Hall located at NYS Route 311 at Front Street. Office hours are on Tuesdays from 1-7 PM, or by appointment.

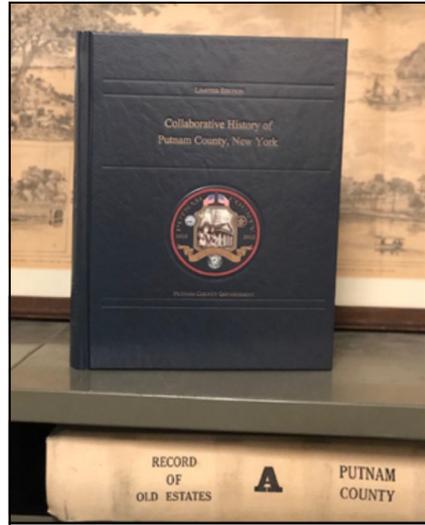


The Society achieves their greatest success through dedicated membership and volunteers. Membership levels, a tax deductible donation, start at \$15 per year.

For more information visit their website or call the Society's president, Ron Taylor, 845.319.3071.

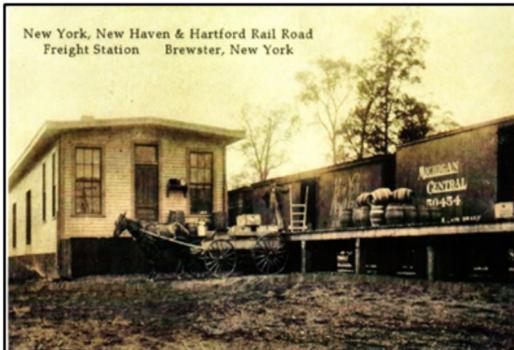
The Putnam County Historian's Office

The mission of the Putnam County Historian's Office & Archives is to collect, preserve, interpret, and present the history of Putnam County. The office has been collecting historical records, maps, books, photographs, and periodicals since 1953. The Historian's Office is located at 68 Marvin Avenue, Brewster, NY and information is available online www.putnamcountyny.com/countyhistorian.



Now on sale! The limited edition of 2012's Bicentennial book (\$25, plus S&H), *Collaborative History of Putnam County, New York* produced by the Putnam County Government, compiled and edited by Krista M. Butler and Richard T. Othmer, Jr. to celebrate the County's 200th birthday. This hardcover book contains over 375 pages of history up through 2012.

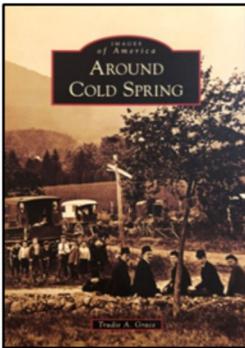
Celebrate the "Hub of the Harlem Valley" with a limited edition 12 postcard set commemorating the history of the railroad throughout historic Town of Southeast (\$8, plus S&H). The collection features rare views of the Putnam



and Harlem Division including the Tilly Foster Narrow Gauge Railroad, Dykemans Station, and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Freight Station (pictured). This special pack was created by former Putnam County Historian Denis Castelli to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Grand Central Terminal in 2013.

Putnam History Museum

The mission of the Putnam History Museum is to collect, preserve, interpret, and present the history of Putnam County, Philipstown, the West Point Foundry, and the Hudson Highlands. Through exhibitions, programs, and events, the Museum uses its collections to engage the community with the vibrant history of the region, and to foster greater understanding of the role it has played in the growth of our nation.



Putnam History Museum membership rates begin at \$30 a year and they offer a variety of options – all with great perks. The Museum Store features an array of gift items including T-shirts, postcards and a handsome West Point Foundry mug (\$15).

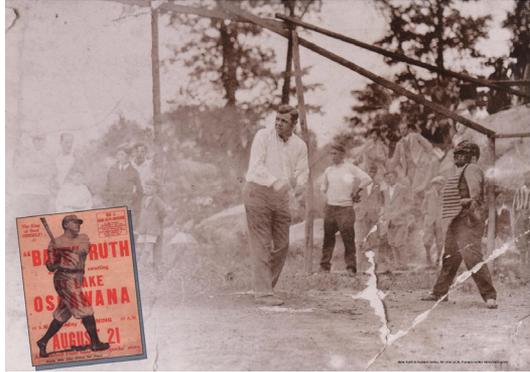
Available book titles include: *Around Cold Spring*, by Trudie A. Grace (\$23.80), *West Point Foundry*, by Trudie A. Grace and Village Historian Mark Forlow (\$23.80), *Hello Again, Dolly!*, by Christopher Radko - *An academic compilation presented in support of the 50th Anniversary Garrison, Cold Spring, and West Point community celebration of the 20th Century Fox film Hello, Dolly!* (\$75).

There are many other exhibition catalogues and publications, CDs and DVDs available at the Museum Store. The Putnam History Museum is open Wednesday – Sunday, 12 pm – 4 pm and is located at 63 Chestnut Street, Cold Spring, NY, or visit them online www.putnamhistorymuseum.org.



Putnam Valley Historical Society

The Putnam Valley Historical Society collects and preserves the story of Putnam Valley heritage. They seek and accept photographs, oral history, documents and artifacts about the people, places, and events of Putnam Valley and the regional past. Plus, they have the bragging rights that baseball great Babe Ruth used to vacation and play (and pray!) in their town.



A limited run of 8x10 posters and photo reprints of Babe Ruth at Oscawana, suitable for framing, are available for \$10 each. Also, you can support their mission with a Society T-shirt featuring the one room school house, \$15 for adult sizes, \$12 for youth. The museum is located at 301 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley and they are open Saturdays from 10 am – 2 pm through November and by appointment.



The Putnam Valley Historical Society recognizes the fact that members are the glue that holds local history together. Therefore, generous support of a membership gift helps them accomplish preservation. They offer several levels of membership starting at \$10 and additional gifts/contributions can be made to their Endowment Fund in memory or in honor of friend or loved one. Membership forms may be found on their website

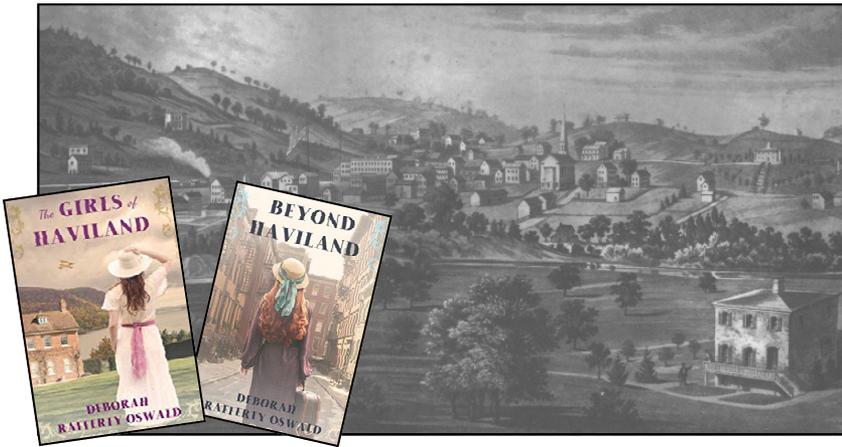
www.putnamvalleyhistory.org

Phone: 845-528-1024

Southeast Museum

The Southeast Museum celebrates the history of the Town of Southeast and lower Hudson Valley by educating, collecting, preserving, and interpreting significant material artifacts and culture, to serve as a source of community appreciation and inspiration.

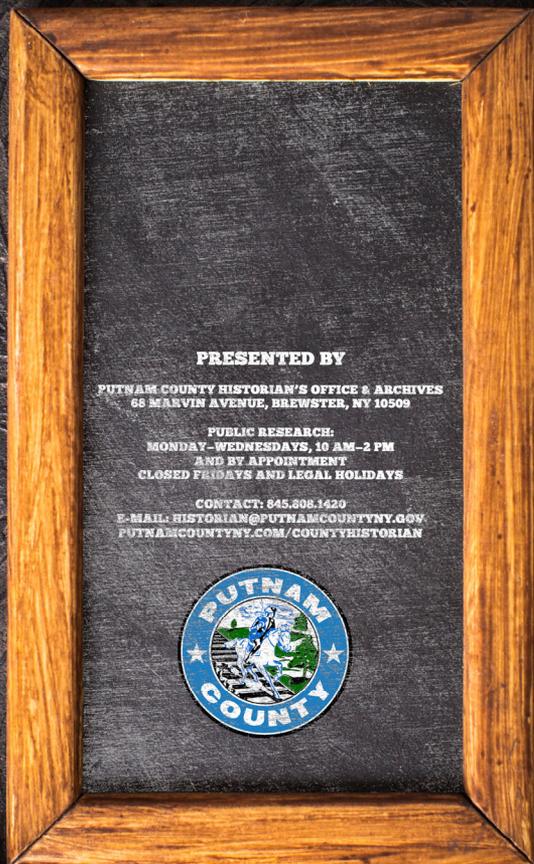
This holiday season, the Museum is offering reprints of the iconic 1870 Louis Alman panoramic photo of the Village of Brewster (7.25" x 30") printed on archival paper and suitable for framing (\$30, plus S&H). Another unique birds-eye "View of Brewsters', Putnam County, NY" (below) from 1867 is based on the original India ink drawing by Civil War cartographer and illustrator R. K. Sneden, printed on parchment suitable for 11" x 17" framing (\$10, plus S&H).



Historical fiction titles by local author Deborah Rafferty Oswald are available at the Museum including *The Girls of Haviland* and *Beyond Haviland* (\$12), each work set in the early 1900s featuring settings in Brewster and Carmel, NY.

Southeast Museum membership packages start at \$15 and help provide funds for preservation, programming, and exhibits. In-kind donations and bequests help further the mission. Visit them at 67 Main Street, Brewster, NY, online at www.southeastmuseum.org or call 845.279.7500 for more information.

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