

Southampton History Museum Sets the Table for America 250 at Halsey House Gala

The July 3rd gala to celebrate 250 years of America on grounds of Southampton's oldest building, with Jean Shafiroff and Mary Slattery serving as gala co-chairs

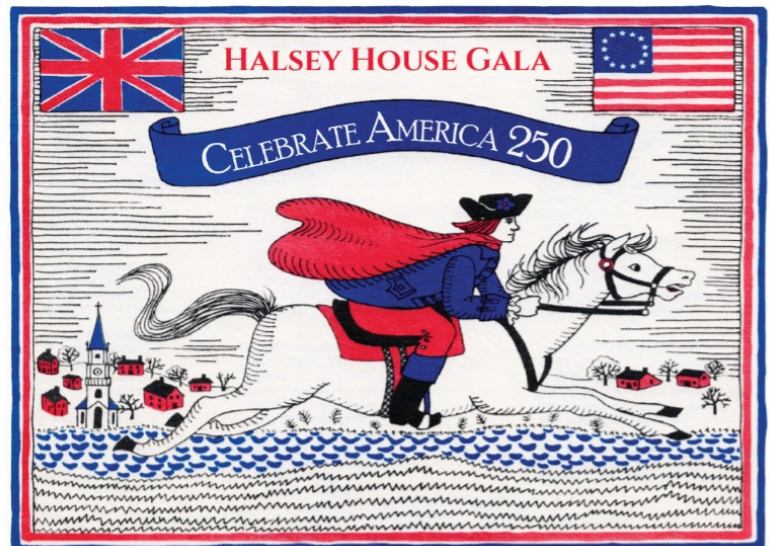
NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, June 23, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Southampton History Museum will host its annual Halsey House Gala on Friday, July 3rd, 2026, at Halsey House & Garden, 249 South Main Street, Southampton, New York from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Held on the eve of Independence Day, the benefit will take on special meaning in 2026 as the nation prepares to mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Set against the backdrop of one of the oldest English colonial buildings in Southampton, Halsey House was built in 1683 and remains one of the village's most treasured historic landmarks. The gala will invite guests to celebrate America 250 in a setting that predates the founding of the United States and offers a rare living connection to the colonial era, early Southampton life and the generations that helped shape the East End.

This year's event will be co-chaired by Jean Shafiroff and Mary Slattery and emceed by Bill McCuddy and will



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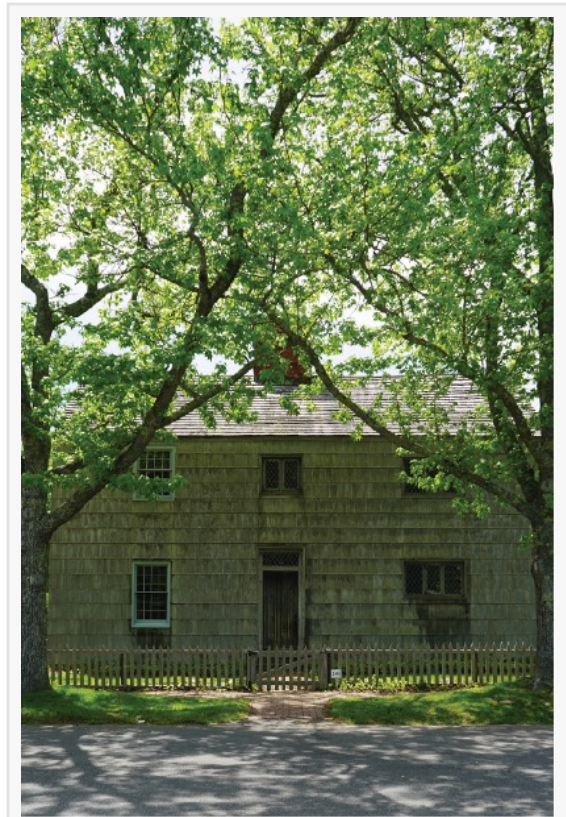


The Halsey House Gala 2026 (Image Credit: Southampton History Museum)

feature cocktails by Herbert & Rist, including the “Salty Sayre,” created in honor of the museum’s exclusive exhibition at Rogers Mansion, Stephen Sayre’s American Revolution (June 12th, 2026 – January 2nd, 2027), along with a premier raw bar, fine hors d’oeuvres courtesy of Thyme & Again and live music by D@’Band on the lush grounds of Halsey House & Garden.

Proceeds support the Southampton History Museum’s mission to preserve and educate about local history and culture through its unique historic sites, archives, collections, and public programs. The auction of a painting by Hunt Slonem at the event will help the Museum’s fund raising efforts.

“We look forward to gathering with friends and neighbors at our annual Halsey House Gala to toast local history,” said Sarah Kautz, Executive Director of the Southampton History Museum. “On this historic occasion, we are deeply honored to commemorate the sacrifices made by the Southampton community during the American Revolution 250 years ago.”



The Halsey House (Image Credit: Liana Mizzi)

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