Huntington Historical Society Presents

"Historic Holiday House Tour"

DATES: December 2, 2012

LOCATION: Conklin House Museum 2 High Street Huntington Village, NY

TIME: Noon to 4:00 pm

INFORMATION: For more information, call 631-427-7045 ext. 401 visit our website

www.HuntingtonHistoricalSociety.org.

The Huntington Historical Society's annual **Historic Holiday House Tour** has become the kick-off event for the holiday season for many Long Islanders. Again this year, the tour will feature 5 private historic homes in the Town of Huntington that the public will see for the first time. As in the past, many of the houses will have a history with the founding families of Huntington. This year's tour will feature a c. 1840 Rogers House on a street that at one time was called Rogers Lane.

Tour headquarters will be at the Society's Conklin house, at the corner of High Street and New York Avenue, Huntington. The Conklin House will be open for tours including our exhibit "All Things Conklin." celebrating the 100 years the house has been a museum open to the public.

Tickets are limited and should be purchased in advance. A ticket and map of the locations of this year's houses and a brochure describing the houses will be mailed to you the week before the tour.

Huntington Historical Society's Annual Holiday Historic House Tour Saints, Sinners & Salvation Homes in Historic Structures

Huntington Historical Society's 2012 Holiday Historic House Tour titled "Saints, Sinners & Salvation" will be held this year on December 2, from noon to 4:00. The tour features an 18th century barn and a 19th century chapel. Both structures have been saved by converting them into unique 21st century houses. The late 18th century barn, built originally by the Fleet/Jarvis family, two of the original families to settle in Huntington, will be evident once visitors walk into the house. St. Andrews by the Sea was built c. 1890 as a chapel serving East Neck/Halesite congregants of Huntington's St. John's Episcopal Church. Although this small chapel has been altered, visitors will see the original choir loft, a church chair, the devotional candle stand and some of the chapel's lighting fixtures as well as enjoy the spectacular harbor views. An 1840 farmhouse with period furniture is also included. This house stands on a road that was once called Rogers Lane after the family that originally built the house. The final two houses on the tour represent the early 20th century development of large summer homes built on East Neck in Huntington which today is commonly called Huntington Bay. The granddaughter of Elizabeth Seton, the first American born Saint, was Isabel Seton, the wife of Thomas Jevons who built his summer house "The Drift" in 1902. This large gabled Tudor designed house was one of the first houses constructed in the land development called Bay Crest. A later 20th century stone and Tudor house "Bay Turret" with turrets and a slate roof, reminiscent of a medieval castle and over-looking Huntington Harbor features a tunnel and a speakeasy that were used during prohibition. As always, the Society's tour will have visitors talking about the historical significance of these beautiful Huntington homes.

The tour will again be hosted from the Conklin House Barn at 2 High Street in the Village of Huntington. Refreshments will be served there and any remaining 'day of the tour' tickets will be sold beginning at 11:00 AM. The tour begins at any one of the houses at 12 noon and the houses will be open for viewing until 4:00. Call the office between 10-4 weekdays for tickets (631) 427-7045 or preview the tour and purchase tickets on the website www.huntingtonhistoricalsociety.org before November 28th.