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**VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY & THE VILLAGE OF VALLEY STREAM**

**PRESENTS**

**“AN EVENING AT 195 ROCKAWAY AVENUE”**

VALLEY STREAM, New York May 20, 2019—The Valley Stream Historical Society (“Society”), in partnership with the Village of Valley Stream invites you to “An evening at 195 Rockaway Avenue,” on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at 195 Rockaway Avenue, Valley Stream.

The evening begins with membership sign-ups and renewals, followed by the installation of the Society’s 2019-2020 officers and trustees.

Kate Sherwood, AIA, is the featured guest speaker. Ms. Sherwood’s lecture, “Architecture: A Sense of Place,” will be moderated by Carol McKenna, Village Historian. Sherwood will discuss the renovation and adaptive re-use of 195 Rockaway Avenue from a bank building into a courthouse. An architect with Gensler, a global architecture, design, and planning firm, Sherwood designed the first floor and mezzanine. Kate will also delve into the less tangible aspects of architecture—its influence and relevancy on culture, civic pride, commerce, and collective memory. Sherwood’s familiarity and appreciation for vintage architecture runs deep—she was born and raised in a 1790 Greek Revival in the historic village of Winchester Center, Connecticut. Her father, chair of the Winchester Historical Society, helped shape Kate’s sensibility regarding local history and the art of preservation. Sherwood’s early exposure to architecture, coupled with her education and professional experience helped create an interior that authentically replicates a courtroom from the 1920s.

A Q&A will follow the lecture, moderated by Ms. McKenna. Ms. Sherwood will then lead a tour of the building, highlighting the interior’s redesign. The evening will conclude with the Society’s annual social, featuring Itgen’s ice cream, strawberries, pound cake, and fresh whipped cream!

Admission is \$5.00 per person, but will be waived for those that join or renew their membership that evening. To learn more about membership, or to join online, please visit <https://www.vsvny.org/historical> and click on the Membership & Donations link. Membership tiers: Students (\$10), Individual (\$15), Family (\$20), Organizational (\$50), Lifetime (\$100). RSVP, if possible, by email or call/text: [vshistorical@gmail.com](mailto:vshistorical@gmail.com); 203.558.1882. Walk-ins welcome, too.

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**Valley Stream Historical Society**

In 1973, the Valley Stream Historical Society, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization was formed. In 2000, the New York State Board of Regents granted the Society its Absolute Charter. Mission Statement: “To bring together people who are interested in the history of Valley Stream and to collect and preserve historical records for the purpose of educating and fostering interest in our community.” The Pagan-Fletcher Restoration, the Village of Valley Stream’s landmarked founding family’s homestead, is operated by the Society and is open to the public for exhibit tours and research. The Society publishes the “Panorama” newsletter, sponsors lectures and special events, maintains a website, and is involved in other local history initiatives. Additional information on the Society can be accessed at [www.vsvny.org/historical](http://www.vsvny.org/historical)