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MOVIE NIGHT

The Society's Summer Membership Meeting will be held, not at the Wantagh Library, but on the back lawn of the Wantagh Museum. We'll set up our lawn chairs facing the west platform of the old Wantagh Station and be treated to a sequence of "preserved" movies. The fun begins at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 19, and will include movie refreshments of lemonade and popcorn.

You are requested to bring folding lawn chairs for your own comfort (the Society has metal chairs available if you are hardy) and maybe a little insect repellant.

The old-time movies are a great attraction for several groups; the original viewers, who saw them in real movie houses back in the days when ten cents was the entrance fee – then the viewers of early television, who saw "re-runs" of them during the times when Uncle Miltie wasn't on, and now groups of fans who appreciate their humor and the skill and talent that were involved in their making.

The Society is fortunate to have as one of its members Gregg Hammond, who is one of the "Sons of the Desert," a fan club devoted especially to the Laurel and Hardy movies.

MAGIC SHOW

Tuesday, August 19 is the magic day, with a Magic Show at the Wantagh Museum in the morning at 10:30 A.M., featuring magician Robert McEntee – this is mainly for kids, but grown-ups will have fun, too. There will be prizes and refreshments for the kids, and a tour through the Museum's special car, the "Jamaica."

JOE SUGAR & SHRINERS BAND

There is a special treat for those who get the Information Window in time! At 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 19, Joe Sugar will direct a concert by the Shriners Band on the front lawn of the Wantagh Museum on Wantagh Avenue, opposite Emeric. The concert is free for all comers, and will present a wide variety of music to please practically everyone.

Bring lawn chairs (the Museum's chairs are available, but very hard) and enjoy the music and the company. Since this is a daytime comcert, the mosquitos will not be out in full form, but sun screen might be helpful.



Preservation Society Calendar

Sunday, June 29: Band Concert by Joe Sugar and the Shriners Band at the Wantagh Museum Campus, 2:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 19: Magic Show at the Wantagh Museum Campus, 10:30 A.M.

Tuesday, August 19: Outdoor Movie Meeting at the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, Sept. 9: Trustees in the waiting room of the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 13: "Trash & Treasures" sale at the Wantagh Museum Campus, 10:00 A M to 4:00 P M

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MUSEUM NOW OPEN ON SUNDAYS

The Wantagh Museum is open to the public on all Sundays during the summer. The hours are from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. A docent (host) will be there to explain the exhibits in both the Museum and the Observation Car, "Jamaica."

Those who can volunteer as hosts should contact Gregg Hammond at (516) 826-8374.

THE INFORMATION WINDOW

The *Information Window* is a publication of the Wantagh Preservation Society, and is published preceding its monthly Membership Meetings.

The Editor of the *Information Window* is Dick MacMillan, at (516) 785-3951. Articles and notices are invited on subjects of local interest.

NEW TIES FOR THE OLD TRACKS

Everyone should drop by the Wantagh Museum to see the newly restored ties which support our short sample of railroad track. The ties were replaced by a crew from the Long Island Railroad, helped by men from "Friends of Locomotive 35," a society of railroad enthusiasts here on Long Island. The Society thanks them all for their hard work, and all our members are sure to enjoy the new look.

The old ties were not only beginning to decay, but had become the home of termites. We learned of this quite by surprise at the Garage Sale last spring, when the warm weather inspired the termites to swarm right in the midst of the festivities. During the replacement process, we also learned that a family of tiny garter snakes had set up residence under one tie. They were gently invited to move to a more remote home in the woods behind the Museum.

TRASH & TREASURES

This year's Trash & Treasures sale is planned for Saturday, September 13. A flyer will be sent to everyone on our garage sale mailing list as well as our regular Information Window mailing list,, but we've put an application form here, just in case you want to get a head start.

Regular attendance will be from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Our regular array of good things will be available – food and beverages, visits to the Museum and the "Jamaica," etc.

September 13, 2003 applications will be accepted as long as space permits. Vendor arrival time is 7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Vendors must supply their own tables, and unless extra car-space is purchased, remove their cars after off-loading no later than 9:00 A.M. Vendors must remove their unsold items and refuse. If you agree with these terms, submit the form below and your check payable to Wantagh Preservation Society, and mail to P O Box 132, Wantagh, NY 11793.

"TRASH & TREASURES" Application Form

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