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October, 2003

### OCTOBER MEETING

The October Meeting will be on October 28 at 8:00 P.M. in the meeting room of the Wantagh Library. We will have a panel of several Wantagh citizens who grew up in Wantagh during the days of the post-war boom. In an informal setting, they will reminisce about Wantagh when there were more trees, fewer cars, and many lovely people. Learn first-hand about the days of "I like Ike," Davy Crockett and poodle skirts.


We will begin with a short business meeting, in which the Society's committees will report their current activities, and then adjourn to the regular program.

Following the meeting, as usual, our Hospitality Committee will provide refreshments appropriate for the Halloween season. If you'd like to help with refreshments, call Theresa Donahue at (516) 221-2151. 

### FRUIT SALE

Our Annual Fruit Sale is going great guns, with orders arriving daily in our Post Office Box. The deadline for orders is Monday, October 27. The fruit will arrive at our museum sometime during the week of November 17th, and we will call the phone number you put on the form to let you know just when you can pick up your order.


For further information, please phone Grace MacMillan (516) 785-3951, Elaine Yarris (516) 221-1200 daytime or (516) 785-0761 evening, or Harry Strole (516) 781-5058.

For late-comers who want to order fruit, there's another order form on page two. 

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS


At the October meeting of the Trustees, Officers for the year 2004 were elected. They are:

President	Jeff Saporito
1st Vice President	Joshua Soren
2nd Vice President	Harry Strole
Recording Secretary	Elaine Yarris
Corresponding Sec'y	Dick MacMillan
Treasurer	Sue Hammond

Trustees for the class of 2008 are: Rita Coffee, Warren Hiltonsmith, Gregg Hammond, Frank McKenna, and Gary Hammond. Trustee for the class of 2005, replacing Bill Schick: Rose Kamins. 

### INTERNET NOTES

The Preservation Society has a presence on the net at [www.wantagh.li](http://www.wantagh.li), a site covering all sorts of activities in Wantagh. Check it out for weather, tide tables, and all sorts of local resources, as well as the Preservation Society news.


The Long Island Museum of Science and Technology can be checked out at the museum's website, [www.limsat.org](http://www.limsat.org). 

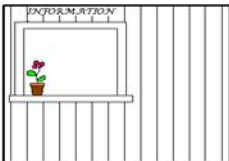


### Preservation Society Calendar

**Tuesday, October 28:** Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Library, 8:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, November 18:** Trustees meet in the waiting room of the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, November 25:** Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Library, 8:00 P.M. 



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## TO JOIN OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP

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Circle one:      Indiv. \$6    Family \$12  
                  Friend \$25   Patron \$50   Fellow \$100

Send to: Wantagh Preservation Society

## MUSEUM OPEN ONLY BY SPECIAL REQUEST

The Wantagh Museum will drop its summer hours at the end of October, reverting to our winter schedule, with the Museum open only by special request. Groups may schedule visits by calling 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.

## WANTAGH WATER TRAVELS

*Julian Denton Smith (1898 - 1974) wrote an interesting (and eclectic) history of Wantagh, from the early days up to the arrival of electricity. An interesting item is the export of water from our ponds back to Brooklyn along what is now Sunrise Highway and Conduit Avenue in Brooklyn:*

“Two pipelines extend across Wantagh from east to west. The first line, now out of use, is a brick and tile conduit immediately north of the railroad tracks. This took water from the man-made ponds in Massapequa, Wantagh, Merrick, and further west, and carried it to Brooklyn. Gravity was counted on to move the water westward. At Milburn Pond in Baldwin, the water had to be lifted to start the westward flow again at a higher level. This lifting up occurred at other points along the line to keep the water moving.

“The second pipeline is a 72" welded steel pipe conduit beneath Sunrise Highway. The water to fill it is pumped from colonies of wells sunk in the Marshlands adjoining the highway in Massapequa, Wantagh, Merrick and so forth. Pumps keep the water moving in the line, the pump-houses being situated about one hundred feet south of the highway. This water adds to the supply in Brooklyn. The cement highway was not poured above the conduit for many years after the pipeline went into operation.”

### Fruit Order Form

Mail this form with your check to:

**Wantagh Preservation Society**  
**P O Box 132,**  
**Wantagh, New York 11793**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1/5 bu Gift Box Mixed Fruit	___ boxes @ \$11 _____
mesh bag Pink Grapefruit	___ bags @ \$11 _____
2/5 bu Pink Grapefruit	___ boxes @ \$13 _____
4/5 bu Pink Grapefruit	___ boxes @ \$19 _____
mesh bag Oranges	___ bags @ \$11 _____
2/5 bu Oranges	___ boxes @ \$14 _____
4/5 bu Oranges	___ boxes @ \$21 _____
2/5 bu Orlando Tangelos	___ boxes @ \$14 _____
4/5 bu Orlando Tangelos	___ boxes @ \$21 _____
Total	_____