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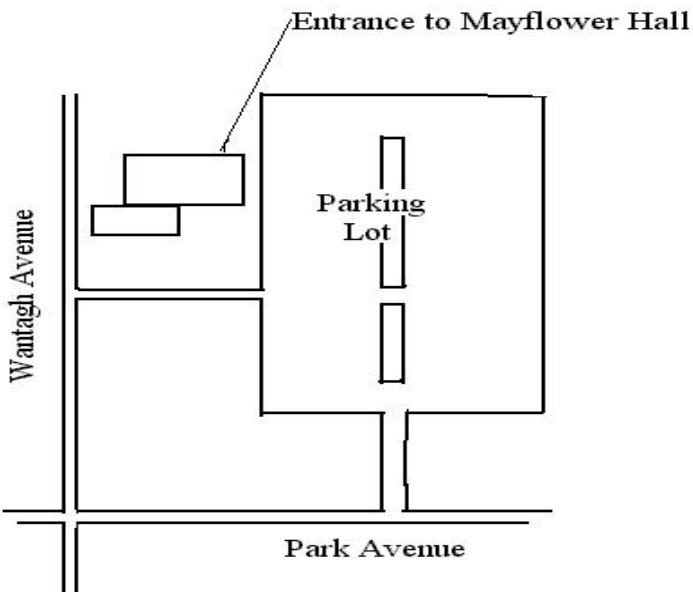
APRIL MEETING

The Society's April Meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 27 at 8:00 P.M. in the Mayflower Hall of the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church. The guest speakers for the meeting will be Al Keefer and Harry Loud, with a history of the Wantagh Fire Department.

And how do you find Mayflower Hall?

On the map below, find the corner of Wantagh and Park Avenues; go east to the entrance of the parking lot, drive to the end, and park near the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church Parish Hall. Mayflower Hall is the basement meeting room.

Refreshments following the meeting will be provided by our Hospitality Committee, with things appropriate for spring. If you'd like to help with refreshments, call



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

The Society's Annual Spring "Community Garage Sale" is coming on Saturday, May 1, with a rain date the following day, May 2. It will be held on the Wantagh Museum Grounds, on Wantagh Avenue opposite Emeric Avenue.

There will be all sorts of vendors, with all sorts of good things for sale. Come enjoy the day, buy lots of those good things, and dine *al fresco* on the station platform with our famous *chili con carne*, hot dogs, sandwiches and beverages.



Preservation Society Calendar

Saturday, April 24: Museum Grounds Cleanup, 10:00 A.M. — for as long as it takes.

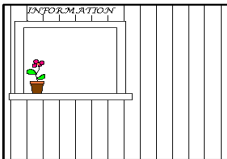
Tuesday, April 27: Membership Meeting at Mayflower Hall in the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church Parish Hall, 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 1: Community Garage Sale, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, May 18: Trustees meeting in the Museum waiting room, 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, May 25: Membership Meeting in General Purpose Room of the Wantagh Library, 8:00 P.M. Learn from Josh Soren about High Hill Beach, the settlement that was where Jones Beach is today.

Tuesday, June 15: Trustees meeting in the Mu-



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MUSEUM OPEN FOR SUMMER

The Wantagh Museum will be starting its summer hours in May, with the Museum open from 2:00 to 4:00 on Sunday afternoons. Group visits may be scheduled by calling Gregg Hammond at (516) 826-8374.

INTERNET

The Wantagh Preservation Society is on the Web at www.wantagh.li, which covers Wantagh stuff in general. Check it out for weather, tide tables, and other local resources, as well as the Preservation Society news. To find the Preservation Society page, click on "Activities," then "Wantagh Museum." There is even a membership form for those who would like to join or renew their

NEED A QUILT ?

Here's your chance. The Jerusalem Chapter of the DAR plans to raffle off a nice warm quilt to benefit the reconstruction of the Old Wantagh Post Office which is now on the grounds of the Wantagh Museum. Check it

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.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE DAR

One of the more active historical organizations in the Wantagh area is the DAR, or *Daughters of the American Revolution*. The local group is the Jerusalem Chapter of a larger organization, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A prospective member must prepare a formal genealogy tracing her ancestry to a patriot of the American Revolution.

The group meets monthly, and its activities include cleanup of the Quaker Cemetery, placing historical signs around the community, and support of other worthy activities, such as the restoration of St. John of Jerusalem Church and the Old Wantagh Post Office. They can be contacted through their Regent, Ellen Cook, (516) 785-

Originally there was a group of villages in mid-Long Island with Biblical names: Babylon, Bethpage, Jericho and Jerusalem, all settled by Quakers. The first three have survived, but Jerusalem has been swallowed up by Levittown. To commemorate local history, this DAR chapter chose the name Jerusalem in 1968 to honor the first settlers who came from New England to the Town of Hempstead in 1643 and then to Jerusalem in 1644.

This was the site chosen by Capt. John Seaman and Robert Jackson in 1644 because of the vast grazing area of the Hempstead Plains on the northern boundary and the extensive Meadowland and Great South Bay on the southern side.

Capt. Seaman was allotted the tract north of the present Jerusalem Avenue and some of this was continuously owned by his descendants until 1926. Robert Jackson was allowed the area south of Jerusalem Avenue. Both were active in the affairs of the Town of Hempstead and their descendants were patriots and soldiers in the American Revolution.

[Our] choice of name could be none other than Jerusalem to bring a reminder to the community of the local history from 1644 through even unto the present date.