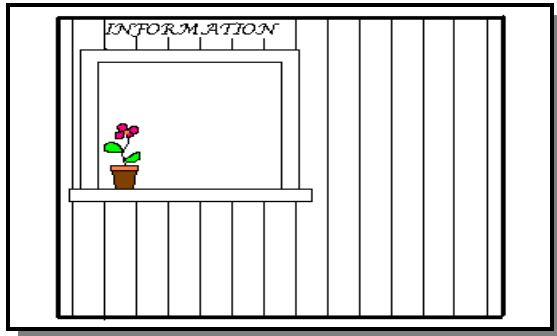


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MARCH 29 MEETING


This month's meeting has been **cancelled!** There were two problems. The first is a scheduling mixup that makes the Library meeting room unavailable on March 29, and the second is that the intended speaker, Frank McKenna, is under the weather and would just as soon not be out in the March climate.

We're sorry to disappoint all you who were hoping to hear Frank's "Outrageous Women in the American Revolution" talk, but we hope to give him a chance next month at our April 26 meeting. Mark the date! 

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Spring is here at last! – or will be by May, anyway – and part of Spring is the Preservation Society's Annual Community Garage Sale. It will be held as usual on the grounds of the Wantagh Museum on Wantagh Avenue on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 in the morning til 4:00. Just in case of another *Wantagh Weather Attack*, we plan a rain date the next day, the 15th. Same times.


There will be all sorts of wonderful things on sale from our vendors. Ordinary garage sale stuff, of course, but collectibles and craft items as well. All set out for you to look over and take home for a real bargain price!

We'll have a snack bar set up in the kitchen of the Museum, and a "Kiwaniis Kitchen" on the station platform as well. Y'all come! 

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Since last month's Information Window was distributed, even more of our members have renewed their membership. There are *still* some who haven't, though. If you are one of those, please use the form on page two of this issue.

Check the first line of the mailing label on your copy. The left field ends with a date, "06Feb" for example, which indicates membership expiring in February '06. If your label has a date earlier than "06" you need to renew.

When we receive your renewal, the label date will be updated, and you'll receive a new membership card in the mail. 



Preservation Society Calendar


Tuesday, April 19: Trustees Meeting at the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M.

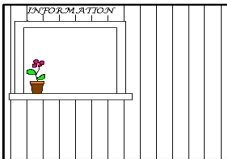
Tuesday, April 26: Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Public Library, 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 7: Museum Grounds Cleanup, 10:00 A.M. until clean.

Tuesday, May 10: Trustees Meeting at the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 14: Community Garage Sale at the Wantagh Museum Campus, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (Rain date is Sunday, May 15.)

Tuesday, May 24: Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Public Library, 8:00 P.M. 



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TO JOIN, OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP

Name _____

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Phone _____ New Renewal

Circle one: Indiv. \$6 Family \$12

 Friend \$25 Patron \$50 Fellow \$100

Send to: Wantagh Preservation Society
P O Box 132, Wantagh, New York 11793

MUSEUM CLOSED FOR WINTER

The Wantagh Museum is on its winter schedule, and is open only by special request.

We will need more volunteers to act as hosts at the museum during the summer months. If you would like to volunteer as a host, call Donald Warner at (516) 826-6631, and he will be glad to pencil you into the schedule.

BUILDING 19 MIND BENDER

“Building 19” is a chain of surplus stores in the Boston area, with an eclectic advertising newsletter. Here’s another of the Mind Benders which appeared in their October newsletter!

“I am used to bat, but never get a hit. I am near a ball, yet it is never thrown. What am I?”

Ask for the answer at the April 24 meeting at the Library, or wait until the next Information Window.



LAST MONTH’S MIND BENDER, UNBENT

The number “7” on a touch-tone telephone is above a star, has eleven mates, and has the initials, “PRS.”

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MARGARET AIKEN

Margaret Aiken was the spark plug who started the Preservation Society, with a vision of what could be done with the Railroad station that was to be discarded when the LIRR tracks were elevated in 1965. We recently received her newspaper obituary:

Margaret D. Aiken (Stone) died in Sedona, AZ on March 3, 2003. She was 78 years of age. Born in Las Cruces, NM on April 3, 1924, Margaret could never remember not wanting to be an artist.

From 1944 to 1946 she served in the Navy as a WAVE at NAS Santa Ana, CA. It was there she met her first husband, Richard Aiken, a naval aviator.

After the war, the couple moved to Greenwich Village, where their five sons were born. Later they moved to Long Island where Margaret pursued a serious art career and was active in environmental and historical preservation movements.

In 1970 the family moved to Florida, where Margaret over many years became a creative force in the Ft. Lauderdale art world, as a painter, teacher, and influential public citizen. She earned a belated BA from Florida Atlantic U.

In 1985 Margaret married Wilfred Stone, an emeritus professor at Stanford and together they built a retirement home on Hornby Island, British Columbia. Here Margaret's creativity took off in many new directions.

In 2003, after a long illness, she moved to Arizona to be close to her family. She remained throughout her life a person of strong faith and deep spirituality.

She is survived by her husband, her sons, Richard, Bruce, William, and Robert Aiken, as well as surviving siblings Alice Niles, Marian Lusby, and Hutch Davis. Brother Benjamin and son Charles preceded her in death. She will also be missed by five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church, 3535 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, at 5:30 p.m. March 10 [2003]. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions to her memory could be sent to this church or to First Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto, 1140 Cowper St. Palo Alto, CA 94306.