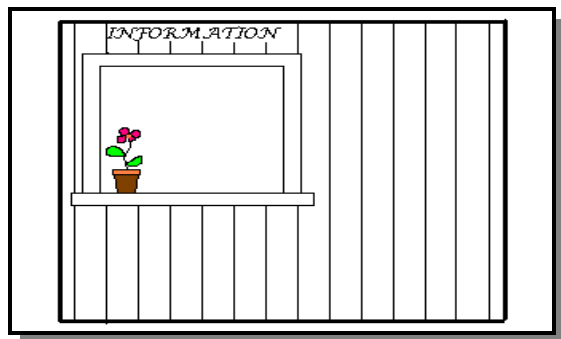


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## APRIL 25 MEETING SHOW AND TELL

Our April 25 meeting will be held in the General Purpose Room of the Wantagh Public Library at 8:00 o'clock. The program will be a Show and Tell session, with Society members speaking on their favorite hobbies.

Each speaker is invited to prepare a short talk on, and a demonstration of, some hobby or special interest. Talks should be ten minutes or less, so that everyone will have time to be heard. If you would like to speak, let Jeff Saporito know by the beginning of the meeting so he can add your talk to the schedule.

We will start the evening with a short business meeting to report on the month's activities, and then adjourn for the Show and Tell. After that, we'll have time for comments and discussion, and enjoy coffee and desserts. If you'd like to help with refreshments, you can call Ellen Cook at (516) 785-0739. There's always a need for more cookies, brownies and other good things to eat. 📖

## RIERSON BURIAL GROUND

The Rierson Family Burial Ground, on the south side of Bunker Avenue, has been forgotten for many years, but plans are under way to place a memorial of some sort to mark its site. It is noted as the resting place of Cornelius Rierson, among others, who was a Long Island patriot in the Revolutionary War. 📖

## SPRING GARAGE SALE

Our Spring Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 13, at the Wantagh Museum on Wantagh Avenue. Applications for vendors have been sent out to all members, as well as those who are on our "Vendor Mailing List."

The sale will be open from 10:00 in the morning til 4:00, and there will be the usual fine selection of everything. The Museum kitchen will be open with snacks and a light lunch, so everyone in the family can come and enjoy the whole day! 📖



## Preservation Society Calendar

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

**Saturday, May 6:** Museum cleanup & preparation for the May 13 Garage Sale, 10:00 A.M.

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

**Saturday, May 13:** Garage Sale at the Wantagh Museum, 10: A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Rain date is Sunday, May 14.

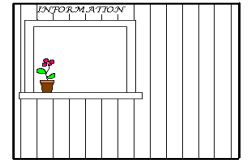
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## MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

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## MUSEUM CLOSED FOR SEASON

The Wantagh Museum is now closed for the winter, although groups may have tours of the museum by special reservation.. We plan to start our summer schedule on Sunday, April 23, and will be open from 2 to 4 on Sunday afternoons from then on.

We do need more volunteers to host the museum. If you would like to volunteer as a host in the spring, call Claire Reisert at (516) 785-1309, and she will be glad to pencil you into the schedule.

## THE INFORMATION WINDOW

The *Information Window* is a publication of the Wantagh Preservation Society, and is published preceding its monthly Membership Meetings. You are invited to submit short articles on items of local historical interest. The Editor is Dick MacMillan, (516) 785-3951.

*Here's what "A Textbook to Supplement the Study of the Local Community in the Seventh Grade of the Wantagh Junior High School" had to say about the Wantagh area in 1969.*

The early pioneers found the Wantagh area heavily wooded with oak, maple and pine. Much game roamed these virgin forests. Early accounts tell of deer, bear, wolves, foxes, racoons, beaver, squirrels and rabbits. Furthermore, with many edible berries and nuts available and plenty of fish nearby, one can see why the Indians led a happy, contented life here until the white man came.

Many streams and lakes originally dotted the area. Seaman Creek and the Jerusalem River being the best known. However, periods of drought and the real estate boom have caused drastic changes in Wantagh's appearance. For example, what was once the forest section north of Jerusalem Avenue has been replaced by houses and is now known as Forest City. The Jerusalem River, once large enough for boats and canoes, has become Twin Lakes in one area, whereas, farther north it is only a trickling brook which crosses Jerusalem Avenue.

Add to these changes the filling in of land for Wantagh Parkway and the changes in shore line caused by wind and waves, and one can see why the geography of this area has changed considerably. However, by looking at the majestic trees still lining Wantagh Avenue, the picturesque lakes, and the level land to the north, one can well imagine why early settlers, such as the Seamans and Jacksons, chose to make their homes in this spot.

## GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

Two avid softball fans make a pact. "Whoever dies first will come back from the dead to tell the other whether there are softball games in heaven."

Well, sure enough, one of them dies and goes to heaven. The very next day he returns to visit his friend. He says, "I have good news and bad news. First the good news – there *are* softball games in heaven. In fact there is *always* a softball game going on."

"Great!" says his friend, "But what's the bad news?"

"The bad news is, you're pitching tomorrow!"