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# NOVEMBER 25 MEETING

The November 25 general meeting will present a talk by Tom Watson on the "Historical Sites of Wantagh," based on a recent brochure published by the Society, and will be held in the Community Room of the Wantagh Public Library.

The meeting will begin with the introduction of our speaker, Tom, and his talk. This will be followed by any questions and answers, and then a period of refreshments. Finally, there will be a short business meeting, which will include the installation of our new Officers and Trustees for the 2009 season.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009**

Trustees and Officers of the Society have been elected by the Board of Trustees at their October Meeting, and will be presented for installation during our November Membership Meeting. The trustees elected are Rita Coffey, Sue Wendt, Joan Mallon and Claire Reisert.

Congratulations to these four new trustees, whose five-year terms will end in 2013.

The officers of the Society for 2009 will be: Josh Soren, President; Ellen Cook, First Vice-President, Chris Wendt, Second Vice-President, Dick MacMillan, Corresponding Secretary; and Elaine Yarris, Treasurer. A Recording Secretary was not selected, and is still to be recruited.

## **CAROL SING, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

Each year, the Preservation Society presents its Carol Sing, on the platform of the Wantagh Museum Railroad Station, with the singing of Christmas and Chanukah favorites. This year's Carol Sing is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 14.

The singing will last somewhere between three and thirty minutes, depending on the weather, and we will then retire to the warm Museum for cookies and hot chocolate refreshments.

Festive decorations are being provided by the Paumanake Garden Club, and our railroad car, the Jamaica, will be decorated in Christmas splendor, all ready for your admiration.

#### **Preservation Society Calendar**

Tuesday, November 25, 2008. Membership Meeting in the Community Room of the Wantagh Public Library, 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, November 27, 2008. Thanksgiving.

Sunday, December 14, 2008. Carol Sing, 2:00 P.M. on the platform of the Wantagh Museum Railroad Station.

Tuesday, January 20, 2009. Trustees Meeting in the Museum waiting room, 8:00 P.M.

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# THE INFORMATION WINDOW, 25 YEARS AGO

In 1973, the Information Window was being put out by Marion Hiltonsmith, one of the founders of the Preservation Society. The big item on the front page of the paper was, "Carol Sing."

It started, "Our Annual Carol Sing will be held in Sunday, December23rd, 1973 at 3 P.M., on the Museum Grounds of Wantagh Preservation Society. We invite all our members and friends to join with us to enjoy this annual tradition.

Mr. Thomas Farmer, Director of the Wantagh High School Chorus, will lead the Carol Sing." Sound familiar?

#### The INFORMATION WINDOW

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

It is also available on-line at *www.wantagh.li* along with the Society's event program and all sorts of good things connected with Wantagh.

You are invited to submit articles on items of local historical interest. The editor is Dick MacMillan, (516) 785-3951.

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