

# The Information Window

## Eagle Scout Project

*By Tom Watson, WPS President*

The Wantagh Preservation Society would like to thank Scout Mike Sarlo of Troop #96 for completing his Eagle Scout Project on the Wantagh Museum grounds. A major part of his project was to move the 1885 Outhouse to a more historical position relative to the Railroad station. The Outhouse was located under an overhanging fir tree at the entrance of the museum property and was considered by many visitors to be only a shed or not even noticed at all.

New pilings for the Outhouse were installed near the railroad station platform. Moving (about 100 feet) and placing the outhouse near the south east corner of the railroad station platform will give visitors a true representation of the utility of the structure. The Eagle Scout project included cleaning, scraping and painting the Outhouse and installing a new shaker roof.

Mike was assisted by fellow Scouts, Scout Leaders, friends and family. Frank Freyvogel (owner of FC Freyvogel and Co) donated use of a forklift that was used to move the Outhouse and Richard Bayer (owner of Bay Home Improvements) donated materials and his time for repair of Outhouse roof. Melvin Sanchez of Abbey Rental operated the forklift when the Outhouse was moved to its new location.

The Scouts also enhanced the museum grounds by painting the chain link fence black, repainting the 1930s historical marker and scaling back the ivy overgrowth. Scouts and parents also bravely tackled the cleaning of the dank and extremely dirty museum basement. The Wantagh Preservation Society is truly appreciative of Scout Mike Sarlo for doing his Eagle Scout project at the Wantagh Museum. And many thanks to all those who assisted Mike with his project.

Please visit the Wantagh Museum to see the Outhouse in its new location. 📖

### Top Photo:

*Construction of the new Outhouse foundation. Standing are Mike Sarlo (Eagle Scout Applicant) and his grandfather. On the ground from left to right are John Robert, Frank Freyvogel and Mike Sarlo (father).*

### Middle Photo:

*Boy Scout Justin Roach prepares the outhouse surface for painting.*

### Bottom Photo:

*The newly-restored Outhouse at its new location.*

## Wantagh Preservation Society

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[museum.wantagh.li](http://museum.wantagh.li)

### Next General Meeting:

**October 25, 8:00 PM, at the Wantagh High School, Room 124. Guest speaker Cynthia Kreig from the Freeport Historical Society, will present "Early Movie Stars that lived in Freeport".**

*All are invited to this free event!*



## Wantagh Preservation Society

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at our Autumn Yard Sale!



  
**Museum is  
Open  
Sundays  
From  
2-4 PM**



**Stop by and see our  
newly renovated  
exhibits!**

### New Officers & Trustees for 2012

*At the October trustee meeting, a vote was held for the new officers and trustees for 2012. Those elected (listed below) will be officially sworn in at the November general meeting.*

*President:* Chris Wendt  
*1st Vice President:* Bob Meagher  
*2nd Vice President:* Bob Cook  
*Recording Secretary:* Tom Watson  
*Treasurer:* Wayne Wagner

*New Trustees:* Wayne Wagner, Mary Wagner  
& Carol Poulos



## Restoration of the Jamaica


*By Bob Meagher, WPS Trustee*

Work continues this year on the repair and refurbishing of the Jamaica railroad car that sits on track along side the original Wantagh train station. Time and weather have taken their toll on the parlor car and the initial restoration effort was undertaken some thirty years ago.

Last year under the direction of Jeff Saporito, new material was installed on the metal roof to control the water damage that was sustained to the interior of the car. Once this problem was rectified attention could be given to other areas that needed repair.

This spring Bob Meagher and associates began ripping up the old carpet to inspect the flooring of the parlor car. They found a section of the hallway floor with bad water damage rendering it unsafe to walk on. This was ripped up and replaced with new plywood as a temporary measure. The condition of the walls in this area was also inspected after removing some paneling and found to be in acceptable condition. Since this area was somewhat under construction already, two windows were picked and removed for inspection. Only one window retained its components when removed, the other window fell apart completely.

Luckily, we were able to examine the window we had and figure out how it was constructed and what materials were used. After researching we were able to find a local supplier of Lexan to be used for the window pane material. For safety reasons, glass was not considered although this is probably what the original windows were made of.

Next a skilled friend of Bob's, built a new window which was inspected by the Trustees and accepted as the template for future windows. Recently bids have been gathered from contractors as to the best way to restore the outside of the train car. We are considering sandblasting or peeling the old paint off the car, welding or fixing any corrosion by other means and priming the car before we do any window replacing. Hopefully this can be accomplished before the cold weather sets in. 



*Shoppers of all ages enjoyed the bargains!*

## Autumn Yard Sale a Success!

In spite of the impending weather, the WPS Autumn Yard Sale took place on an overcast Saturday, October 1st. While mother nature was not as cooperative as she has been at past Yard Sales, a hearty group of twenty merchants showed up to greet eager bargain hunters.

By day's end, a total of \$1500 was raised for the WPS. A special thanks to all officers, trustees and society members that lent a hand.



*Nassau County Legislator Dave Denenberg presents a citation to the WPS, during the Autumn Yard Sale. Standing in front of the 1907 Wantagh Post Office are, from left to right: Trustee Joan Mallon, Member Carol Poulos, Recording Secretary Elaine Yarris, Legislator Denenberg, Trustees Ellen Cook and Bob Cook.*

### We Need You! Join or Renew Your Membership!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting museum on a Sunday | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction             |
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Check Membership Level: ☐ Individual. \$10 ☐ Family \$20 ☐ Friend \$30 ☐ Patron \$50 ☐ Fellow \$100

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## A Big Thanks!

For choosing the Wantagh Museum as his Eagle Scout project, a big thanks goes to Michael Sarlo, his family and his friends!