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Wantagh Preservation Society

2012 April/May

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Some of exhibits that
Carol recently renovated
with fellow member
Joan Brauer



Wantagh Preservation
Society's Curator,
Carol Poulos

Wantagh Preservation Society Names Poulos as Curator

Chris Wendt, WPS President

At its March Board of Trustees meeting the Wantagh Preservation Society formally approved creation of the position of Curator, and named Carol Poulos as the first Curator of its collections.

Carol grew up in Wantagh as did her grandmother, who was the blacksmith's daughter. She was always fascinated by stories of old Wantagh. Carol graduated from Wantagh High School and earned a BA in Sociology and Spanish from Quinnipiac College. Genealogy is a favorite hobby and as such, many hours have been spent researching at libraries, courthouses, and historical societies, as well as online. For the past eight years, she has attended a week long genealogy tour in Salt Lake City featuring classes as well as research. During the year, she attends various workshops, webinars and lectures and also works with the Freeport Historical Society in their digitization project. She has been cataloging, scanning and archiving documents in the collection of the Wantagh Preservation Society as well as researching local history in old newspapers and Town Hall records. Carol is currently a Trustee of the Society.

As Curator, Carol will have responsibility and authority for the permanence, relevance, and availability of the Wantagh Museum Collections consisting of historical photographs, writings, documents, furnishings, tools, implements, and other artifacts owned or managed by the Society. In her role, Carol will continue and expand research, scanning, and cataloging the collection, creating a digital archive which will permanently serve the Wantagh community. 📖

Wantagh Preservation Society

1700 Wantagh Avenue (Museum Location)

PO Box 132 (Mailing Address)

Wantagh, Long Island, New York 11793

516.826.8767

museum.wantagh.li

OPEN 7:30 PM
HOUSE to 9:00 PM
DAY Tues
April 24

Wantagh Museum, 1700 Wantagh Ave
All are welcome!

**SPRING
YARD
SALE!**

May 19
10 AM
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Wantagh Preservation Society

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President: Chris Wendt
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The Information Window is the official newsletter of the Wantagh Preservation Society. Your comments, ideas and suggestions are welcome!

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Wantagh Map Error Corrected

Recently, we reported to Google that the Wantagh Museum was misplaced. The search giant promptly replied "Your Google Maps problem report has been reviewed, and you were right! 1700 Wantagh Avenue should be opposite Emeric Ave not Demott Ave. We'll update the map soon and email you when you can see the change. Thanks for helping us to improve Google Maps!"

True to their word, Google now shows the Museum where it belongs! 📖



*The Museum
is now open!*



*stop by and see our
newly renovated
exhibits!*

Pretty maids (not) all in a row

... was the title of a recent Newsday bridal planner cover story that featured a photo captured on Wantagh Museum grounds. The article rebuffed the age-old custom that bridal party ladies must don identical attire. In fact the author went so far as to state that "When the attendants don't all dress alike, the bridal party really begins!" 📖



Photo: Alan Abrams Photography


Landmarks Public Hearing

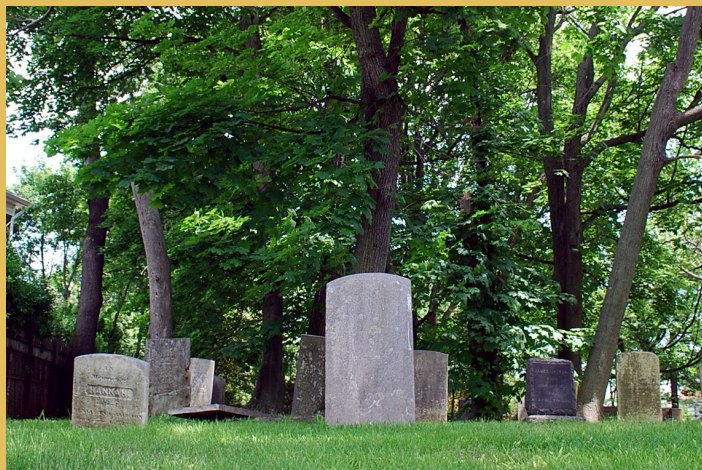
On 2012 March 20, the Town of Hempstead Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) formally scheduled a public hearing for the Wantagh Preservation Society (WPS) "Application for Landmark Designation" for Wantagh's Jackson Cemetery.

The LPC public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, 2012 June 19, at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall complex, located at 1 Washington Street and 350 Front Street in Hempstead.

Established in 1744, the cemetery contains the confirmed graves of 63 descendants of Robert Jackson. He, along with Captain John Seaman, traveled from Stamford, Connecticut and founded Wantagh. In mid-December of 1643, they purchased the area now known as Wantagh from local Native American tribes. This land purchase was legally recorded in the Indian Deed of 1643, according to former Hempstead Town Historian Dr. Myron H. Luke, writing in Hempstead Town in Colonial Times.

According to Cemeteries of Old Wantagh, two veterans are confirmed as being buried in the Jackson Cemetery. One is Thomas Jackson (1754 December 24 - 1842 November 23), who served in the Continental Army's 4th Line and 2nd New York Regiments during the American Revolution. The other veteran is US Army Brigadier General Jacob Seaman Jackson (1763 May 22 - 1829 January 28), who served during the War of 1812.

If the LPC votes on June 19 to recommend that the Town Board consider the WPS application, the Town Board will, as per Town Code, conduct its own public hearing on the application within 90 days of the date of the LPC's recommendation. 




The Jackson Cemetery is one step closer to becoming landmarked. Located just north of the St. Frances de Chantal Roman Catholic Church on Wantagh Avenue, it is Wantagh's oldest cemetery.

Seaford Community Rummage

Come one, come all! Our friends at the Seaford Historical Society and the Seaford Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a Community Rummage, Treasures and Crafts Sale on Sunday, May 6th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Seaford Historical Museum located on Waverly Avenue in Seaford, across from the Seaford Fire Department.

They're looking for individuals or vendors who would be interested in renting a space. The rain date will be Sunday, May 20th. If you are interested in renting a space for a nominal fee, please contact Alice Soliwoda at 516-785-7449 for more information. Spots are available on a first come, first serve basis.

There will be something for everyone! 



**Be a part of the
Wantagh Preservation Society!**
Join your friends and neighbors.
Scan or click the QR code or fill
out the coupon below.



We Need You! Join or Renew Your Membership!

Name: _____
Street: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ New ☐ Renew ☐
Email: _____

I'd like to help with:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening & Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Meeting planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Publication & Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting museum on a Sunday | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Check Membership Level: ☐ Individual. \$10 ☐ Family \$20 ☐ Friend \$30 ☐ Patron \$50 ☐ Fellow \$100

Please Make Checks Payable To: Wantagh Preservation Society PO Box 132 Wantagh, NY 11793

Spring Yard Sale, Saturday, May 19

The Wantagh Preservation Society is again holding a "Spring Yard Sale," on Saturday, May 19th, from 10:00 AM to 4 PM (rain date is Sunday, May 20th). If you have sale articles but do not wish to rent space, you may donate them to the Preservation Society table.

All vendors must complete the application below and send it with a check made out to the Wantagh Preservation Society in advance of the event. Vendors who have not pre-registered will no longer be accepted the day of the event.

Publicity for the Spring Yard Sale will be carried in local newspapers and posters will be displayed around the community.

The Spring Yard Sale is held on the grounds of the Wantagh Museum, on the west side of Wantagh Avenue, opposite Emeric Avenue, between Sunrise Highway and the Southern State Parkway.

Vendor's set-up time is from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM, and cars being driven onto the grounds to deliver merchandise must be left in the rented \$35 space. Please note that you will not be able to drive a car onto the museum grounds and then drive out after unloading. All cars must be left in a \$35 space – this is a change from previous events.

You must leave your car on the Museum grounds until the end of the sale. Vendors provide their own tables and must remove their unsold items and refuse after the sale. They also agree not to leave before the normal closing hour of 4:00 P.M.

The rental fee for one space with car that is approximately ten feet wide is \$35.00 and an additional space is \$25.00 (\$35.00 if an additional car is to be left in a space). Spaces vary in depth and the amount of shade and will be assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. There are no space reservations in advance. No refunds will be made except for rejections. 📖



Our last yard sale was a tremendous success! Whether you're buying or selling, join us again for a great time and great bargains!

2012 "Spring Yard Sale" APPLICATION FORM

Applications will be accepted as long as space permits. Arrival time is 7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. No food or beverage can be sold by vendors. Vendors must supply their own tables. Vendors must remove their unsold items and refuse. In the event of a rain cancellation on the rain date no refunds will be issued. If you agree with these terms, submit the form below with your check, payable to "Wantagh Preservation Society" and mail to "P.O. Box 132, Wantagh, NY 11793-0132."

NAME: (Please print) _____

ADDRESS: _____ TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ NUMBER OF \$35 SPACES: _____ NUMBER OF \$25 SPACES: _____

E-MAIL: _____ (contact for future events)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED @ \$35.00 PER SPACE W/ CAR and \$25.00 PER ADDITIONAL SPACE: _____

I agree to remain until closing time, 4:00 P.M. SIGNATURE: _____