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Eagle Scout Project

By Karen Chowske, WPS Trustee

The Wantagh Preservation Society would like to thank Scout Richie Monaco of Troop #96 for completing his Eagle Scout Project at the Wantagh Museum this month. Richie coordinated and supervised his fellow Scouts, Scout leaders, friends and family as they worked to clear the trail that runs through the woods from the Museum to the Wantagh Parkway foot/bicycle path. Weeds and overgrowth were removed from the trail's entrance and exit. Adults used chain saws to cut through fallen trees that blocked the trail. Bushes were cut back and the trail was raked and cleared of trash and debris. The trees and bushes removed were then chipped by the adults using a chipper. The resulting mulch was spread on the trail to level out uneven areas. Finally, holes were dug at the trail's entrance and exit. Signs that Richie fabricated for the trail were cemented into these holes.

*New Shelf Construction in the
Museum Basement*



Richie's Project also involved cleaning out part of the Museum's basement. Shelving units that Richie helped to purchase were assembled and installed along the wall of the basement. The installation included attaching the shelving units to the ceiling to stabilize them.

Wantagh dad Ralph Vaiano (owner of In the Green Landscaping) donated his time as well as the use of the chain saws and chipper. Wantagh Mom, Joyce Sarlo (whose son Michael did his Eagle Scout project at the Museum a year ago), purchased coffee and donuts for everyone during the shelving installation. Several local businesses, including the Wantagh 5 & 10, Starbucks, Prince

Umberto's and Target, donated funds or items toward the project. Richie also held a fundraiser at Wendy's to help raise funds for the project.

Stop by the Museum and take a walk on the trail. It's easy to find, just look for the new sign! 📖



*Scout Richie Monaco of Troop #96 with fellow Scouts,
Scout leaders, friends and family as they clear the trail*



Richie Monaco with the entire entourage

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ General Meeting, October 23 at 7:30 PM at the Wantagh Library, featuring the lecture "The Campgrounds" by Lawrence Garfinkel.
- ◆ Trustee Meeting, November 13 at 7:35 PM at the Wantagh Museum
- ◆ General Meeting, November 27, 7:30 PM at the Wantagh High School, featuring the lecture "Jackson Family of Jerusalem/The-Brush/Wantagh"

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suggestions are welcome!*

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A Special Thanks to our friends at

Iavarone Brothers

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**Museum is
Open
Sundays
From 2-4 PM,
until November 11**



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

New Officers & Trustees for 2013

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

President: Bob Meagher
1st Vice President: Karen Chowske
2nd Vice President: Bob Cook
Recording Secretary: Tom Watson
Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Yarris
Treasurer: Wayne Wagner

New Trustee: Robert Leuchtman

Reelected Trustees: Elaine Yarris, Chris Wendt

Wantagh Preservation Society

Town Board Public Hearing

Date: Jackson Cemetery


Landmarking

The Town of Hempstead Town Board is scheduled to hold a public hearing during its Tuesday, November 13, 10:30 AM regular meeting, to act on the Town Landmarks Preservation Commission's (LPC's) recommendation that the Town legislature formally approve the Wantagh Preservation Society's "Application for Landmark Designation," for Wantagh's Jackson Cemetery.

Established in 1744, the cemetery contains the confirmed graves of 63 descendants of Robert Jackson. He, along with Captain John Seaman, traveled from Stamford, Conn. and founded this community. In December of 1643, they purchased the area now known as Wantagh from local Native-American tribes. This land transaction was legally documented 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 Dec 24 - 1842 Nov 23), who served during the American Revolution in the Continental Army's 4th Line and 2nd New York Regiments. The second is US Army Brigadier General Jacob Seaman Jackson (1763 May 22 - 1829 Jan 28), who served at that rank during the War of 1812.

At the conclusion of its own 2012 June 19, public hearing, the LPC passed a resolution, by a 5-0 vote, recommending that the Town Board formally approve the WPS application to landmark the cemetery.

The WPS filed its application with the Town of Hempstead to landmark this site on 2011 May 11. The Jackson Cemetery is located on the east side of Wantagh Avenue, immediately north of St. Frances De Chantal RC Church (1309 Wantagh Avenue), and directly across the street from the King Kullen Supermarket (1340 Wantagh Avenue). 



St. Matthias Ministries treated the WPS Trustees to a guided tour of their 1904 church building

A Guided Tour Back to 1904

The officers, trustees and members of the Wantagh Preservation Society were invited by the congregation of St. Matthias Ministries, Inc. to participate in a guided tour of their 1904 church building, hosted by Jackson family and other members of the congregation.

The tour took place Saturday, 2012 September 8, during the organization's Community Festival. The festival featured a flea market, barbeque lunches, and later, a rock concert.

A warm thanks to the St. Matthias Ministries for their gracious and enlightening tour of their historical church!



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Autumn Yard Sale a Success!

By Elaine Yarris, WPS Trustee

The weather was cool but spirits were high and we had a very successful day. In all, twenty-seven vendors joined the sale with everything from Halloween decorations, jewelry and collectibles. Two young girls crafted handmade scarfs and kindly donated all proceeds to Cancer Care.

Courageous cats had two adorable kittens for adoption and Wilma's Orphans was collecting donations to rescue dogs. We sold out of homemade brownies and crumb cake baked by Karen Chowske and our franks, donated by Iavarone Brothers, were a big hit. The Homecoming Parade passed right by the Museum and was a delight. Many thanks to the Trustees who worked so hard to make this event a success. 📖

