

The Information Window

Virtual British Invasion

By Jim Colotti, WPS Trustee

The musical excitement of the 1960's recently came to life on a cool summer afternoon. Donned in authentic costumes "The Mystery Tour" reproduced the look and sound of Beatlemania, crooning to the crowd with a wide spectrum of Beatle favorites.

"I Saw Her Standing There", "A Hard Day's Night" and other Ed-Sullivan era tunes opened the show. The journey continued into the psychedelic Sargent Pepper phase with favorites like "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds". The show concluded with the Abbey Road period that included the tunes "Carry That Weight" and "Here Comes The Sun".

The pseudo fab four (technically fab five including Billy Preston's stand-in on keys) have been performing for more than a decade. Inspired as kids growing up in the 1960's, this Connecticut quintet consists of Ken Alba as Paul, Dave Allen as John, Dave Wenzel as George, Jon Peckman as Ringo and Greg Harris on keys to complete the acoustical ambiance e.g. the lush strings on "Golden Slumbers" and the bright trumpet solo of "Penny Lane".

The show concluded with "One After 909" an appropriately-themed tune for the Jamaica, which is undergoing renovation. A special thanks to the Friends of the Wantagh Library that co-sponsored this event with the Wantagh Preservation Society. 📖



The Mystery Tour performs Beatle favorites on the Wantagh Museum grounds on 2013 August 4



Ken Alba (left) on bass with Dave Allen (right) on guitar



Percussion provided by Jon Peckman

Scan or click the QR code for more photos.



Wantagh Preservation Society

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Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Trustee Meeting, September 3 at 7:30 PM at Wantagh Museum.
- ◆ Trustee Meeting, October 1 at 7:30 PM at Wantagh Museum.
- ◆ Autumn Community Yard Sale, October 19 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Wantagh Museum (rain date is Sunday, October 20).
- ◆ General Meeting, October 22 at 7:30 PM at Wantagh Library

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We hope you enjoy our newsletter. Your comments, ideas and suggestions are welcome!

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Nassau County Legislator Dave Denenberg with a few officers, trustees and members of the Wantagh Preservation Society during the Beatles Tribute concert (story on page 1)



***Museum is now
open on
Sundays
2 PM - 4 PM***



***More renovations are
underway!***

Attention: WHS Class of 1963

The 50th reunion of Wantagh High School class of 1963 is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 7 PM to Midnight at the Sheraton Long Island in Hauppauge. There will be unlimited drinks, cocktail hour, buffet dinner, DJ, dancing, favors and lots of fun! Admission is only \$90 a person.

Please send your check to:
Class of 63 Reunion
714 Balfour Place - Melville, NY 11747

The hotel will provide a free shuttle to and from Macarthur airport and the Ronkonkoma train station. When booking, ask for a reunion, AARP or AAA rate. Their phone is 631.231.1100.

Email any questions to: rehcet@gmail.com

If you're from WHS class of '63, you have to be there. Our reunions are always fun and this one promises to be great! We all know it means nothing without our classmates. It doesn't matter how you look, as long as you've got a smile.

Sincerely,

The Wantagh Class of 1963 Committee

Mary Beckoff Williams, Karen Evans Schertz, Marie Douglas Pettersen, Tom Krulder, Fran Lehman Teicher 📖

President's Message

By Bob Meagher, WPS President

During the summer months, the society takes on a slower pace, but we're still moving forward with various projects and events for the Wantagh community.

One event we are particularly excited about was the musical show held Sunday, August 4th at the museum. The society and the Friends of the Wantagh Library were happy to present, "The Mystery Tour", a Beatles Tribute Band. Many spectators brought chairs or blankets and listened to the music of the famous fab four! The museum was open before and after the show, and the Jamaica, which is under renovation, was partially open for viewing.

In other news, society member Jeff Sapprito installed the floor on the original Wantagh Post Office. Hopefully this project will be near completion in time for our Autumn Community Yard Sale on October 19.

Recent sandblasting of the Jamaica train is complete, and will be closely followed by painting of a primer base coat. The exhibit display project continues inside the museum and screen doors went up to let in the breeze while keeping the bugs out!

Last June the Society launched its very own Facebook page. Under the direction of Jim, Carol and Karen the page has been setup as a historical forum for anyone interested in Wantagh's past. To date the WPS Facebook group has over 150 members. Its not just local people visiting, but folks from all over the country. Some of the contributed photos were seldom seen in the past, and member comments add important historical value.

Did you see our group march by on the 4th of July parade? It was a beautiful, hot day and large crowds turned out for Wantagh's parade. Afterwards the tired marchers met at Bob and Ellen Cook's house, along with the DAR for a fine lunch and cool drinks. It was a great day! 📖



WPS Trustees and Members march in Wantagh's Independence Day Parade on July 4th

Wantagh Preservation Society on Facebook

By Carol Poulos, Curator

The Wantagh Preservation Society is now on Facebook. The group is for anyone interested in Wantagh's history. If you have stories about old Wantagh or photos to share, or if you are just curious about the way Wantagh used to be, this group is for you. You do not need to be a member of Wantagh Preservation Society to join this group, although we certainly welcome anyone to join us. The page features photos and news of Wantagh Preservation Society events. It also includes old photos, maps and links to historical newspaper articles. The page was launched last June and now has over 150 members. If you are a Facebook member, please check us out.

The WPS Facebook page is available at:
www.facebook.com/groups/WantaghPreservationSociety

Wantagh Preservation Society wishes to thank Ann Long Cattani for her donation of framed artwork featuring paintings of the old Congregational Church, the old firehouse, gristmill and school; a decoupage of the 1885 Wantagh railroad station, and assorted notecards with the same designs. These were all created by Rosalind Heitzman, who was a well-known local artist. 📖

Renew your membership today for 2013!

✂ We Need You! Join or Renew Your Membership!

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

I'd like to help with:

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| <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

Coming Soon: Autumn Community Yard Sale!

By Bob Cook, Second Vice President

The Wantagh Preservation Society is again holding an "Autumn Community Yard Sale," to be held on Saturday, 2013 October 19, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (rain date is Sunday, October 20).


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. If you have sale articles but do not wish to rent space, you may donate them to the Preservation Society table.

Publicity for the Autumn Community Yard Sale will be carried in local newspapers and posters will be displayed around the community. The Autumn Community 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 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 PM.

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. All vendors must send in their application form and check in advance of the event. Again, vendors who have not pre-registered will no longer be accepted the day of the event.

Merchandise of all sorts, including old and new items, crafts and antiques are acceptable. No food or beverage can be sold by vendors. Merchandise must be displayed on tables or on the ground behind the white space markers and within the rented areas. While personal radios are acceptable, there shall be no public address systems.

For more information about the rain date on Sunday, October 20, call the Yard Sale Chair Person, Elaine Yarris at (516) 785-0761 or email Elaine at elainetybooks@optonline.net. 

2013 "Autumn Community " Application Form

Applications will be accepted as long as space permits. Arrival time is 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM. 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 "PO 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 PM Signature: _____