



# The Information Window

## Wantagh Artifact Excitement

By Carol Poulos, WPS Curator

The Wantagh Preservation Society received some very exciting donations since our last newsletter. Karen McGloin Knapp sent a large box containing photos, maps, blueprints, newspaper clippings, and assorted ephemera related to Wantagh. She had the Daily News from Aug 1954 with a cover story about the jet crash on Denver Road with a photograph by William Stafford, age 12, of Wantagh. The donation was made in memory of her mother, Frances McGloin, who owned the items. She was one of the founding members of the Wantagh Preservation Society and a Trustee.

Ted & Nancy Wiebel donated an 1890 barber's chair that was used in Verity's Barber Shop on Grove Street in Wantagh. Their father, Ted used it when he worked there as a barber. They also donated 14 boxes of slides taken by their father of old Wantagh and Wantagh folks. Back in the 1960's and 1970's, Ted went to the homes of older residents with his 35mm camera and took photos of their pictures. That was the way to do it in the days before scanners, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his work. These slides are currently being scanned. Ted & Nancy also donated some maps and blueprints.



Verity's  
Barber Shop Chair

James & Charlotte Korines allowed us to scan old photos, newspaper clippings and a 1947 Sunrise Park School graduation program. The Korines family owned a luncheonette on Railroad Avenue and Moby Dick's Restaurant on Sunrise Highway. James shared memories of growing up in Wantagh, the businesses and organizations in town.

Harry Loud of the Wantagh Fire Department loaned us a box of 5" x 7" prints and a few larger photos to scan. The photographs date from the early days of the Fire Department to the late 1960's.

Former Wantagh Residents Bob & Jane Atkinson paid us a visit at the museum recently. They surprised us with several photos, an old postal scale and a 1942 Yellow Book for our collection.

Bill Jeffrey, another former Wantagh resident, has been busy scanning old photos in his collection. He has emailed us a few gems and is not through working on photos in his suitcase! Thank you all for your donations and assistance!

If you have any old Wantagh items, photographs or stories that you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. 📖



Treasurer Wayne Wagner (left) and President Bob Meagher (right) preparing the museum for the new artifact arrivals



Group of Young Wantagh Men  
Photo provided by Bill Jeffrey

## Wantagh Preservation Society

1700 Wantagh Avenue (Museum Location)  
PO Box 132 (Mailing Address)  
Wantagh, Long Island, New York 11793

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

### Upcoming Events:

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Trustee Meeting, November 5 at 7:30 PM at Wantagh Museum.
- ◆ Open House at Wantagh Museum, December 8 from 2:00-4:00 PM



# Wantagh Preservation Society

## Elected Officers

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

## Appointed Officers

*Curator:* Carol Poulos  
*Newsletter Editor:* Jim Colotti

## Trustees

Ellen Cook  
Joan Mallon  
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Mary Wagner

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

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*The Spy Ring map from the Long Island North Shore Heritage Area, LINSHA. For a full-size version, please scan or click the QR code to the right.*



***Museum is  
open on  
Sundays, 2 PM - 4 PM  
until November 10***



***More renovations are  
underway!***

## Was Wantagh Involved with the Culper Spy Ring?

George Washington requested that Benjamin Tallmadge form the Culper Spy Ring during the summer of 1778. The purpose of the ring was to gather intelligence in New York City, the heart of British operations, and pass this information on to Washington. An elaborate system of riders and couriers was established who used aliases, a coded dictionary and invisible ink to pass on messages.

Was this operation confined to Long Island's north shore or could Wantagh have been involved? A modern day appliance can help you unravel this two-century old enigma. Thanks to the Long Island North Shore Heritage Area, (LINSHA), a cell phone is the only tool you need to unlock the hidden secrets of the Culper Spy Ring.



Follow in their footsteps and learn about the impact these courageous people had on winning the American Revolution.

Call 631-498-4740 and follow the prompts. To learn more about the Long Island North Shore Heritage Area, please visit their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/LINSHA.org](http://www.facebook.com/LINSHA.org)



## Another Good Reason to be a WPS Volunteer

It's been well-known that volunteering for the Wantagh Preservation Society is a rewarding experience. But now, this gratifying involvement has health benefits! The following article, written by Jennifer Laaser and published in the Journal Sentinel, explains.

*Volunteering linked with lower blood pressure in seniors, study finds: Logging lots of volunteer hours may reduce risk of hypertension in older adults, according to a new study from researchers at Carnegie Mellon University.*

*Researcher Rodlescia Sneed reported that in a study of 1,654 older adults, those who volunteered 200 or more hours in the previous year (approximately 4 hours per week) were significantly less likely to develop hypertension than those who volunteered less or did not volunteer at all.*

*Hypertension, more commonly referred to as high blood pressure, increases the heart's workload, and is associated with increased risk of heart attack and stroke. While Sneed's study didn't explicitly show that volunteering causes lower hypertension risk, she did find that the two were related even when she controlled for the overall health of the study participants.*

*Exactly why volunteering reduces hypertension risk isn't clear, but Sneed thinks volunteer work might help older adults stay active, and to develop meaningful relationships which help reduce their overall stress. If so, encouraging older adults to get involved in volunteer activities might be an effective way to improve their health without resorting to treatments like prescription drugs.*

Interested in lowering your blood pressure? Contact WPS president Bob Meagher (bob.meagher@gmail.com) and let him know that you're ready to contribute to our great community and get healthy at the same time! 📖



Graphite drawing created by Joanna Sugar in memory of her grandfather, Joseph R Sugar

## Trumpet Tribute

By Mary Wagner, WPS Trustee

Wantagh Preservation member Clara Sugar donated a graphite drawing to the Wantagh Preservation Society. Clara's granddaughter, Joanna Sugar, created this artwork in memory of her grandfather, Joseph R Sugar, a Wantagh resident, who was a music educator and past president of the New York State Music Association (NYSSMA). Joseph Sugar was also the Master of Ceremonies at the Fourth of July Parade festivities at the Wantagh Preservation Society for many years.

The artwork was created by Joanna in her senior year as part of her Drawing Portfolio. The work is now a part of the Wantagh Preservation's permanent collection.

Some of Clara's family also live in Wantagh including her son Thomas (a music teacher and notable choral musician), her daughter-in-law Vanna and her granddaughter Summer. 📖

**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:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <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**



*"Preservation with a Purpose."*

## 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 in order to guarantee a spot. Vendors who have not pre-registered will be accepted the day of the event only if there is availability. 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 in order to guarantee a spot.

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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_