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MEETING NOTICE

The Society's program for May 2003 will be a discussion by Bob Miller of the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, a fore-runner of today's parkways and interstates, and certainly an enduring landmark in many of our Long Island communities. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Wantagh Library on Tuesday, May 27 at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting will begin with a short business meeting, in which the Society's committees will report their current activities, and then adjourn to the program by Bob Miller.

Following the meeting, our Hospitality Committee will provide refreshments. If you'd like to help with a cake or cookies, call Theresa Donahue at (516) 221-2152. 📖

MOVIE NIGHT

Old-time movies are a great attraction for several groups; the original viewers, who saw them in real movie houses back in the days when ten cents was the entrance fee – then the viewers of early television, who saw “re-runs” of them during the times when Uncle Miltie wasn't on.

The Society is fortunate to have as one of its members Gregg Hammond, who is one of the “Sons of the Desert,” a fan club devoted especially to the Laurel and Hardy movies.

Come at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 19 with a lawn chair and enjoy our old-time movies on the back lawn of the Museum. 📖

MAGIC SHOW

Tuesday, August 19 is the magic day, with a Magic Show at the Wantagh Museum in the morning at 10:30 A.M., featuring magician Robert McEntee – this is mainly for kids, but grown-ups will have fun, too. There will be prizes and refreshments for the kids, and a tour through the Museum's special car, the “Jamaica.” 📖

THE SUMMER PROGRAM

Since the summer season is coming, our regular Library meetings will take a vacation. August 19 is the next program time, with our summer Magic Show at 10:30 A.M., and our Movie Night at our regular 8:00 P.M. meeting time, both at the Wantagh Museum. Library meetings will resume in the fall.



Preservation Society Calendar

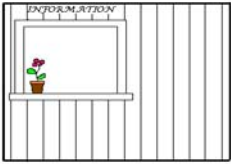
Tuesday, May 27: Membership Meeting, “Vanderbilt Motor Parkway,” in the meeting room of the Wantagh Library, 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, June 17: Trustees meet in the waiting room of the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 19: Magic Show at the Wantagh Museum Campus, 10:30 A.M.

Tuesday, August 19: Outdoor Movie Meeting at the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, Sept. 9: Trustees in the waiting room of the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M. 📖



THE INFORMATION WINDOW

OF THE WANTAGH PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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MUSEUM NOW OPEN


The Wantagh Museum will be open to the public beginning Sunday, June 1, and all Sundays during the summer. The regular hours will be from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. A docent (host) will be there to explain the exhibits in both the Museum and the Observation Car, "Jamaica."

Those who would like to volunteer as hosts should contact Gregg Hammond at (516) 826-8374.

GARAGE SALE


The Society's Spring "Garage Sale" was held on its original schedule on Saturday, May 3. The weather was "iffy" right up til that morning, but the day turned out to be a cool and pleasant spring day.

We had 45 vendors who brought the promised variety of good things, and most people went home with something – not new, exactly – but something they couldn't have found anywhere else.

Thanks to Christine Marzigliano for managing things so nicely, and to the Board of Trustees for making it an interesting and pleasant day for the customers, and a profitable one for our vendors. 

THE INFORMATION WINDOW

The *Information Window* is a publication of the Wantagh Preservation Society, and is published preceding its monthly Membership Meetings.

The Editor of the *Information Window* is Dick MacMillan, at (516) 785-3951. Articles and notices are invited on subjects of local interest. 

MUSEUM CHARTER

The original charter of the Wantagh Preservation Society was set up by Nassau County in 1973, and signed by County Executive Ralph Caso and the Society's then President, John Form. Check it out.

WHEREAS, the SOCIETY has as its purpose the preservation of the historical heritage of Wantagh including the restoration and preservation of the Wantagh Railroad Station; and

WHEREAS, the SOCIETY, by action of its Board of Trustees on February 15, 1972, presented the Railroad Station Building to the County of Nassau and confirmed such action by letter dated February 21, 1972 to the Nassau County Museum; and

WHEREAS, the SOCIETY is desirous of leasing from the COUNTY the railroad station building and a certain parcel of land on the west side of Wantagh Avenue, opposite Emeric Avenue, Wantagh, New York (the use of such grounds to be on a non-exclusive basis), to be used solely as a public museum and historic site; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is the owner of the above described premises which park area contains the Railroad Station building and is desirous of fostering, encouraging and assisting the SOCIETY in carrying out the above purposes in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 12 of Section 224 of the County Government Law and for the benefit of and in furtherance of the interest of the people of Nassau County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:

1. The COUNTY hereby grants to the SOCIETY the right to the exclusive use of the railroad station building and, on a non-exclusive basis, the use of the immediate adjacent and surrounding grounds and woodland area, which the County may make available for museum purposes to other groups or individuals upon sixty (60) days notice to the SOCIETY said station building and grounds situated on Wantagh Avenue in Wantagh, New York. 