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## NOVEMBER MEETING

The November Meeting will be on November 25 at 8:00 P.M. in the meeting room of the Wantagh Library. We will have a slide show on Theodore Roosevelt by Wayne Wagner.

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

Following the meeting, as usual, our Hospitality Committee will provide refreshments appropriate for the Thanksgiving season. If you'd like to help with refreshments, call Theresa Donahue at (516) 221-2151. 📖

## SWEARING IN OFFICERS FOR 2004

At our November Meeting, Dave Denenberg has been invited to swear in the Society's Officers and Trustees for 2004. Our new President will be Jeff Saporito, the first and second Vice Presidents will be Joshua Soren and Harry Strole. Recording Secretary will be Elaine Yarris; Corresponding Secretary will be Dick MacMillan, and Sue Hammond will be the Treasurer. 📖

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WANTAGH-SEAFORD CITIZEN

There will be a reception celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wantagh-Seaford Citizen on Saturday, December 6, from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the Wantagh Public Library. All readers are invited to the festivities to congratulate the staff and publisher, and to help them partake of the refreshments. 📖

## CAROL SING AND TREE LIGHTING

At 2:00 P.M. on the afternoon of Sunday, December 7, the Preservation Society will hold its annual Carol Sing at the Wantagh Museum. We'll sing all the old familiar carols, and perhaps a few new ones, and enjoy some Christmas solos.

After we are all inspired by the musical program (and possibly chilled a little as well) we will troop into the Museum for hot chocolate and cookies and warm conversation.

Then at 4:00 P.M., the Wantagh Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual tree-lighting ceremony, lighting up the big spruce tree in front of the Museum, and providing more warm refreshments. A big day all around.

Decorations of the Museum and grounds will be by the Society, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Paumanake Garden Club. 📖



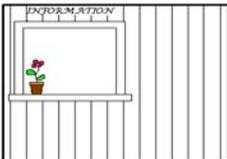
## Preservation Society Calendar

**Tuesday, November 25:** Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Library, 8:00 P.M.

**Sunday, December 7:** Carol Sing at the Wantagh Museum, 2:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, January 20, 2004:** Trustees Meeting at the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, January 27, 2004:** Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Library, 8:00 P.M. 📖



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## TO JOIN OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP

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                  Friend \$25   Patron \$50   Fellow \$100

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## MUSEUM OPEN ONLY BY SPECIAL REQUEST

The Wantagh Museum dropped its summer hours at the end of October, reverting to our winter schedule, with the Museum open only by special request. Groups may schedule visits by calling Gregg Hammond at (516) 826-8374.

## INTERNET

The Wantagh Preservation Society is on the Web at [www.wantagh.li](http://www.wantagh.li), which covers Wantagh stuff. Check it out for weather, tide tables, and other local resources, as well as the Preservation Society news. There is even a membership form for those who would like to join or renew their membership.

## FRUIT SALE

The "sale" part of our Annual Fruit Sale is over now, and the fruit is at our museum for distribution. You can pick up your order on Thursday, November 20 or Friday, November 21 at 3:00 to 5:00 or 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Most everyone has been notified by phone. For special pickups, call (516) 785-3951.

## 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.

## WANTAGH 1939

Here's an essay on transportation in Wantagh, from an advertising booklet describing the "Wantagh village." In addition to descriptions of Wantagh's many services, it contains all sorts of ads to entice those who "live in our village, own property here or have business establishments here." Things seemed pretty good for commuters 64 years ago!

### Transportation

"The Montauk Division of the Long Island Railroad runs from east to west through the approximate middle of the village, and its electric train service includes 33 trains each way daily. The running time is about 55 minutes to Penn Station, or to the Flatbush Avenue terminal. Commuter's trains make it in three or four minutes less, and run at intervals of from 15 minutes to a half-hour.

"The regular fare either way to or from Penn Station is 70 cents, and 60 cents to Flatbush Avenue. The monthly commutation rate is \$11.94 to Penn Station and \$9.74 to Flatbush Avenue. The weekly commutation rate is \$3.30 to Penn Station and \$2.70 to Flatbush Avenue.

"There are bus line connections to villages east and west and to Hempstead. The frequency of service varies with the time of day and the season; the average being about one hour.

"Wantagh Avenue at the Station Plaza is the bus terminal for Hempstead and points west of Wantagh, and buses going eastward on the Merrick Road will take on passengers at street intersections. Local taxis meet the regular trains.

"During the summer, buses to and from Jones Beach make scheduled connections with regular trains at Wantagh Station, the running time being from 20 to 30 minutes, and bus fare is 15 cents one way and 25 cents round trip. Special holiday and week-end excursion trains transfer their passengers also at Wantagh Station, the round trip fare from the city to Jones Beach and back being \$1.45. The number of week-end excursionists varies from 5,000 to over 10,000 each week."