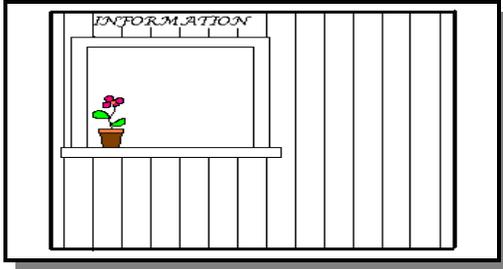


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## SEPTEMBER 28 MEETING

Our September Membership Meeting will be held at 8:00 P.M. in the general purpose room of the Wantagh Public Library. The subject is the *General Slocum Disaster*, presented by Ken Leib. Ken is a Wantagh resident and the President of the General Slocum Memorial Association. His lecture will cover the *General Slocum* ferryboat fire of 1904, which claimed the lives of over a thousand passengers.

After the meeting our refreshment committee will provide coffee and other good things. If you'd like to help with donations of cookies or cake, call Theresa Donahue at (516) 221-2152. 

## TRASH AND TREASURES

Our annual Trash & Treasures Sale is planned for Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 to 4:00, and many vendors have signed up for spaces. There will be a little bit of something for everyone, refreshments and all, and we'll have a grand time.

If you've missed signing up, call Dick MacMillan at (516) 785-3951 for information, or show up at 7:30 on

## HAMMONDS AT HOME

Sue and Gregg Hammond are safely established in their new Texas home. If you'd like to send them congratulations, here's the address:

Sue and Gregg Hammond  
6931 Evening Shade Lane  
Arlington, Texas 76002

## ANNUAL FRUIT SALE IN OCTOBER

This October we will again be taking orders for ripe, juicy, seedless navel oranges, tangelos and delicious "Ruby Red" grapefruit. The week before Thanksgiving they will be delivered by truck directly from the Florida grove to our Museum on Wantagh Avenue – just in time to be shared with your friends and relatives on Thanksgiving weekend.

Of course, this year's Hurricanes in Florida may limit our selection a little, or affect our prices, but Hale Groves, our grower, is optimistic about supplies.

If you are on either our regular mailing list, or our "fruit" mailing list, you'll be getting a flyer in the mail with details on the sale and an order form to mail in. 



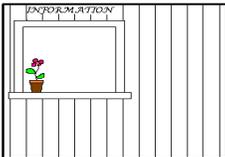
## Preservation Society Calendar

**Tuesday, September 14:** Trustees Meeting at the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M.

**Saturday, September 18:** Trash & Treasures Show on the Museum Grounds, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, September 28:** Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Library, 8:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, October 19:** Trustees Meeting at the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M. 



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## TO JOIN OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP

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## MUSEUM OPEN FOR SUMMER

The Wantagh Museum is still on its summer schedule, and is open from 2 to 4 Sunday afternoons.

We do need more volunteers to act as hosts at the museum. If you would like to volunteer as a host, call Donald Warner at (516) 826-6631, and he will be glad

## MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE

An anonymous donor has given the Society a grant of \$1,250.00, on the condition that matching gifts are received. This comes at a time that the Society's funds are under considerable stress, and is most welcome.

Members and others are encouraged to make matching gifts to enable us to receive this grant. Be sure to mark your gifts with "Matching Gift" so that our treasurer can tally them against the challenge grant.

## INTERNET ACCESS

The Wantagh Preservation Society is on the Web at [www.wantagh.li](http://www.wantagh.li), which covers Wantagh stuff in general

### THE INFORMATION WINDOW

The *Information Window* is a publication of the Wantagh Preservation Society, and is published preceding its monthly Membership Meetings. The Editor is Dick MacMillan, (516) 785-3951.

## HOW WANTAGH BEGAN

*Here's part of a "BRIEF HISTORY OF WANTAGH," taken from the 1958 Church Directory of the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church. It tells how the first settlers, Seamans and Jacksons, settled in what was then called "Jerusalem."*

Few people realize that Wantagh is 314 years old. It was in 1644 that a body of sturdy peace-loving English people crossed the sound from Stamford, Connecticut to settle here on Long Island.

The Puritans had left England to settle in Connecticut in 1635. A group of these Puritans under Rev. Richard Denton disagreed with the principles of the Stamford Church and sought refuge elsewhere. Capt. John Seaman and Roger Jackson went ahead to find their new homes. After completing their transactions with the Mericoke and Massapequa Indians they returned to bring the rest of their followers to settle on the plains of Hempstead. The deeds for the purchase of the land were witnessed by "Wantagh – the Montauk Sachem," chief of Long Island.

Capt. Seaman seems to have been the leader of the colony by the position that he held. The first house was built on a spot some rods south of the old Friends Cemetery on Wantagh Avenue, just south of the Southern State Parkway. He had eight sons and daughters. The family was of early Danish origin. Its crest was "A Sea Horse" and motto, "We make our name known by our deeds."

Robert Jackson was equally prominent in town affairs. He built his house on Wantagh Avenue south of the Seaman home. At that time [Wantagh Avenue] was only a lane connecting the two houses. They were eight miles from their nearest neighbor.

The first roads were Jerusalem Lane, corresponding to our North Jerusalem Avenue, Seaman's Neck Path, now East Broadway, and Half Neck Path, which ran down to the bay on a route near the sites of our present schools on Beech Street.