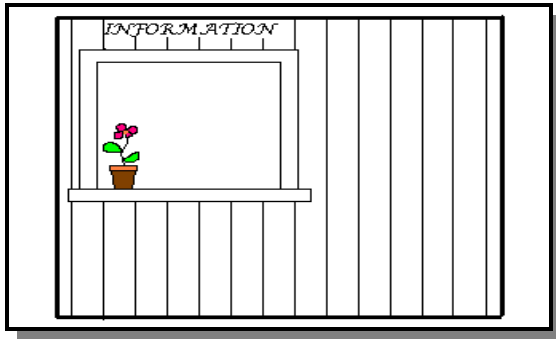


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SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING


On Tuesday, September 27, we will have a program on "The Hidden Treasures of the Wantagh Public Library," by one who should know, Joan Filderman, who is Wantagh's Reference Librarian. This is something of a mystery program – we hope to find out what the treasures are, and who hid them.

After the great revelation, we'll have time to talk with Joan, and enjoy autumn style refreshments. If you'd like to help with the refreshments, call Theresa Donohue at 221-2152. 

AUTUMN YARD SALE

To start October off with an exiting flourish, we're having our annual Autumn Yard Sale (which was the *Trash and Treasures Show* until we changed the name). It will be held on Saturday, October First from 10:00 to 4:00. As usual, there will be all the good things on display that our vendors can whip up. Plan to come to the Wantagh Museum campus and buy some of those wonderful things, and wander through the museum and car to see some of Wantagh's and the Railroad's history.

Not only that, there will be refreshments to keep you going through lunch and even beyond! We plan to have wonderful weather all day, but just in case, we've scheduled a rain date on October 2 and rain cancellations will be announced on our Museum answering machine at (516) 826-8767.


If you'd like to be a vendor, we've mailed forms to all on our mailing list – get one at the membership meeting. The vendor's fee is \$20.00; vendors will set up from 7:30 to 9:00 and remain until 4:00. 



OCTOBER FRUIT SALE

The Society is holding its annual Citrus Fruit Sale during the month of October. The fruit will be ordered from Hale Groves, in Florida, and be ready for pickup at our Museum in the week before Thanksgiving. A flyer with an order form and more details will be in the mail early in October.

MAGIC SHOW SUCCESS

Tuesday, August 23 was the magic day, with a Magic Show at the Wantagh Museum featuring magician Robert McEntee. There were about 55 adults and lots of kids (who can count wiggling kids?) who enjoyed the morning. We thank Preservation Society Trustee Elaine Yarris, who organized the show, for a wonderful summer treat! 

Preservation Society Calendar


Saturday, September 24:

Museum Grounds Cleanup, 10:00 A.M. until done.

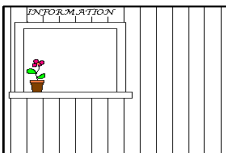
Tuesday, September 27: Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Library, 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 1: Autumn Yard Sale at the Wantagh Museum Grounds, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Rain date on **October 2**.

Tuesday, October 18: Trustees Meeting at the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M.

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





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AUGUST'S MIND BENDER

Here's another of those Mind Benders!


"I see without seeing. To me darkness is as clear as daylight. What am I?"

Ask for the answer at the September 27 Membership Meeting or at the October 1 Trash and Treasure Show – or wait until the next Information Window. 

LAST MONTH'S MIND BENDER, UNBENT

Rock Group: Mount Rushmore. 

THE INFORMATION WINDOW

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EARLY LONG ISLANDERS

Here's a description of the Indians who lived on Long Island years ago, before the White Man found the place. This is taken from "Wantagh, Past and Present," a 1966 textbook for Wantagh Junior High School Seventh Graders.

The first indentified residents of Long Island were members of two branches of the Algonquin Tribes known as the Delawares (Lenni-Lenape) and the Mohegans. A friendly, peace-loving people, these Indians lived in dome-shaped homes made of reed and bark. They hunted in nearby woods and fished in the lakes and streams. Their small villages were usually located on the banks of these streams that drifted lazily down toward the ocean.

Since the Indians of Wantagh lived so close to the ocean, we find many of their activities connected with the sea. Large canoes were built for exploratory trips that took them as far as the shores of Connecticut, where the war-like Pequot Indians made their homes.

Fish and shellfish were plentiful and used for food and fertilizer. Ducks and geese supplied food.

They were also farmers. Beans and maize (corn) were their best crops, and the corn, particularly, was a part of their everyday diet.

The most important product, however, was the wampum made from sea shells. So adept did these Indians become at wampum making that other Indians gave Long Island the name Sewanhachy or "Land of Shells."

The Pequot, the Narraganset, and the Mohawk Indian Tribes often came to Long Island and demanded wampum under threat of destroying the villages. These Indians called the Island "Paumanok" or "Land of Tribute."

Fort Neck in Massapequa was built by the local Indians as a protection against such raids, but generally these Algonquin Indians were no match for the fierce warrior tribes from the north. The Pequot Indians from the Connecticut area were particularly bothersome. For many years they exacted tribute from the Long Island tribes until Englishmen, under Captain John Underhill, literally wiped them out in a fierce battle back in Connecticut. 