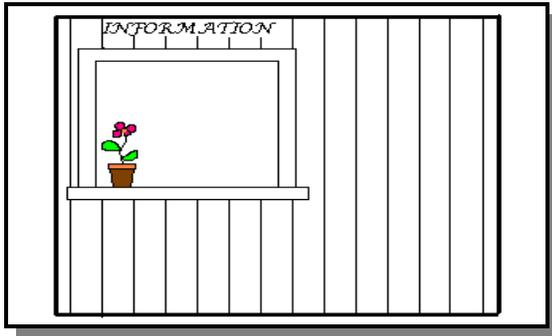


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## OCTOBER 25 MEETING

On Tuesday, October 25, long-time resident of Wantagh, John MacEwen will reminisce about the bronze memorial plaque which used to be displayed north of the Wantagh Station, and which listed those who served in World War II. John plans to talk about all sorts of other things that have gone on around Wantagh since those good old days. Come and join in the reminiscences.

After the formal part of the program, we'll have more time to talk with John (and each other), and enjoy some Halloween-style refreshments.

If you'd like to help with the refreshments, call Theresa Donohue at (516) 221-2152. 

## NEW OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

At the October 18 meeting of the Society's Trustees, officers for 2006, and five Trustees, four for the class of 2010 and one for the class of 2008 (to fill the unexpired term of Sue Hammond) were elected. The new officers, to be installed at the October 25 meeting, are:

President	Jeff Saporito
1st Vice President	Joshua Soren
2nd Vice President	Larry Elliot
Recording Secretary	Elaine Yarris
Corresponding Sec.	Dick MacMillan
Treasurer	Harry Strole.

The Trustees for the Class of 2010 are Robert Cook, Rose Kamins, Joshua Soren and Al Thomson. The Trustee for the class of 2008 is Claire Reisert.

We look forward to a new and interesting year with these capable people directing the Society. 

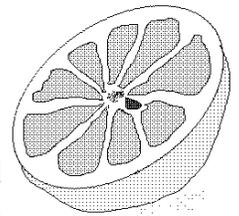
## OCTOBER FRUIT SALE

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 during the week before Thanksgiving.

There's a choice of navel oranges, pink grapefruit and Orlando tangelos, in several package sizes. There's also a "Gift Box" with a mix of oranges and grapefruit, to give to a friend.

A flyer with an order form was mailed early in October with all the details. The deadline for orders is Monday, October 31. If you want more information, or want to place an order by phone, you can call:

Josh Soren -	(516) 735-9119
Georgia Cotsonis -	(516) 781-6392
Mary Ege -	(516) 781-2914
Elaine Yarris -	(516) 221-1200 (daytime)
Grace MacMillan -	(516) 785-3951. 

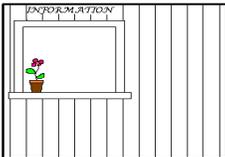


## Preservation Society Calendar

**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.

**Tuesday, November 15:** Trustees Meeting at the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M. 



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## TO JOIN, OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP

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Circle one:          Indiv. \$6    Family \$12

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

Send to: Wantagh Preservation Society  
P O Box 132, Wantagh, New York 11793

## WPS ON THE WEB

To find out the latest about the Preservation Society, look at **www.wantagh.li**. Under "Activities," click on "Wantagh Museum," and then on "Information Window" to read current news or check up on earlier copies of the Information Window.

## OCTOBER'S MIND BENDER

Here's another of those Mind Benders!

"I start with the letter "E", I end with the letter "E". I contain only one letter. Yet I am not the letter "E". What am I?"

*Ask for the answer at the October 25 Membership Meeting – or wait until the next Information Window.*

## LAST MONTH'S MIND BENDER, UNBENT

Darkness is as clear as daylight to a bat. (Batman used this one on the Riddler.)

## THE INFORMATION WINDOW

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## NASSAU COUNTY'S COAT OF ARMS

This is from the 1970 County Handbook.

After a political conflict dating back to the 1840s, the towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay achieved the formation of Nassau County on January 1, 1899. The first resolution passed by the [new] Nassau County Board of Supervisors provided for a county coat of arms, seal and flag with the following resolution:

"The ... device of arms of the County of Nassau and is described as follows: Arms, *azure*, lion rampant *or*, between seven billets *or*."

The language of the resolution followed heraldic terminology: *azure* means blue as in the sky; *or* is the French word for the color gold; and the "billets" are the small blocks which appear in the background of the shield.

There seems to be no question that the supervisors' intent was to adopt the same general coat of arms used by the House of Nassau. Descended from a famous German duchy, the family's most illustrious member was William the Silent, Prince of Orange and leader of the Netherlands. His great-grandson became William III of England in 1688, uniting the thrones of Holland and Great Britain. Long Island was, at that time, even renamed the Isle of Nassau. Fort Nassau at Albany and Nassau Street in New York City are other evidences of its adoption in America.

Townsend Scudder, counsel of the Queens County Board of Supervisors suggested that the seal and colors of the county flag be based on the House of Nassau. He was influenced "by the fact of the Dutch settlement on Long Island, and the name Nassau, which was given to the Island."

Townsend Scudder [said], "I had the artist give the lion a bushy head of hair in place of the crown." Americans were still sensitive about royalty, [so] it is not strange that this difference should be adopted.

The lion is the most important figure in heraldry, symbolizing the fierceness, bravery and wisdom of the king of beasts. It is almost always rampant, i.e., in an upright position, and the tongue and claws are usually *gules* (red). The billets or blocks strewn on the shield have an uncertain origin.