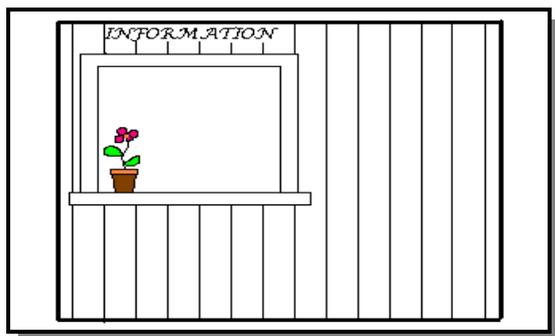


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The Officers & Trustees
of the Society meet monthly
in the Society's Museum on
Wantagh Avenue.

NOVEMBER 22 MEETING

On Tuesday, November 22, Clarence Anspake, President of our neighboring *Bellmore Historical Society*, will speak on "Long Island is a Field of Blood," the 1776 Battle of Long Island.

The program will begin with Society business, and the installation of officers for the coming year. Then after the formal part of the program, we'll have more time to talk with John (and each other), and enjoy some Thanksgiving-style refreshments.

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

ANNUAL FRUIT SALE

The Society's annual Citrus Fruit Sale has completed the "Sale" part of the project, and the fruit has been ordered from Hale Groves, in Florida, to be ready for pickup at our Museum sometime during the coming week. We do know that the truck will be leaving Florida on Friday, November 18.

We'll call each person who has ordered fruit as soon as we know the actual time that it will be delivered, so that the fruit can be picked up at our Museum on Wantagh Avenue.

If you'd like to help unload the fruit, leave your name and phone number on Josh Soren's answering machine, (735-9119) and we'll call you when the truck arrives. 📖

NEW OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The new officers of the Society, to be installed at the November 22 meeting, are:

President	Jeff Saporito
1st Vice President	Joshua Soren
2nd Vice President	Larry Elliot
Recording Secretary	Elaine Yarris
Corresponding Sec	Dick MacMillan
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The new Trustees for the Class of 2010 are Robert Cook, Rose Kamins, Joshua Soren and Al Thomson. The new Trustee for the class of 2008 to fill the unexpired term of Sue Hammond is Claire Reisert. We look forward to a new and interesting year with these capable people directing the Society.



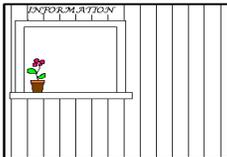
Preservation Society Calendar

Tuesday, November 22: Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Library, 8:00 PM

Sunday, December 4: Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting at the Wantagh Museum, 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 11: Carol Sing at the Wantagh Museum, 2:00 PM

Tuesday, January 17, 2006: Trustees Meeting at the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 PM 📖



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Name _____

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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

MUSEUM OPEN FOR SEASON

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

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

MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

Check the subscription date on the mailing label on the front side of your Information Window. If your membership is up to date, it you'll see numbers ending in "06Jan." This means your membership expires in 2006, in January. Even now it is possible to join or to renew your membership in the Wantagh Preservation Society for the 2006 year – just fill out the form on this page and mail it with your check.

LAST MONTH'S MIND BENDER, UNBENT

An envelope starts and ends with the letter "E" and yet contains a letter.

THE INFORMATION WINDOW

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... IN THE BEGINNING

When Francis Purcell became County Executive in 1970, he authorized printing of a County Handbook, which gave this historical account of the colonization of Long Island:

Our written history began less than 400 years ago, in 1609, when Henry Hudson landed at Coney Island. The Dutch navigator, Adriaen Block, explored Long Island Sound in 1613. In 1626, Peter Minuit bought Manhattan Island from the Indians for \$24. From that beginning, the Dutch extended their sway over all of New Amsterdam and took possession of Long Island as far east as what is today western Suffolk County. Their first recorded settlement on Long Island, in what is now Queens County, was established in 1635.

But the Dutch were not left long in sole possession. Adventurous British colonists from Connecticut soon began sailing across the sound, first to explore and hunt, and then to stay. In 1640, a small band of these Englishmen settled in the area of Oyster Bay, but were soon chased out by the Dutch and forced to move east to Southampton. Three years later, 50 New Englanders purchased a tract of land from the Indians in what is now the Town of Hempstead and negotiated a land patent with the Dutch rulers. The patent provided that, upon payment of taxes to the Dutch administration in New Amsterdam, the new settlers would enjoy the right of self-government.

But the arrangement was short-lived. Twenty-one years later, in 1564, the British defeated the Dutch and took possession of their American colony. New Amsterdam was renamed New York. And all of Long Island east of Kings County, as far as the Suffolk line, became Queens County. The British, concentrating on the development of New York and the Hudson Valley, paid little attention to the quiet island to the east. During the century that followed, its farmers, fishermen and seafarers prospered. Crops were sown from end to end and its seaports thrived.

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.