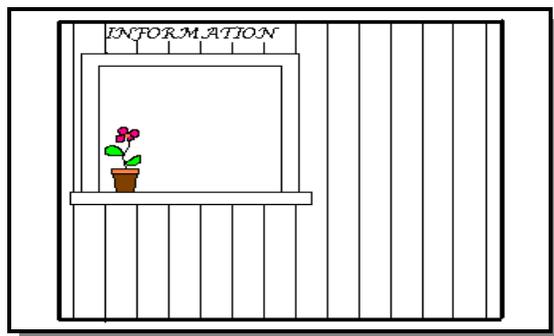


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## MAY 23 MEETING

Our May 23 meeting will be held in the General Purpose Room of the Wantagh Public Library at 8:00 o'clock. At press time, we don't know what the topic will be, but it is sure to be good. It is the last planned by our Program Manager, Frank McKenna, who has changed jobs to become the Director of the Island Trees Library. We wish him well there, and hope to continue to see him at our regular meetings.

We will start the evening with a short business meeting to report on the month's activities, and then adjourn for the program. After that, we'll have time for comments and discussion, and enjoy coffee and desserts. If you'd like to help with refreshments, you can call Ellen Cook at (516) 785-0739. There's always a need for more cookies, brownies and other good things to eat. 📖

## SUMMER BREAK

During the summer months we will take a break to let our members and friends relax and enjoy vacations and other wild recreation. The Information Window will skip an issue, and will re-appear in early August, announcing any Summer programs, and the Fall schedule, which begins in September.

Our next membership meeting will be held in the Wantagh Library on September 26. See you all then. Until then, happy vacation! 📖

## SPRING GARAGE SALE

Our Spring Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 13, at the Wantagh Museum on Wantagh Avenue. We predict beautiful weather, and our many vendors will have all sorts of good things for you to look at – and buy. Come early to have the best choices, stay for lunch at the Railroad Station Kitchen, and stay all afternoon just for the excitement of it. 📖



## Preservation Society Calendar

**Saturday, May 6:** Museum cleanup & preparation for the May 13 Garage Sale, 10:00 A.M.

**Tuesday, May 9:** Trustees Meeting in the waiting room of the Wantagh Museum, 8:00 P.M.

**Saturday, May 13:** Garage Sale at the Wantagh Museum, 10: A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Rain date is Sunday, May 14.

**Tuesday, May 23:** Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Library, 8:00 P.M.

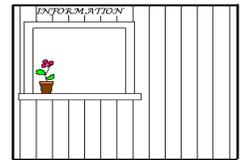
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## MUSEUM OPEN FOR SEASON

The Wantagh Museum is now open for the summer, and groups may have tours of the museum by special reservation.. Our summer schedule began on Sunday, April 23, and will be open from 2 to 4 on Sunday afternoons from then on.

We do need more volunteers to host the museum. If you would like to volunteer as a host, call Claire Reisert at (516) 785-1309, and she will be glad to pencil you into the schedule. 

## THE INFORMATION WINDOW

The *Information Window* is a publication of the Wantagh Preservation Society, and is published preceding its monthly Membership Meetings. You are invited to submit short articles on items of local historical interest. The Editor is Dick MacMillan, (516) 785-3951. 

## YESTERDAY'S FORGOTTEN MONUMENTS

Our local burial grounds have always been of interest to me. As a child I remember visiting our family cemetery. (The Conklin-Brush Cemetery, Old Hill Farm, Half Hollow Hills, just off Colonial Springs Road, Wyandanch)

We have many old burial grounds around the Wantagh area. I have been told as many as eleven. The oldest is the Quaker Church graveyard (behind the Baptist Church) on Wantagh Avenue. The Jackson family graveyard is just North of St. Frances R.C. Church, Wantagh Avenue. In my neighborhood we have the Rierson-Seymour Family burial grounds on the South side of Bunker Place (Maplewood Development) across the street from the home of Dr. & Mrs. W. Victor. For some reason this has been known as the Indian burial grounds. I don't know why, as there are no Indians buried in this graveyard. The deed dated March 1, 1869 described a cemetery easement for the benefit of the heirs of Cornelius Rierson. Miss Helen L. Strang gave a copy of the deed and map of this little known burial ground to the Preservation Society. We have two Negro burial grounds, one on Oakfield Avenue, Wantagh-Bellmore area known as the "Brush," the other on Old Mill Road and Ryder Place in back of W. H. Ryders green house (for you old timers).

The Birdsall Family burial grounds is on the North side of George Wicks driveway, North Wantagh Avenue.

The Jones family burial grounds is located on the North side of Duck Pond Road, South of Southern State Parkway.

The Baldwin Family burial grounds is located on the South Side of Sunrise Highway and Lake View Road, East side. (The Southard-Baldwin Stones have been moved to Old Bethpage Village.)

It is sad that so little remains of these old family burial grounds. Markers and Stones have been broken or removed through the years. I think St. Johns of Jerusalem (German Methodist Church) on North Wantagh Avenue is one of the most well preserved church graveyards in our area.

Ellen Cook, 1973