

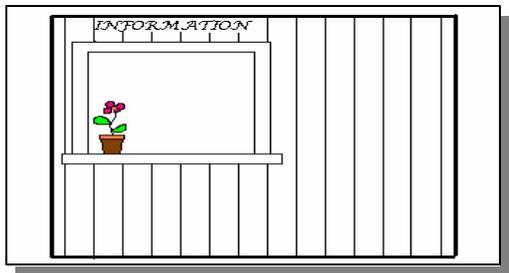
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APRIL 24 MEETING

Our April 24 meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Wantagh Public Library at 8:00 o'clock. The program will feature Chris Specht, Treasurer of the Wantagh Amateur Radio Club, with a description of amateur radio's role in disaster response. We'll start with a short business meeting, adjourn for our program and then close the meeting with comments and discussion, coffee and desserts.

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

DUES ARE OVERDUE

Surprising as it may seem, there are still some members who have not paid their dues for 2007!

The cost of membership is affordable for most everyone starting with the individual Membership at \$10. Those more affluent can pick a membership level as high as \$100 (more if you insist).

Check out the membership form on page 2, and choose your level. Alice Blaustein, our membership Chair, will mail your membership card so you can show it off to all your friends.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE MAY 5

Yes, the Society will put on its annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 5, from 10:00 to 4:00, with all the wonderful things to tempt you laid out in the Spring air. In case of rain, we'll have it on May 12, same times. The flyers for would-be vendors were mailed out on March 20; you may well have received one of those in the mail, too.

The Garage Sale will have all sorts of vendors with all sorts of good Garage-Sale-type things, as well as some crafts and collectibles. There will even be a selection of flats of Spring plants from the Paumanake Garden Club to enhance your gardens and front yards. Just the sort of thing you'd want to get for your mother on Mother's Day. Drop by to shop, have an *al-fresco* lunch from our Museum Kitchen, and have a ball!



Preservation Society Calendar

Sunday, April 22: Museum open hours start – 2:00 P.M. to 4:00P.M. every Sunday

Tuesday, April 24: Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Library, 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 5: Garage Sale at the Wantagh Museum, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, May 15: Trustee Meeting in the Wantagh Museum waiting room, 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, May 22: Membership Meeting at the Wantagh Library, 8:00 P.M.

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Beginning with the February issue of the Information Window, the expiration date has been coded, "Dues paid to Jan '08" for clarity. 

MUSEUM OPENING FOR SUMMER

The Wantagh Museum has been closed for the Winter season but we'll open it up on April 22 for our regular Sunday hours of 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The Museum and the Railroad Car, Jamaica, will be open, and you can peek through the windows of the old Wantagh Post Office, which is now being prepared for internal restoration.

If you would like to volunteer as a host for an afternoon, call Claire Reisert at (516) 785-1309, and she will be glad to pencil you into the schedule. 

THE INFORMATION WINDOW

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WANTAGH, JERUSALEM AND RIDGEWOOD
1644 – 1892

A HISTORICAL SKETCH

BY

WILLIAM BYRON FORBUSH

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William Byron Forbush was an Englishman, called as the first pastor of the Memorial Church of Ridgewood in 1889. (It's now called the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church.) He was researched in the history of this strange place, and published his "Sketch."

Here is his description of the most important of the early settlers, whose names still are known today in Wantagh.

Capt. John Seaman, who seems from the responsible positions he held to have been the leader of the colony, took the larger and eastern section. The first house in the community was built by him on a spot some rods behind the present Friend's meeting house. Capt. Seaman came from England in 1635, bringing his eight sons and eight daughters. The family is said to be of early Danish origin, running back at least before the Norman Conquest. Its crest, a sea horse, and its motto, "We make our name known by our deeds," is very old, and copies of it are kept by its descendants today. The children of this family remained close to the home nest for many generations and descendants of several of Capt. John's sons are in the midst of us at present. Capt. John was an able, just and liberal-minded man. He refused to believe in witchcraft and he scandalized his Puritan neighbors by allowing a Quaker meeting to be held in his house when that was a persecuted sect.

Robert Jackson was equally respected in town affairs. He built his house near the site of the house occupied by the present Robert Jackson. It is remarkable how these and other names have remained common here until today. Southard, Jones, Verity, Hicks and Lawrence are names found on papers two hundred years old, and yet common with us. 