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of the  
Wantagh Preservation Society  
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**JANUARY 27 MEETING**

The January 27 general meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Wantagh Public Library. will feature a "Show and Tell" session with volunteers presenting hobbies, collections and other things of interest. The volunteers are asked to limit their presentations to five to ten minutes.

The meeting will begin with the "Show and Tell" presentations, and will be followed by a period of refreshments.

Trustees are requested to come a half-hour early for a short business meeting to make up for the cancelled meeting of last week. 

**THANK YOU, ANONYMOUS DONOR**

We thank the anonymous donor who placed the beautiful lights on our Museum's outdoor Christmas Tree this year.

**DEATHS IN THE SOCIETY**

We are sad to report these deaths over the Holiday Season:

Georgia Cotsonas, long time member of the WPS Board of Trustees, of intestinal disease.

Ronald Thomson, father of Trustee Al Thomson, of metastatic cancer.

We extend our sympathy to the friends and families of Georgia and Ronald. 

**NSDAR QUILT RAFFLE RESULTS**

The Jerusalem Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) raffled a quilt for the benefit of the Preservation Society. The drawing for the quilt was held at the Preservation Society's Carol Sing in December, and the winner was Linda Nina of Massapequa. 

**MUSEUM GROUND PLANTINGS**

The NSDAR has planted five Leland cypress trees on the Museum Grounds to provide screening from neighboring construction, and 250 new daffodil bulbs to add to our springtime floral display. 

\*To be determined (who will volunteer?)

**Preservation Society Calendar**

Tuesday, January 27, 2009. Membership Meeting in the Community Room of the Wantagh Public Library, 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Trustees Meeting in the Museum waiting room, 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Membership Meeting in the Community Room of the Wantagh Public Library, 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 24, 2009. Trustees Meeting in the Museum waiting room, 8:00 P.M. 

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TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

Check the expiration date on the mailing label on the front side of your Information Window. There should be the note, "Dues paid to Jan '09," or later. If not, just select a membership level, fill out the form above, and mail it with your check. 

NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS

Our membership year starts on January 1, and ends on December 31. Members are requested to mail in their membership dues as soon after the year begins as possible. As an aid to those with weak memory, the address label of each Information Window contains a first line with the note, "Dues paid to Jan '09. Since it is possible to pay more than one year in advance, check this line to see where you stand.

The amount of dues that you pay is up to you and your opinion of the needs of the Society. Most folks start with the "Individual" or "Family" membership, and progress to the higher levels over time. 

The INFORMATION WINDOW

The *Information Window* is a publication of the Wantagh Preservation Society, and is published preceding its monthly Membership Meetings.

It is also available on-line at [www.wantagh.li](http://www.wantagh.li) along with the Society's event program and all sorts of good things connected with Wantagh.

You are invited to submit articles on items of local historical interest. The editor is Dick MacMillan, (516) 785-3951. 

*Here's a letter from WPS members Joan Brauer and Tom Watson, with a critique of the Society and some suggestions.*

"Our Preservation Society is running on borrowed time – its income hasn't kept up with expenses, and the savings reserves are getting smaller and smaller. It really is up to the membership to be aware of the problems, and find solutions so the Society can get back to its work of preserving the history of Wantagh and supporting community activities.

"The Society is currently doing many good things, though. It:

- operates the Wantagh Museum,
  - displays the "Jamaica" railroad car,
  - is restoring the 1904 Wantagh Post Office
  - holds monthly talks of historical interest
  - publishes a brochure of Wantagh Historical Sites
  - supports identification of Wantagh Landmarks – the 1827 Jerusalem Quaker Meeting House and Cemetery and the Harold Avenue Cemetery
- These are just the current activities – can you think of more that can be done? 

"What are some things you can you do to help?

- Pay your annual dues
- Consider upping your membership level
- Ask a neighbor or friend to join the Society
- Stop by the Wantagh Museum on Sunday between 2:00 and 4:00 to purchase the Society's brochure on Historical Sites in Wantagh (\$2.00)
- Email your fund raising ideas to Joan and Tom ([jadb438@aol.com](mailto:jadb438@aol.com) or [watsoto3@verizon.net](mailto:watsoto3@verizon.net))
- Attend a general membership meeting and think about joining a committee that fits your interest or expertise." 

HISTORICAL SITES IN WANTAGH

If you can't wait until Sunday to buy the Preservation Society's brochure about Wantagh's historical sites, try the Songer book shop on Wantagh Avenue just north of the Merrick Road.

The brochure is set up as a guided tour, with photos of each site and short comments on its significance. 