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Wantagh Preservation Society

2014 June/July

The Information Window

Upcoming Outdoor Concerts at the Wantagh Museum

By Wayne and Mary Wagner

The Friends of the Wantagh Library is sponsoring two concerts this summer to be held on the Wantagh Museum grounds at 1700 Wantagh Avenue. The Sister Act will be held on July 20th at 1:00 PM. Familiar music, wonderful voices and colorful costuming will be presented to you by Andrea and Celeste. You'll be hearing the music of the Supremes, Madonna, Aretha Franklin, Cyndi Lauper, Tina Turner and Barbra Streisand, to mention a few.

Show music, Country Western and a Latin Medley will be part of the mix. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.



Sister Act



Banjo Rascals

The Banjo Rascals will perform on August 2nd at 1:00 PM. Their music ranges from 1890's Ragtime to 1920's and 30's swing music to 1950's, 60's and 70's rock & roll. They provide a talented, high energy, multi-faceted, distinctive musical experience. These two concerts are free of charge. Bring a chair. Light refreshments following the concerts will be served by the Wantagh Preservation Society. The Museum will be open as well. Please join us for these enjoyable afternoons. 📖

Wantagh Native's iPhone Leads to Win

WPS President, Bob Meagher joined others in the community in congratulating Wantagh-native Erica Glatt on her fifth win in the Wantagh Photo Contest. Erica has appreciated photography her entire life. Although educated using traditional film, she quickly adapted her skills to the digital domain and now takes captivating photographs with her iPhone. Last year, Erica's images of Wantagh garnered four wins in the Wantagh Photo Contest and last April, she achieved her fifth triumph. To mark the occasion, Erica was awarded prizes that included a Commemorative Trophy and a Nassau County Citation. "I love photographing hidden areas that are less known" Erica exclaims, "it's remarkable what you can find when you explore". 📖



Bob Meagher, WPS President (back row, left) joins in congratulating Erica (seated center)

Wantagh Preservation Society

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Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Trustee Meeting, June 3, 7:30 PM at the Wantagh Museum
- ◆ Trustee Meeting, July 1, 7:30 PM at the Wantagh Museum
- ◆ Independence Day Parade, July 4, 10:00 AM, details on page 2
- ◆ Sister Act Performance, July 20, 1:00 PM at the Wantagh Museum
- ◆ Banjo Rascals, August 2, 1:00 PM at the Wantagh Museum

Wantagh Preservation Society

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We hope you enjoy our newsletter. Your comments, ideas and suggestions are welcome!

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At the Wantagh Memorial Day Ceremony in May, Bob Meagher, WPS President, carries a Memorial Wreath donated by the Society

*The Museum
is now open on
Sundays*



*Stop by and see our
newly renovated
exhibits!*

Independence Day Parade

All members are invited to join the Wantagh Preservation Society trustees at the Wantagh Independence Day Parade! The parade starts at Wantagh Avenue and Park Avenue, then we proceed north on Wantagh Avenue to Island Road — then head east on Island Road to Beech Street and then the Parade concludes at the Beech Street Elementary School. This parade has been a favorite tradition for Wantagh residents.

An announcer and a panel of judges await in a show mobile that is parked on the Wantagh Museum grounds. At the conclusion of the parade, winners will be announced for awards ranging from the most patriotic to the most creative.

For WPS members that wish to march with the Society, please meet us in the parking lot behind the Wantagh 5&10 at 9:30 AM, July 4. "Everyone loves a parade!" 📖

*WPS members
and trustees
marching in last
year's
Independence
Day Parade*




Mouse Visits Museum

Musky is an energetic, well-educated and adventurous mouse. Among his favorite pass-times is to leave his school on Manhattan island and venture off into lands across the rivers on both shores.

Musky is also the creation of Brooklyn-native Susanne Giuliani. On a recent visit to the Wantagh Museum, she, accompanied by her companion-in-spirit, was inspired to compose the poem "Musky Visits Long Island" to document the adventure.

Susanne, who lived in Wantagh for 31 years, now resides in East Meadow with her husband. Living close by is her growing family that includes five adoring grandchildren. She enjoys authoring fun, meaningful and inspiring children's books. "The art of writing and the different worlds and adventures it can take you has always interested me from childhood" exclaims Susanne. "I very much appreciate poetry and have found that children especially seem to enjoy the flow of rhyming words they can understand, learn from, and that tell interesting stories."

Books can be found online for those interested in learning more about Musky's adventures.

The Wantagh Preservation Society thanks Susanne for her poem, and we hope that it inspires children and the young at heart to visit our museum. 

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening & Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
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Musky Visits Long Island

By: Susanne Giuliani

Musky made his way out East
 He had no reservation
 He scurried along the railroad tracks
 To the Wantagh Preservation

His cousin Henry lived on the grounds
 In a train car called "Jamaica"
 Built in 1912 he said
 And Henry its 'mini caretaker'

A railroad station once called "Ridgewood"
 Was also on the scene
 A ticket booth restored in time
 Is now a small museum

Musky was in awe to see
 How things looked way back when
 And Henry showed him how life was
 For people now and then

"Ridgewood" was renamed "Wantagh"
 Back in 1891
 Henry felt a sense of pride
 Like a father to a son

But the day sped by for Musky
 Time to get back to the City
 He waved bye to Henry, the Railroad museum
 And the "Society" that kept it so clean & pretty

I WILL RETURN!!! Is what he yelled
 As he started heading west
 To sleep on the train car called "Jamaica"
 Would most surely be the best!!



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Spring Yard Sale Success

Fun, friends, food, family, wonderful weather and bargains abound — what more can one ask for? The Wantagh Preservation Society “Spring Yard Sale,” was held on a sunny Saturday, May 17th on the grounds of the Wantagh Museum. A wide variety of vendors attended, offering merchandise of all sorts, both new and gently used. Lots of shoppers were delighted by the abundant deals! 📖

