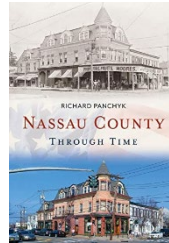


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**Sunday, December 4th, 2022, 2 PM**  
**Richard Panchyk**  
**“Hidden History of Nassau County”**  
**at the Jericho Public Library**  
**1 Merry Lane, Jericho**



Nassau County was born at an auspicious and exciting time, on the cusp of a new century and a major transition from a series of quiet farming communities to a hub for industry, playground for the rich, a training ground for soldiers heading to war, and a cradle for the nascent aviation industry. In this illustrated talk, Richard Panchyk shows the changes Nassau has gone through and uncovers some of the hidden remnants of a time long gone.

Prolific author of 50 books, Richard Panchyk has written more than a dozen on Long Island history including *Nassau County Through Time*, *Roosevelt Field*, and *Abandoned Long Island*. His talk will include highlights from several of his books.

This program at the Jericho Public Library will be hybrid, i.e. in-person and virtually via Zoom. You can register for a link to the virtual program on the Jericho Public Library's website, [JerichoLibrary.org](http://JerichoLibrary.org)

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September 18th at 2 PM at the Jericho Library or via Zoom

## **Paul Van Wie, "The Hempstead Plains"**

The Hempstead Plains, the only natural tallgrass prairie east of the Appalachian Mountains, once covered approximately 40,000 acres in the center of Nassau County. A unique ecological habitat, the Plains were home to a diverse community of plants and animals. Today, a remnant of the Plains continues to exist as a nature preserve, a unique gem in a heavily developed area. The Plains played a prominent and unique role in American history. It served as the “Cradle of American Aviation,” a military training ground for over 200 years, a laboratory for suburbanization, and the scene of America’s first horse racing course.

Dr. van Wie is the editor of a new book on the Plains published by the Friends of Hempstead Plains.

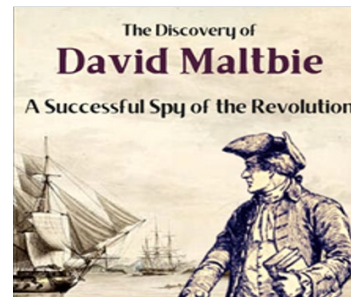
We are again partnering with the Jericho Public Library for this hybrid program. It will be available in-person or live on your computer. Register for the Zoom webinar at [www.JerichoLibrary.org/events/](http://www.JerichoLibrary.org/events/) or use the link on the [NassauCountyHistoricalSociety.org](http://NassauCountyHistoricalSociety.org) webpage to receive the Zoom link. Refreshments and a book signing will follow the in-person program at the library. (You do not need to register if attending in person.)

Driving Directions: The Jericho Library is at 1 Merry Lane, just south of Rt. 25 (Jericho Turnpike). From the Northern State Parkway, take exit 35 North or from the LIE/Rt. 495, take exit 41 North onto Rts. 106/107. Stay in the right-hand lane and go right onto Rt. 25. Go a very short distance and turn right (south) onto Merry Lane. The Library is the building on your left; parking is available on both sides of the building.

Guests are welcome to attend, either at the library or virtually on Zoom. Invite your friends.

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**Annual Meeting and Luncheon**  
**Sunday, October 23, 2022, 1-4 PM**  
**Claire Bellerjeau**  
**“The Discovery of David Maltbie”**  
**Davenport Press Restaurant**  
**70 Main Street, Mineola 11501**



At the Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Nassau County Historical Society on October 23rd join historian and author Claire Bellerjeau for a special presentation about her discovery of a Revolutionary War spy named David Maltbie, whose exploits closely parallel the story of Nathan Hale. Through letters, newspaper accounts, and military records Bellerjeau traced Maltbie’s espionage activities in Oyster Bay and New York City, with details that closely mirror Hale’s experience, with one important exception – Maltbie survived. Hear about how David Maltbie successfully delivered intelligence, was captured, held captive by the British, and managed to escape - only to be re-captured at the war’s end and released due to the evacuation. The fascinating life of David Maltbie represents a new and exciting true story of the Revolution, and reminds all lovers of history that there are still new heroes waiting to be discovered.

Book signing and sales of Claire Bellerjeau’s Espionage and Enslavement book will follow. The ticket price is \$55 in advance, and \$60 at the door.

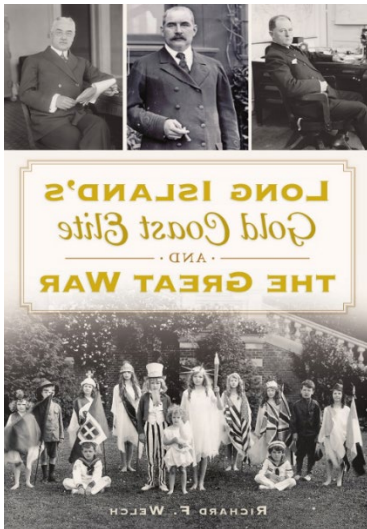
Claire Bellerjeau is the co-author of “Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution: The True Story of Robert Townsend and Elizabeth”, published in May of 2021. Bellerjeau is the founder of a non-profit organization called Remember Liss, with the mission to educate the community about the extraordinary life and times of an enslaved Black woman from New

York named Elizabeth, or Liss. She has been researching the Townsend family and those they enslaved for over seventeen years and has developed educational programs on the subjects of slavery in New York and the American Revolution on Long Island.

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Sunday, June 5th, 2022, 2:00 p.m. at Jericho Public Library

**“Gold Coast Warriors: The North Shore Elite and First World War”**  
**Richard F. Welch**



Based on the recently published, *Long Island's Gold Coast Elite and the Great War*, the program explores how the leading families of the North Shore, through a potent combination of ethnic background, social status, clear eyed geopolitical calculation, and financial self-interest mobilized to support the Allies at the outbreak of war in 1914. Morgan bankers, movie producers, society glitterati, government officials, politically connected lawyers and one ex-president arranged massive loans and supplies for the Allies, while agitating for militarization and intervention. These efforts undercut the Wilson Administration's official policy of neutrality and set the country on a course which led inexorably to war with Germany in 1917. The participation of the Gold Coast elite, on the homefront and overseas, is also discussed.

Richard F. Welch taught American history at Long Island University and Farmingdale State College. He was editor of the *Long Island Forum* from 1991 to 2014, and a contributing editor of the *Journal of Long Island History*. The author of numerous articles and reviews, he has written seven books, the most recent being *Long Island's Gold Coast Warriors*. *The*

*North Shore Elite and World War One (2021)*. He was also a contributor to the *Encyclopedia of New York State*. He is currently a trustee of the Suffolk County Historical Society.

The Nassau County Historical Society Program will be held at the Jericho Public Library and will be both in person, and streamed virtually. There will be a reception and book signing following the program.

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Sunday, April 3rd, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Mitchel Field

**“The Golden Age of Aviation on Long Island”**

**Tom Barry, Assistant Director of Education at Cradle of Aviation**

The years between the end of World War I and the beginning of World War II are often referred to as the “Golden Age” of aviation. On Long Island, aircraft manufacturing boomed and pioneering pilots made countless flights to and from the area’s many airfields, mostly located on the Hempstead Plains in Nassau County. In fact, Charles Lindbergh’s famed first solo transatlantic flight departed from Roosevelt Field in May 1927. So important was Long Island to this period of flying history, it quickly became known as the “Cradle of Aviation.” Find out more about Long Island’s significant contributions to this “Golden Age” as Tom Barry, educator at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, speaks about the many aviation firsts that occurred here during the 1920s and beyond.

This will be our first in-person meeting after two years of virtual meetings because of the pandemic. Social distancing will be easy in the Museum and its large auditorium. You are welcome to arrive beginning at 4:15 p.m. and enjoy visiting the Museum’s exhibits. Refreshments will be served *before* the 5:30 p.m. program (but no food is permitted in the auditorium or exhibit area).

**Directions:** The Cradle of Aviation Museum is on Charles Lindbergh Blvd. at Mitchel Field in East Garden City/Uniondale. Take exit M4 from the Meadowbrook Parkway, following signs to Lindbergh Blvd and Museum Row. After going through the traffic light at Earl Ovington Blvd., turn right when you see the life-size figure in a spacesuit.

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Louis Armstrong House Museum, Queens, N.Y.

Sunday, February 6th, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

**“The King of Queens--Louis Armstrong’s Wonderful World”**

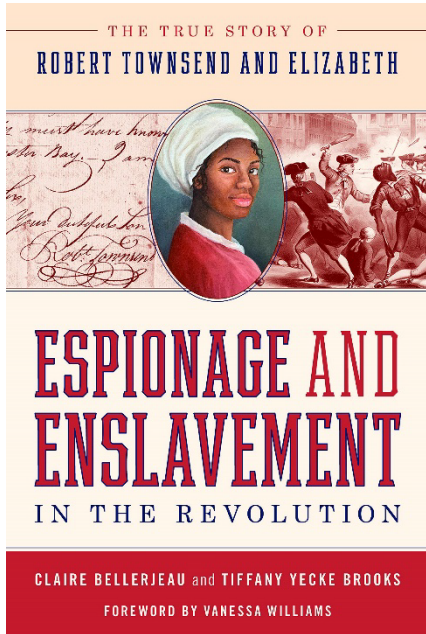
**Ricky Riccardi, Director of Research Collections at the Louis Armstrong House Museum**

The webinar was recorded and is available to watch [here](#).

Louis Armstrong (1901-1971) was one of the most famous and influential musicians of all time, changing the course of music with his innovations as a trumpeter and vocalist. Emblematic of the Jazz Age and the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, Armstrong’s unique sound was wildly popular and widely sought-after. Yet while the entertainer toured all over the world throughout the course of his illustrious career, he called nearby Corona, Queens, home for the last 28 years of his life.

Join Ricky Riccardi, Director of Research Collections at the Louis Armstrong House Museum and author of two Armstrong biographies, as he discusses Armstrong’s historic career, shows rare footage of the trumpeter in action. and describes the mission of the museum today as well as its future plans to celebrate the legacy of one of Queens’--and Long Island’s--greatest citizens.

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Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution: The True Story of Robert Townsend and Elizabeth

Sunday, December 5th, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

**“Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution: The True Story of Robert Townsend and Elizabeth”**

**Claire Bellerjeau**

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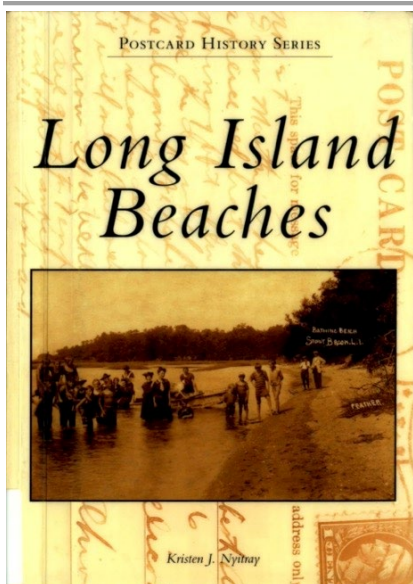
Join author Claire Bellerjeau for a talk about her new book, “Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution: The True Story of Robert Townsend and Elizabeth”. In January 1785, a young enslaved woman from Oyster Bay named Elizabeth was put on board the Lucretia in New York Harbor, bound for Charleston, where she would be sold to her fifth master in just twenty-two years. Leaving behind a small child she had little hope of ever seeing again, Elizabeth was faced with the stark reality of being sold south to a life quite different from any she had known before. She had no idea that Robert Townsend, a son of the family she was enslaved by, would locate her, safeguard her child, and return her to New York—nor how her story would help turn one of America’s first spies into an early abolitionist. Robert Townsend is best known as one of George Washington’s most trusted spies, but few know about how he worked to end slavery. Elizabeth’s bold and daring struggle for freedom introduces a new historic narrative for African Americans in general and women in particular. As Robert and Elizabeth’s story unfolds, prominent figures from history cross their path, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Benedict Arnold, John André and John Adams; as well as the Culper Spy Ring, the Boston Massacre, the Sons of Liberty, the Battle of Long Island, Franklin’s Paris negotiations, and the Benedict Arnold treason plot.

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Sunday, September 19, 2021, 2:00 p.m.  
**“Long Island Dirt: Recovering our Buried**

**Past through Historical Archaeologies”  
Allison McGovern**

Dr. Allison McGovern is a professional archaeologist with Richard Grubb and Associates and a Gardiner Writing Fellow at the Gotham Center for New York City History. She will discuss how her research reveals dynamic and multi-faceted views of Long Island’s past peoples and communities through historical archaeology. She integrates archaeology with historic research methods in her preservation work. More information on the program will be available later, but please save the date for this interesting program.



Long Island Beaches

Sunday, June 6, 2021, 2:00 p.m.  
**“Isle of Shells: An Illustrated History of Long Island Beaches”  
Kristen J. Nyitray**

For centuries, Long Island’s beaches have provided sustenance, relaxation, and inspiration. Long Island’s history is uniquely intertwined with its beaches including its sandy Atlantic Ocean surf beaches, calm bayfront beaches, and rugged North Shore Long Island Sound beaches. First inhabited by Indigenous peoples, the area was called Sewanhacky ("Isle of Shells") in reverence to the offerings received where the water met the land. Kristen J. Nyitray will discuss her book Long Island Beaches through a curated selection of manuscripts, postcards, photographs, and maps that illustrate the history and diversity of Nassau and Suffolk Counties’ shores.

Kristen J. Nyitray is Associate Librarian at Stony Brook University where she is Director of Special Collections and University Archives, and University Archivist. Her publications include the books Long Island Beaches (Arcadia, 2019) and Stony Brook: State University of New York (Arcadia, 2002).

She has provided commentary in several film and television projects including the documentary Greetings from Fire Island, the television series Secrets of the Arsenal, and News 12's Long Island's Hidden Past. A Certified Archivist (C.A.) and Digital Archives Specialist (DAS), she holds degrees from Stony Brook University and Queens College, and is a recipient of the State University of New York's Chancellor's and President's awards for Excellence in Librarianship.



Lido Club Hotel, Lido Beach, Long Beach, L.I., N.Y.

Sunday, April 11, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

### **“The Lido Club Hotel”**

**Joanne Belli**

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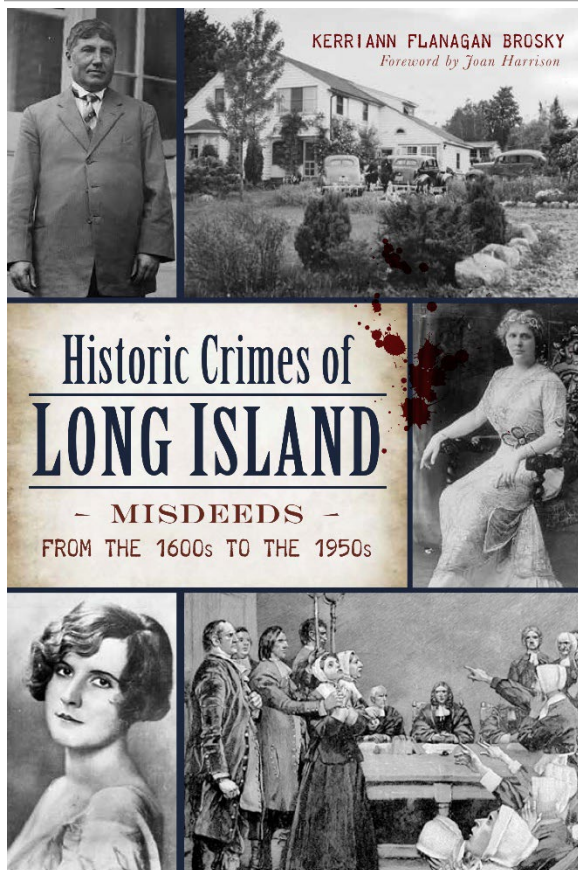
[https://youtu.be/Vmc3\\_QGIPXw](https://youtu.be/Vmc3_QGIPXw)

The Lido Club Hotel officially opened in June 1928 as a swanky oceanfront resort adjacent to the world-class Lido Golf Course. Built by Sen. William H. Reynolds, who previously bought and developed nearby Long Beach, the Lido Club Hotel featured a striking architectural design with twin cupolas and became a playground for socialites, industrialists, and politicians. In 1942, the US Navy requisitioned the hotel as a naval training and separation center. After the war, the Lido Club Hotel was leased to the newly formed United Nations and housed over 500 of its personnel. The hotel returned to civilian hands in 1947 and was once again a fashionable seaside resort with a wealthy clientele. Over the next 30



years, many well-known entertainers such as Sammy Davis Jr. and Barbra Streisand performed in Lido's Starlight Room. In 1980, the Lido Club Hotel was sold to developers and converted into a luxury oceanfront condominium, Lido Beach Towers, that remains a local landmark with a fascinating past.

Joanne Belli is an educator, a trustee of the Long Beach Historical Society, and a volunteer in the society's archives. She resides at Lido Beach Towers.



Historic Crimes of Long Island: Misdeeds from the 1600s to the 1950s

Sunday, March 7, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

**“Historic Crimes of Long Island: Misdeeds from the 1600s to the 1950s”**

**Kerriann Flanagan Brosky**

This webinar was recorded and is available here:

<https://youtu.be/Zzt3dM-INMQ>

True crimes and why people are led to commit them have fascinated people for centuries. In *Historic Crimes of Long Island; Misdeeds from the 1600s to the 1950s*, award-winning author and historian Kerriann Flanagan Brosky uncovers some of the most ghastly historical crimes committed on Long Island – from the tar, feathering and murder of Charles Kelsey in

1872, to the East Hampton witch trial of 1657, to the kidnapping of Alice Parson in 1937. Join her as she discusses some of Long Island's most horrific crimes.



Kerriann Brosky

The speaker is Kerriann Flanagan Brosky. Eight-time, award winning author and historian Kerriann Flanagan Brosky, has been featured in numerous publications including The New York Times, Newsday and Distinction magazine. She has appeared on CBS' Sunday Morning Show, "Ticket" with Laura Savini, News 12 Long Island, and The Thinking Writer in East Hampton, for her previously published non-fiction books. Kerriann served on the Board of Trustees as First Vice President for the Huntington Historical Society for six years, and she served as a Trustee for the Greenlawn-Centerport Historical Association for three years. Kerriann is the recipient of the Top Advocate for Historic Preservation and Education award from the Oyster Bay Historical Society, the Huntington Heritage Education Award from the Town of Huntington, and Woman of Distinction award from the New York State Assembly.

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“General” Rosalie Jones (left) and Freeman (right) in 1912

Sunday, December 6, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

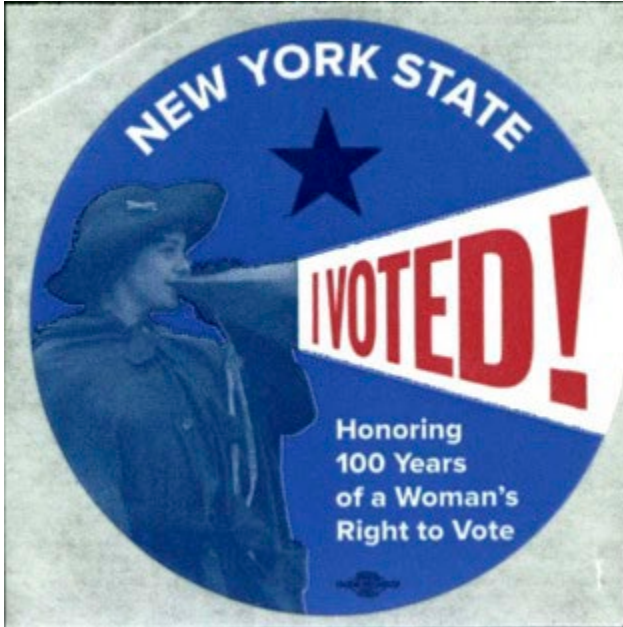
### **“Winning Votes for Women on Long Island and the Nation”**

**Natalie Naylor**

This webinar was recorded and is available here:

<https://youtu.be/tPukBtQthIE>

Women in New York State secured the vote in 1917, and in 1920, the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution was ratified, extending the vote to all women in the United States. National suffrage leaders came to Long Island and several Long Islanders made a mark on the national scene. Alva Vanderbilt Belmont, Harriot Stanton Blatch, and Rosalie Gardiner Jones are among the better-known local suffragists, but countless woman campaigned for suffrage. “General” Rosalie Jones won her fame when she led hikes from New York City to Albany and Washington, DC in 1912 and 1913. New York’s “I Voted” sticker in 2017 had a picture of Rosalie Jones and in 2021, the state will be erecting a statue of her in front of the Cold Spring Harbor Library, a few miles from her home in Nassau County.



I VOTED sticker, 2017

The speaker is Natalie Naylor, past president of the Nassau County Historical Society, editor of its annual Journal, and a retired professor from Hofstra University.

Errata: The 19th amendment of the US Constitution required 3/4 (not 2/3 as mentioned in the webinar) of the states to ratify it.

A pdf copy of the [meeting handout](#) is available here for you to view and/or print out for reference.

This program was originally scheduled for June 2020, but postponed at that time.

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Garden City Apostle House

Sunday, October 25, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

**N.C.H.S. Annual Meeting, and a program on “Long Island’s Classic Suburbs: Garden City and Levittown”**

**Professor Paul van Wie, Molloy College**



Levittown Cape

**Program:** Garden City and Levittown are two famous landmarks in the history of suburban America. Located just a few miles apart on what was once the Hempstead Plains, the two communities were founded in different centuries, under different circumstances, and for different reasons. Despite their differences in origin and subsequent development, the two communities share some underlying similarities. This presentation will explore some of those similarities and differences, and in the process examine some interesting aspects of the American and Long Island suburban experience. You may remember that Dr. van Wie spoke to our Historical Society some years ago on “Nineteenth-Century German Settlements on Long Island.”

**Annual Meeting:** We have had to adjust to the new reality and held our first ever virtual annual meeting on October 25 at 2 p.m. A brief business meeting was followed by the program on Long Island’s Garden City and Levittown.< /font>



Stevenson Taylor Hall at Webb Institute

Sunday, May 17, 2020, 2:30 p.m.

**“Webb Institute’s Glen Cove Campus”**

**Renne Tremblay and Linda Waters**

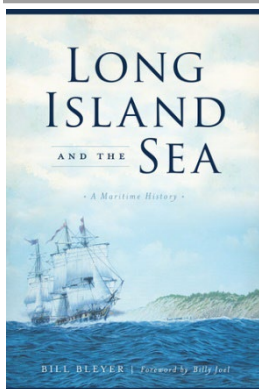
While the Webb Institute campus was closed due to the coronavirus pandemic of 2020, we were able to hold our first ever virtual (ie: online) webinar meeting using Zoom technology. The meeting was recorded and is available for viewing at: <https://youtu.be/0PNFded9pvQ>< /font>

Nestled adjacent to the Long Island Sound is Webb Institute, a unique engineering school where roughly one hundred students are educated in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. Hidden behind huge wrought-iron gates at the entrance to the college is a massive mansion on the grounds that was once the “Braes,” the country estate of American businessman Herbert Lee Pratt (1871-1945). Learn about the architectural history of the main building and its transition from a glamorous 1920s summer home into one-of-a-kind learning center and dorms, as well as the unique history of the property and additional buildings on campus.

Our speakers were Webb Institute seniors. For their “Maritime History of Long Island” course, Renee Tremblay delved into the history of the Webb Institute’s campus while Linda Waters studied the architecture of the original mansion, now Stevenson Taylor Hall.

Although this was a members only event, due to limits on number of attendees, the meeting was recorded and is available for viewing at: <https://youtu.be/0PNFded9pvQ>

Thanks are due to Webb Institute seniors Renee Tremblay and Linda Waters, who hosted and lead this webinar for us. There were about 40 viewers and we were very pleased with this turnout and the kindness of everyone on the call.



Long Island and the Sea (book cover)

Sunday, February 16, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

**“Long Island and Whaling”**

**Bill Bleyer**

Community Church of East Williston

Bill Bleyer, author of *Long Island and the Sea: A Maritime History*, will present a PowerPoint lecture covering the Native Americans who hunted whales offshore from canoes, to the first whaling companies in America in Southampton, to the rise of industrial-scale whaling in Sag Harbor, Greenport and Cold Spring Harbor, to the famous whaler Mercator Cooper and his trip to the closed society of Japan, to the demise of the industry from the Gold Rush, the Civil War and the discovery of oil in Pennsylvania. Bill is a retired *Newsday* reporter who has also written books on *Sagamore Hill*, *Fire Island*

*Lighthouse, and Long Island and the Civil War* (co-author). Copies of his *Long Island and the Sea* will be available for purchase and signing.

**The snow date is Feb. 23.**

*This program is free.*

*Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend; please invite your friends.*

*Light refreshments follow the program.*

Directions: The meeting is in the parish hall of the Community Church of East Williston, which is located at [45 East Williston Avenue \(click link for map\)](#), adjacent to the NW corner of Roslyn Rd. and East Williston Ave./Hillside Ave./Rt. 25B in East Williston. Enter the church parking lot from Roslyn Rd. or Ward St. (one block north of Rt. 25B), or you can park on Ward Street. Enter the building using the door closest to the parking lot, opposite E. Williston Ave.

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U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point

Sunday, December 1, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

**“History of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy”**

**Dr. Joshua Smith**

Community Church of East Williston

Long Island is home to one of the federal service academies, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, which is located in Kings Point on the former Walter Chrysler estate. Learn about the creation of the Academy, the Kings Point neighborhood before the foundation of the USMMA in 1942, why the Academy was created, and its distinctive war-built campus. The presentation will feature images of the campus, especially from the 1940s.

Our speaker, Joshua M. Smith, is a professor of Humanities at the USMMA and Director of the adjacent American Merchant Marine Museum. Dr. Smith is the author of several books on maritime history and is currently writing “Yankee Doodle Upset,” on Maine and the War of 1812 .



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Mt. Rushmore, Black Hills, South Dakota

Sunday, October 6, 2019, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

**"A Lighthearted Look at the American Presidency"**

Peter Bales, historian, professor, author, and comedian  
Hendrick's Tavern, Roslyn

Annual Meeting: presentation of brief reports, and election of Board Members, will be conducted as per NCHS By-Laws. The meeting's business will be conducted between luncheon courses. After dessert is served, Peter Bales will present his program.

The program for our annual meeting is "A Lighthearted Look at the American Presidency." Don't miss this fun-filled talk focusing on some of the American presidents from George Washington to John F. Kennedy with historian and comedian Peter Bales, who loves to tell audiences, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the 21st Century." Dr. Bales has a Ph.D. in history from SUNY Stony Brook and is a professor at Queens-borough Community College of the City University of New York. He is the author of *How Come They Always Had the Battles in National Parks?* and a novel, *Long Live Long Island!* Professor Bales was a researcher and writer for the History Channel and has been a featured guest on Comedy Central, Lifetime, A&E, MTV, VH1, and FOX, and in countless comedy clubs. He spoke at our 1996, 2007, and 2013 annual meetings. We guarantee you'll enjoy and learn from his presentation.

Hendrick's Tavern, formerly the George Washington Manor Restaurant, has been beautifully renovated. It was the home of Hendrick Onderdonk when President George Washington visited on his tour of Long Island in 1790. A plaque from our Society by the front door attests to this history.

The menu is a choice of: chicken paillard; seared salmon over garden salad; sliced steak sandwich with salad or French fries; omelet with spinach, tomatoes, and cheddar or plain, with salad; or vegetarian pasta primavera. (You can make your selection at the table.) Dessert is a choice of cheesecake, vanilla ice cream, or raspberry sorbet. Family-style plated appetizers with zucchini and eggplant chips and dip as well as soda, iced tea, coffee, or tea are included and a cash bar is available.

A pdf copy of the [meeting announcement is available here](#) for you to view and print out and send in the RSVP portion with payment for your reservation. Please make your check payable to: Nassau County Historical Society. Or reserve and pay by credit card using the link below.

Cut off the form at the bottom, and return with your check to the luncheon chairperson: Madalyn Klein, 27110 Grand Central Pkwy, Apt. 24Y, Floral Park, NY 11005.

Any questions, call Madalyn at 917-742-5229 or Betsey Murphy, at 516-627-8674.

**The price (revised early rate) is \$60 if postmarked by Tuesday, October 1st, and \$65 if sent later.**

Tickets will not be sent; check-in at the door; open seating.

Directions: Hendrick's is at [1305 Old Northern Boulevard in Roslyn \(click link for map\)](#). The entrance is just north of the Clock Tower (valet parking).

Luncheon Reservation(s)

Revised Early (thru Tues., Oct. 1) \$60.00 USD

Name(s) of each guest:

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William Cosmo Marzano at Camp Upton 1917

Sunday, September 15, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

**“Camp Upton: Soldier City in the Wilderness”**

**Suzanne Johnson**

Community Church of East Williston

Did you know that one of sixteen Army cantonments (temporary camps) was located right here on Long Island during World War I? Camp Upton was established on 9,000 acres out in the wilds of Suffolk County in 1917. The Camp would train 40,000 soldiers for the “war to end all wars.” When the war was over, it was all torn down and auctioned off, only to be rebuilt twenty years later when the United States entered World War II. The site of the camp in Yaphank is now the home of Brookhaven National Laboratory. Our speaker, Suzanne Johnson, is co-author with David Clemens of the Arcadia pictorial history of Camp Upton. She will present the history of Camp Upton, focusing on the WWI years, with PowerPoint images from their recent publication. Camp Upton books will be available for sale and signing for \$20.

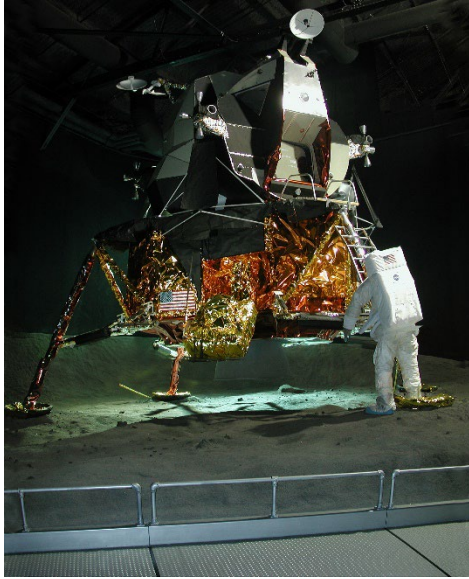
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LM-13 (Cradle LM) on simulated lunar surface, Cradle of Aviation Museum

Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

**Curator's Tour Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Landing on the Moon**

**Joshua Stoff, Curator**

Cradle of Aviation Museum

This dual event (curator's tour and film) is for **paid NCHS members only**—the announcement card mailed to your home address will admit the individual(s) printed on the card to the event. We are unable to accommodate guests at this special event, a perk for members.

Members who have not yet renewed for 2019, and new members, must have dues postmarked, or paid via [PayPal](#), by Monday, June 10, 2019.

Questions about your membership may be sent to:

[Denward Collins, III, Membership Coordinator](#)

We will have a unique curator's tour by Joshua Stoff of the Apollo Gallery and see the new exhibition, *Space: A Journey to the Future*. Grumman Corporation won the competition to build the Apollo Lunar Module (LM), the first spaceship to take humans to the moon and arguably the most historically important vehicle ever built on Long Island. On July 20, 1969, the LM-5 *Eagle* landed Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the moon.

After the curator's tour (and seeing the Cradle's LM-13), we can watch in the Museum's I-Max Theater the *Apollo 11* documentary, which includes recently discovered, 70 mm. archival footage. The 47-minute, 2019 film received rave reviews as "inspiring and truly awesome." Members must bring the announcement card mailed to your home address for admission. Doors open at 6:30 pm with refreshments; tour at 7 pm; movie follows tour at approximately 8:15 pm.< /font>

Directions: The Cradle of Aviation Museum is on [Charles Lindbergh Blvd. \(click link for map\)](#), at Mitchel Field in East Garden City. Take exit M4 from the Meadowbrook Parkway, following signs to Lindbergh Blvd and Museum Row. After going through the traffic light at Earl Ovington Blvd., turn right when you see the life-size figure in a space suit.



WASP Republic Aviation, Farmingdale NY 1944

Sunday, April 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

**“Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) of WWII”**

**Julia Lauria-Blum**

Community Church of East Williston

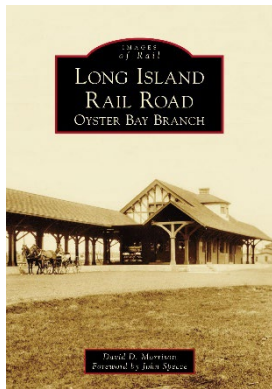
Since the dawn of aviation, women have played a crucial role in promoting and participating in its evolution. In wartime, between 1942 and 1944, over 1,800 women left their homes and jobs from all corners of the United States for an unprecedented opportunity to become the first women in U.S. history to fly military aircraft for the U.S. Army Air Forces. They volunteered as civilians in an experimental program to train women to fly military aircraft and serve as pilots on the U.S. home front in order to free male pilots for overseas combat duty. They were the Women Airforce Service Pilots, better known as the WASP. Under the determined leadership of pilots, Jackie Cochran and Nancy Love, the WASP successfully fulfilled their duties, flying over 60 million miles, in every type of aircraft in the Army Air Force arsenal and in every capacity, except combat. During this lecture WASP historian, Julia Lauria-Blum, curatorial assistant and archivist at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, will discuss the history of the WASP, from the program’s infancy to its untimely deactivation in December 1944.

*This program is free.*

*Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend; please invite your friends.*

*Light refreshments follow the program.*

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Long Island Rail Road: Oyster Bay Branch

Sunday, February 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

**“History of the Oyster Bay Branch of the LIRR”**

**David D. Morrison**

Community Church of East Williston

The Long Island Rail Road was chartered in 1834 and is the oldest railroad still operating under its original name in the country. It has played a vital role in the history of Long Island during the past 185 years. The Oyster Bay Branch, built between 1865 and 1889, extends just over fourteen miles from Mineola and has five of the LIRR’s thirteen station buildings from the 1800s, including the only Victorian-style station. The Oyster Bay Branch is one of the most historically significant and picturesque branches of the railroad. The presentation includes an update on the restoration of the terminal station, turntable, and steam locomotive No. 35 in Oyster Bay. David Morrison, is a retired Branch Line Manager for the LIRR who has written seven books on the LIRR. Copies of his photo-history of the Oyster Bay Branch and his newest book on the LIRR’s Main Line east from Bethpage to Greenport will be available for purchase (\$20) and signing.

Snow date (if needed) is Sun. Feb. 10.

*This program is free.*

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Hillwood

Sunday, December 2, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

**“Marjorie Merriweather Post and her Long Island estate, Hillwood”**

**Kenneth G. Mensing, formerly historian at C. W. Post**

Community Church of East Williston

Take a journey back in time with a historic slide presentation about famed Post Cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post and her Long Island estate, Hillwood. The estate is now home to LIU-Post College. Former C.W. Post Historian, Kenneth G. Mensing, uses Post family private photos to reveal a glimpse into this magnificent former estate and the pioneering businesswoman who called it home.

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Sunday, October 21, 2018, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

**"Dancing into History with the Castles"**

Martha Griffin and Marc Casslar, dance historicans  
Hendrick's Tavern, Roslyn

Annual Meeting: presentation of brief reports, and election of Board Members, will be conducted as per NCHS By-Laws. The meeting's business will be conducted between luncheon courses. After dessert is served, Martha Griffin and Marc Casslar will present their program.

Irene and Vernon Castle were America's leading dance couple in the 1910s who popularized the fox trot, tango and other social dances at "Castles by the Sea" on the Boardwalk in Long Beach, Long Island.

Dance historians Martha Griffin and Marc Casslar, who are members of the Vintage Dance "Polite Society," will introduce us to these celebrities who lived in Manhasset. They will demonstrate their dances in period costume and explain the significant contributions of the Castles to dance history. Their program is brought to you by Kandie Carle of K&C Enterprises, East Haddam, CT.

We are looking forward to a very special afternoon commemorating this legendary couple who brought charm and much joy to society with their innovative elegant social dances at magnificent dance palaces. Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers immortalized them in their 1939 film *The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle*. We will have music from the 1910s for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Hendrick's Tavern, formerly the George Washington Manor Restaurant, has been beautifully renovated. It was the home of Hendrick Onderdonk when President George Washington visited on his tour of Long Island in 1790. A plaque from our Society by the front door attests to this history.

The menu includes a choice of: chicken paillard; seared salmon over garden salad; sliced steak sandwich with salad or French fries; omelet with spinach, tomatoes, and cheddar or



plain, with salad or French fries; or vegetarian pasta primavera. Dessert is a choice of cheesecake, vanilla ice cream, or raspberry sorbet. Soda, iced tea, coffee, or tea is included and a cash bar is available.

A pdf copy of the [meeting announcement is available here](#) for you to view and print out and send in the RSVP portion with payment for your reservation. Please make your check payable to: Nassau County Historical Society. Or reserve and pay by credit card using the link below.

Cut off the form at the bottom, and return with your check to the luncheon chairperson: Madalyn Klein, 27110 Grand Central Pkwy, Apt. 24Y, Floral Park, NY 11005.

Any questions, call Madalyn at 917-742-5229. Early luncheon reservations closed on October 9th. There are still seats/tables available. We're looking for a minimum of 60 seats, and currently are just shy of this at 52. Reservations postmarked after the 9th are now \$65.00. Tickets will not be sent; check-in at the door; open seating. Directions: Hendrick's is at [1305 Old Northern Boulevard in Roslyn \(click link for map\)](#). The entrance is just north of the Clock Tower (valet parking).

Luncheon Reservation(s)

Late (Wed., Oct. 10 and after) \$65.00 USD



Weathervane designed by Architect Olive Tjaden

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

**“Architect Olive Tjaden: Designing Suburbia in Garden City and Beyond”**

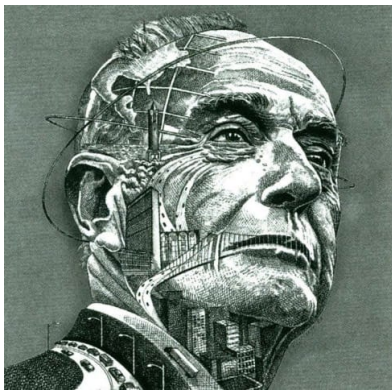
**Millicent D. Vollono and Lauren V. Drapala, authors**

Garden City Senior Center

Olive Tjaden (1904-1997) began her architectural career at a time when residential architecture was at the nation’s forefront. Graduating from Cornell University’s architecture program in 1925, Tjaden was the only female member of the American Institute of Architects for years. Although she achieved her greatest success as a residential designer, she created buildings for automobile dealerships, beauty salons, and religious organizations. Forming her

own firm in the late 1920s in Garden City, Tjaden was able to promote her unique status as a female architect to promote her work and expertise to women, making use of the networks provided by women's social clubs. Tjaden was a prolific designer, building over 2,000 commissions in the twenty years of her New York office and later in South Florida. Our speakers are the authors of an article on Tjaden in the 2016 Nassau County Historical Society Journal, v.71, pp.1-14. Their illustrated presentation will include additional information from their continuing research. We will celebrate Olive Tjaden's life and career, with special emphasis on her many Garden City houses, as we uncover one of Long Island's little-known treasures.

Directions: This joint program with the Garden City Historical Society will be held in the Garden City Senior Center, [6 Golf Club Lane \(click link for map\)](#), NW corner of Golf Club Lane and Eleventh St., across the street from Olive Tjaden's own house. After the program, we will go next door to the Garden City Historical Society's Apostle House Museum, for refreshments and a tour of their museum.



Robert Moses, by Gary Viskupic

Sunday, June 10, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

**“The Land of Moses: Robert Moses and Modern Long Island”**

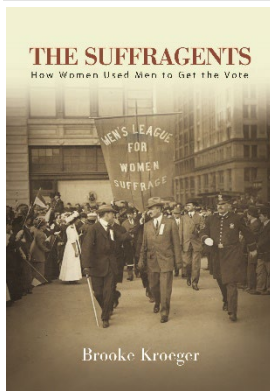
**Joshua Ruff and Jonathan Olly, Long Island Museum curators**

Community Church of East Williston

The significance and impact of Robert Moses (1888-1981) on Long Island can hardly be overstated. Previewing their [upcoming exhibition](#) at the Long Island Museum in Stony Brook, opening June 22, curators Joshua Ruff and Jonathan Olly will provide a reappraisal of the extraordinary and controversial builder and planner. Prolific, brash, and strategically brilliant, Moses helped determine the environments in which we continue to live. Moses redefined transportation infrastructure and recreational and cultural possibilities for generations of Long Islanders and visitors. His legacies range from his largely realized Long Island State Parks Commission blueprint in 1924 to his late career challenges and failures.

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The Suffragents: How Women Used Men to Get the Vote

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

**“The Suffragents: How Women Used Men to Get the Vote”**

**Brooke Kroeger**

Jericho Public Library

**Note:** This is a **change** of **date** and **location** from what was previously announced.< /font>

The Suffragents is the untold story of how some of New York’s most powerful men formed the Men’s League for Woman Suffrage, which grew between 1909 and 1917 from 150 founding members into a force of thousands across thirty-five states. Ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920 for women’s suffrage culminated more than 70 years of struggle.

Brooke Kroeger explores the formation of the League and the men who instigated it to involve themselves with the suffrage campaign, what they did at the behest of the movement’s female leadership, and why. She details the National American Woman Suffrage Association’s strategic decision to accept their organized help and then to deploy these influential new allies as suffrage foot soldiers, a role they accepted with uncommon grace. Led by such luminaries as Oswald Garrison Villard, John Dewey, Max Eastman, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and George Foster Peabody, members of the League worked the streets, the stage, the press, and the legislative and executive branches of government. In the process,

they helped convince waffling politicians, a dismissive public, and a largely hostile press to support the women's demand. Together, they swayed the course of history.< /font>

At least one of the suffragents had a Nassau County, Long Island connection. James Lees Laidlaw who had a country home in Sands Point was president of the state and national Men's League for Woman's Suffrage.

There will be limited copies of the 372 page book available for purchase, \$25 per copy, and signing at the meeting. Respond to: [webmaster@nassaucountyhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@nassaucountyhistoricalsociety.org) by April 5, 2018, if you wish to purchase a book(s), and a copy/copies will be reserved for you.

*Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends. Light refreshments follow the program.*

Directions: The Jericho Library is at [1 Merry Lane \(click link for map\)](#), off (south of) Rt. 25. From Rt. 106 (Exit 41N from the Rt. 495/LIE), go east on 25 a short distance; turn right (south) onto Merry Lane and the library will be on your left.< /font>

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SPIES! Exhibit Logo of the Three Village Historical Society< /font>

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Sunday, February 11, 2018, 2:00 p.m.  
**“The Culper Spy Ring in the Revolutionary War”**  
**Beverly C. Tyler**  
Community Church of East Williston < /font>

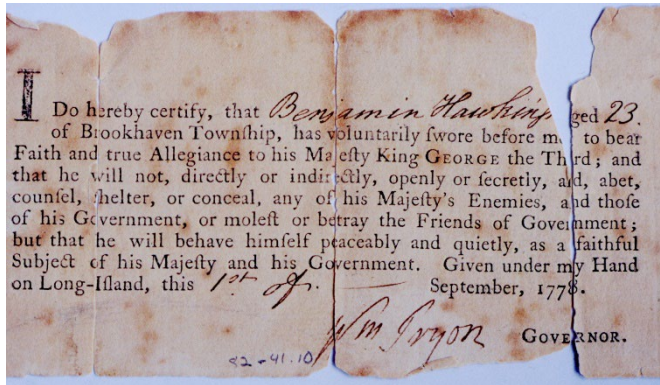
After George Washington suffered heavy losses at the beginning of the war, he realized that reliable information about British troop movements was vital. General Washington asked Major Benjamin Tallmadge from Setauket to organize a spy network. Now known as the Culper Spy Ring, it was most active during the years from 1778 to 1781.

Tallmadge first enlisted Abraham Woodhull (alias Culper, Sr.), who was also from Setauket. Later Robert Townsend (“Culper, Jr.”) from Oyster Bay (today's Raynham Hall) who was

living in Manhattan joined the group. *SPIES! How a Group of Long Island Patriots Helped George Washington Win the Revolution* is the Three Village Historical Society's exhibition in their History Center (93 North Country Road, Setauket). The spy ring has been fictionalized in the AMC television series, *Turn: Washington's Spies*.

Beverly C. Tyler is a writer, author, photographer, and lecturer on local history in Setauket. He conducts walking tours and field trips as Revolutionary War farmer and spy Abraham Woodhull and as a 19th century ship captain. Mr. Tyler has appeared on the History Channel's *Histories Mysteries* production "Spies of the Revolutionary War."

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A 1778 document in the Three Village Historical Society collection that every man who stayed on Long Island after the British took control was required to sign to swear allegiance to the king.

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Mr. Tyler writes a local history column [History Close at Hand](#) for the Village Times Herald. He has written more than 800 local history articles over the past thirty years and his articles have been published in a number of Long Island and regional newspapers and magazines.< /font>

Check this link for information about the Three Village Historical Society exhibit [SPIES!](#) < /p>

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Colorized Postcard of Camp Mills in World War One < /font>

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Sunday, December 3, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

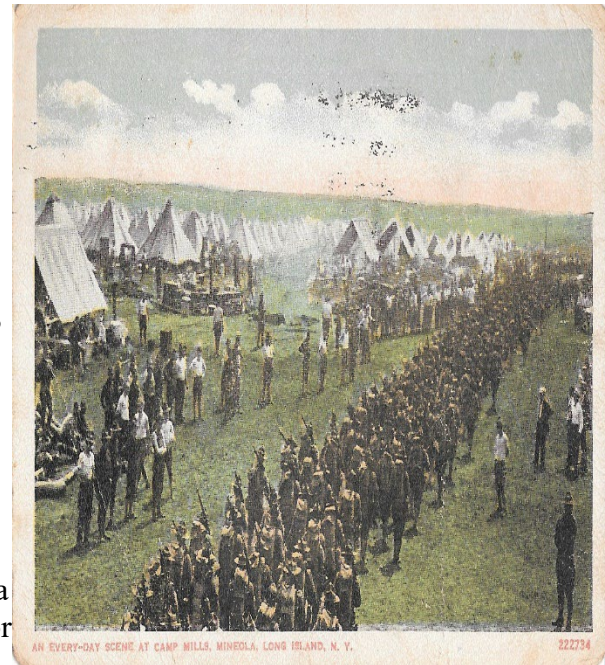
**“Camp Albert L. Mills in World War One”**

**Jim McKenna**

Community Church of East Williston

This year is the Centennial of the U.S. entry into WWI. Camp Mills was a major training camp and embarkation point for US Army troops being sent to France. Built in less than a week in August 1917, Camp Mills was a major story for the New York and Brooklyn

newspapers—the internet of the times. The soldiers of Camp Mills interacted with the local citizens of the surrounding villages of Hempstead, Mineola, Garden City, and Westbury, as well as New York City.



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Troops at Camp Mills in World War One < /font>

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courtesy Jim McKenna < /font>

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The newspapers extensively covered the troops and the camp throughout the war and the demobilization afterwards. Jim McKenna is the former Director of Old Bethpage Village Restoration and currently the Assistant Director of Museum Operations at the Cradle of Aviation and a trustee of the Society.< /font>

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James Foote as Theodore Roosevelt

*Joni Foote, photographer*

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## 2017 Annual Meeting and Luncheon </font>

Sunday, October 1, 2017, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Theodore Roosevelt  
as portrayed by James Foote**

[Stewart Manor Country Club](#), Stewart Manor </font>

Annual Meeting: presentation of brief reports, and election of Board Members, will be conducted as per NCHS By-Laws.

The meeting's business will be conducted between luncheon courses. After dessert is served, [Theodore Roosevelt, as](#)

[portrayed by James Foote](#), will regale us with his particular zest for life through stories of his exploits in nature, the military, politics, and as a husband and father.

Information about menu, and cost has been mailed to NCHS members. A pdf copy of the [meeting announcement is available here](#) for you to view and print out and send in the RSVP portion with payment for your reservation.



As often is the case with our meetings, guests, friends, and the general public are welcome to attend this meeting. Since this our Annual Membership meeting, should space become an issue, preference will be given to NCHS members. If you wish to attend, and are not a currently an NCHS member, please consider an individual (\$25), or family (\$40), [annual membership](#). Include the appropriate membership amount with your payment for the Luncheon and indicate this on the RSVP form. You'll be added to our membership list and receive a copy of our [2017 Journal](#) when it is published at the end of this year.

Online Reservations and Payments accepted here. You will have the opportunity to select the number of reservations after clicking on "Add to Cart".

Your contact information will be requested as you enter your payment information. </font>

Luncheon Reservation(s)

Early (by Fri., Sept. 22) \$50.00 USD Late (Sat., Sept. 23 and after) \$55.00 USD </font>

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Book Cover for *In The Service*

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*Elly Shodell, author*

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Sunday, September 17, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

**In The Service: Workers on the Grand Estates of Long Island, 1890s- 1940s**

**Elly Shodell**

Community Church of East Williston < /font>



This illustrated presentation focuses upon Long Island’s fabled Gold Coast estates from an unusual perspective—that of those who served as butlers, chauffeurs, dairymaids, gardeners, and cooks. Although there is no lack of documentation about America’s barons who emerged from the Industrial Revolution and their magnificent mansions, much less is known about the lives of the men and women who worked for them. Using oral histories, photographs, archival tools, and documents, Elly Shodell brings their past to life via her Port Washington Public Library Local History Center project. She curated an exhibition for the library and wrote *In the Service* about these workers on Long Island estates (copies available for sale and signing). < /font>

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**Special Bonus Meeting for members.** < /p>

Howard Kroplick who spoke at our meeting on the Vanderbilt Cup Races has invited us to view his car collection on Sunday, July 16, between 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. You’ll also be able to see more than a dozen vintage cars of the Long Island Sound Region Classic Car Club of America. < /font>



You can read more about Howard's car collection  
at [www.vanderbiltcupraces.com/car\\_collection](http://www.vanderbiltcupraces.com/car_collection) </font>



Directions: Exit 29 from Northern State – make a right turn north. From the LIE, it's Exit 39 if you're driving west, but stay on the service road for nearly a mile. Turn right at traffic light onto Roslyn Road (gas station on corner). If driving east, take exit 37 (Willis Ave.) and stay on service road ½ mile and left at the traffic light at Roslyn Road.

Take Roslyn Road to the end (it becomes Main Street) and turn right just before the clock tower onto short Tower Street, which runs into Old Northern Blvd. Make an immediate left onto Lumber Road (The Chase Bank is on the corner). Take Lumber Road to the very end and follow the signs, "The Waterfront at Roslyn." Parking in adjoining lot at 45 Lumber Road.

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NCPD - Long Beach raid 1932

*photo courtesy: Jonathan Olly*  
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Sunday, June 4, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

**“Midnight Rum: Long Island and Prohibition”**

**Jonathan Olly**

Community Church of East Williston </font>

Prohibition—the thirteen- year “noble experiment”—affected nearly everyone living on Long Island during the years from 1920 to 1933. Brooklyn breweries switched to “near beer,” many residents made their own wine and liquor, and rum running was rampant in the waters off Long Island’s shores. From cocktails to crime, the era left an indelible impression on American culture. Jonathan Olly, curator of the recently opened exhibition on Long Island and Prohibition at the </font>[Long Island Museum](#) in Stony Brook will speak on this fascinating topic.



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Alco Black Beast wining 1909 Vanderbilt Cup Race

*photo courtesy: Howard Kroplick*  
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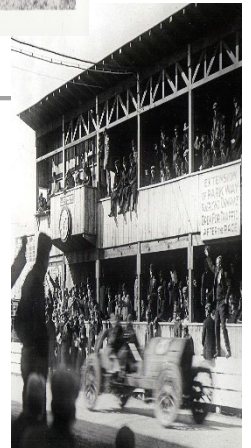
Sunday, April 2, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

**“My Hunt for the Vanderbilt Cup Races and the Long Island Motor Parkway”**

**Howard Kroplick**

Community Church of East Williston </font>

“Chain your dogs and lock up your fowls!” heralded posters throughout Long Island in announcing the first international road race ever to be held in America. From 1904 to 1910, six Vanderbilt Cup Races were held on Long Island roads. Developed from the imagination of William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., these races were the most prestigious and thrilling auto races of their day, drawing hundreds of thousands of spectators to Long Island. Town of North Hempstead Historian Howard Kroplick has researched the Races for more than 13 years, written two books on the Parkway, and maintains an excellent website ([VanderbiltCupRaces.com](#)). His talk will feature photographs from the private archives of Willy K. Vanderbilt, rare race films, and an assortment of “Vanderbilia.” A book signing follows; proceeds go to local charities. </font>



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Book Cover for Images of America: Long Island’s Gold Coast

*Paul J. Mateyunas, author*

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Sunday, February 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

**“Gatsby’s Gold Coast: Then and Now”**

**Paul Mateyunas**

Community Church of East Williston < /font>

Travel back in time to the days of Daisy Buchanan and Jay Gatsby learning about the real families and homes that inspired F. Scott Fitzgerald. An illustrated presentation by North Shore historian Paul J. Mateyunas about the history of the Gold Coast and the grand old estate houses. Author of *North Shore Long Island: Country Houses, 1890-1950* and *Long Island’s Gold Coast*, Mr. Mateyunas will autograph copies of his books; his paperback, *Long Island’s Gold Coast*, will be available for purchase. The snow date (if needed) is one week later, Sunday, February 12 — same time and location.< /font>

**Book Cover for Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates**

*Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger, authors*

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Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

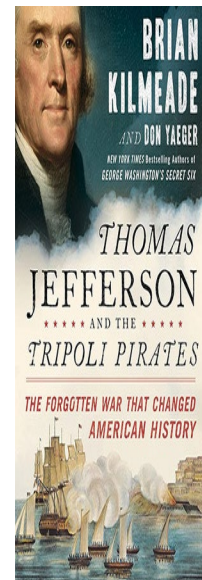
(Note: the date and time of this event has been changed from what was originally announced.)

**“Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates”**

**Brian Kilmeade**

[Cradle of Aviation Museum](#), Museum Row at Mitchel Field, East Garden City < /p>

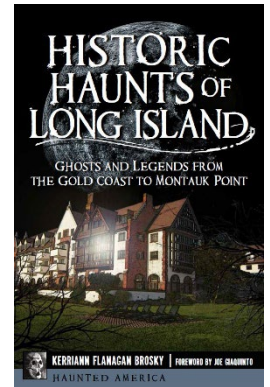
Long Islander, Brian Kilmeade is co-author of *Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates*, as well as a co-host of the morning television show, *Fox & Friends* on Fox News. Come hear him discuss one of our newly independent nation’s first wars -- a war which saw the founding of both the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps. (The Marine Hymn even notes: “... to the shores of Tripoli.”) His book will be available for sale and the talk will be followed by a book signing.< /font>



*Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends. This program is free. Light refreshments follow the program.*

Directions: The Cradle of Aviation is [located on Charles Lindbergh Blvd.\(click link for map\)](#) at Mitchel Field in East Garden City/Uniondale. Take the Meadowbrook Parkway to exit M4. Follow signs to Coliseum/Museum Row and Charles Lindbergh Blvd. Stay on Charles Lindbergh Blvd., go through the traffic light at Earl Ovington Blvd. and turn right when you see the life-size figure in a space suit. Parking lots are on both sides of Museum Drive. < /font>

Book Cover for *Historic Haunts of Long Island*  
Kerriann Flanagan Brosky, author  
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## Luncheon and Annual Meeting < /font>

Sunday, October 16, 2016, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**“Historic Haunts of Long Island”**

**Kerriann Flanagan Brosky**

[Davenport Press Restaurant](#), Mineola < /font>

Annual Meeting: presentation of brief reports, and election of Board Members, will be conducted as per NCHS By-Laws.

The meeting’s business will be conducted between luncheon courses. After dessert is served, [Kerriann Flanagan Brosky, author](#), will present a program based on her book *Historic Haunts of Long Island; Ghosts and Legends from the Gold Coast to Montauk Point*.

Information about menu, and cost has been mailed to NCHS members. A pdf copy of the [meeting announcement is available here](#) for you to view and print out and send in the RSVP portion with payment for your reservation.

Due to the size of the venue and limited seating, prior reservations will be required for this event with preference given to NCHS members. If you wish to attend, and are not a currently an NCHS member, please consider an individual (\$25), or family (\$40), [annual membership](#). Include the appropriate membership amount with your payment for the Luncheon and indicate this on the RSVP form. You'll be added to our membership list and receive a copy of our [2016 Journal](#) when it is published at the end of this year. < /font>

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### Luna Park Tower at Night

Jennifer Garland, archivist< /font>  
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Sunday, September 18, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

**“The History of Coney Island”**

**Jennifer Garland**

Community Church of East Williston < /font>



Explore the legendary and colorful past of Coney Island, the “World’s Playground.” Jennifer Garland is the archivist of the Coney Island History Project. Her illustrated presentation draws from the book by the History Project’s director, *Coney Island: Lost & Found*, as well as many other sources. The talk covers the settlement of Coney Island, the rise of the resort and amusement area, and the decline and comeback of the neighborhood. Visit [Coney Island History Project](#) to learn more about the Project.< /font>

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Book Cover for Peconic Bay: Four Centuries of History on Long Island's North and South Forks

*Marilyn E. Weigold, author*

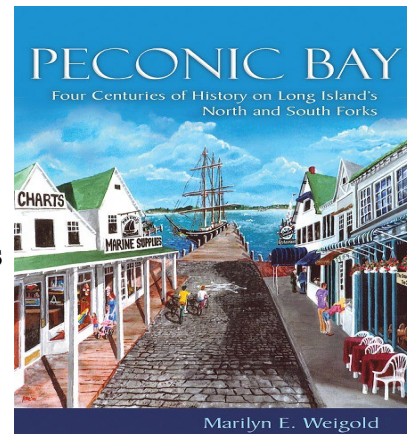
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Sunday, June 12, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

**“Peconic Bay: Four Centuries of History on Long Island’s North and South Forks”**

**Marilyn Weigold**

Community Church of East Williston < /font>



This illustrated presentation examines the fascinating evolution of the East End, including its social, economic, and environmental history. The program will acquaint you with colorful characters of yesterday and current challenges facing what has been called “one of the last great places.”

Dr. Weigold is professor of history at Pace University, the author of *Peconic Bay* (2015), *Long Island Sound: A History of its People, Places, and Environment*, and *Silent Builder: Emily Warren Roebling and the Brooklyn Bridge*.

For more information about this book and its author please follow this link: [Peconic Bay: Four Centuries of History on Long Island's North and South Forks](#) at the Long Island History Journal.< /font>

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Book Cover for Long Island Food: A History from Family Farms & Oysters to Craft Spirits

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*T. W. Barritt, author*

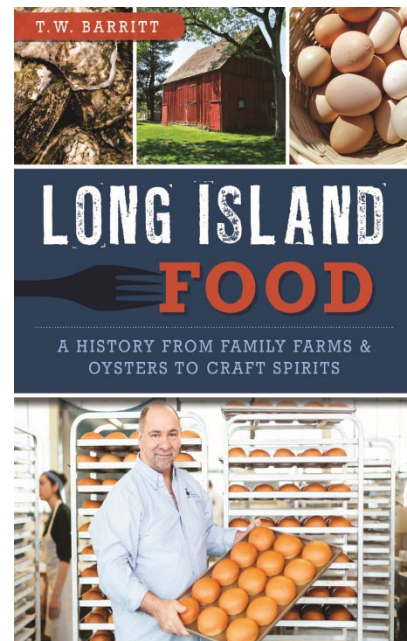
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Sunday, April 3, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

**“History of Long Island Food: From Family Farms & Oysters to Craft Spirits”**

**T. W. Barritt**

Community Church of East Williston < /font>



A native of Nassau County, T.W. Barritt is a food writer and trained amateur chef whose recent book traces the history of Long Island’s agricultural and maritime past and how factors of sustenance, ethnic diversity, commerce and economy have influenced today’s new local food sensibility. < /font>

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This will be an interesting discussion ranging from pickles, ducks and oysters to roadside joints and fine dining. He will discuss Long Islanders, past and present, to provide a broader context and understanding about where our food culture is headed today.



Farm Stand

*Skoglund, photographer*



Luigi Lucioni, Laurelton Hall, 1927 < /font>

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*Long Island Museum collection < /font>*

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Sunday, February 7, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

**“Gilding the Coasts: Art & Design of Long Island’s Great Estates”**

**Joshua Ruff**

Community Church of East Williston < /font>

While some of the earliest of Long Island’s grandest homes were built after the Civil War, their heyday was from 1890 through the 1920s. The years since World War II and continuing to the present have seen the destruction of many of these palatial estates. Joshua Ruff, Chief Curator of the Long Island Museum in Stony Brook, in his power point presentation will focus on the artistry of design and detail of these “elegant vessels of history,” including Louis Comfort Tiffany’s Laurelton Hall, Stanford White’s Box Hill, and William de Leftwich Dodge’s Villa Francesca in Setauket. Snow date (if needed) will be Sunday, February 21st. Joshua Ruff’s program will be based on the [recent exhibit](#), of the same title, at the Long Island Museum in Stony Brook.

*Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends. This program is free. Refreshments will be served.< /font>*

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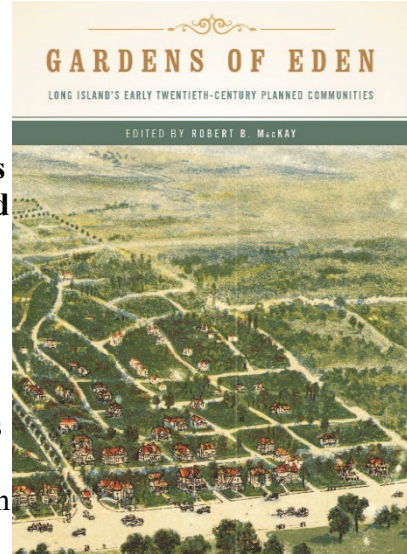
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Sunday, December 6, 2015, 2:00  
**“Gardens of Eden: Long  
Early Twentieth-Century  
Communities”**  
**B. MacKay**  
Bethpage Public Library < /font>



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**Long Island’s  
Planned  
Communities**  
**Robert**



Long Island’s first wave of suburbanization was in the early 20th century when ambitious real estate developers created “residential parks.” Robert B. MacKay, Director Emeritus of the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities (SPLIA), will discuss how the ideals of the Garden City Movement were used to attract a growing middle class in search of country living. Dr. MacKay edited SPLIA’s new book, *Gardens of Eden*, and wrote 5 of its 21 chapters. Among the Nassau County communities featured in this book are Garden City, the Plandomes, Munsey Park, Beacon Hill, and several on the Great Neck peninsula, as well as other planned communities in Queens and Suffolk County. Copies of *Gardens of Eden* will be available for purchase (\$65). *Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends. This program is free. Light refreshments will be served.*< /font>

Directions: The Bethpage Public Library is located at [47 Powell Avenue \(click link for map\)](#), just off Rt. 135. Our program is downstairs in the meeting room. From Rt. 135 (Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway), take exit #8 and turn right onto Powell Ave. Go about 2 blocks to the library which is on the left. Parking is adjacent or in the lot across the street. The library has an elevator.

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Linda Singing Colonial Ballads at Federal Hall National Memorial < /font>

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*lindarussellmusic.com* < /font>

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## **Centennial Anniversary Luncheon and Annual Meeting**

Sunday, October 18, 2015, 12:00 noon  
**“Catching the Tune: A History of Long Island in Society”**

**Linda Russell, Balladeer**

Milleridge Inn, Jericho, New York < /font>

Annual Meeting: presentation of reports, election of Board Members, and general business will be conducted as per NCHS By-Laws.

The business will be conducted between luncheon courses. After dessert is served, [Linda Russell, Balladeer](#), will present her musical program of historical songs, “Catching the Tune: A History of Long Island in Society.” NCHS members will likely recall Ms. Russell performing at past NCHS Annual Meetings. We looking forward to welcoming her back for another glimpse of songs we know from yore, and learning the fascinating stories behind those songs.

Information about menu, and cost has been mailed to NCHS members.

A pdf copy of the [meeting announcement is available here](#) for you to view. A pdf copy of the [RSVP card is available here](#) for you to print out and send in with payment for your reservation.

Directions: The Milleridge Inn is located in Jericho, entrance on northbound Rt.106/107 immediately before exit ramp to Jericho Turnpike (Rt. 25 east). < /font>

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Sunday, September 20, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

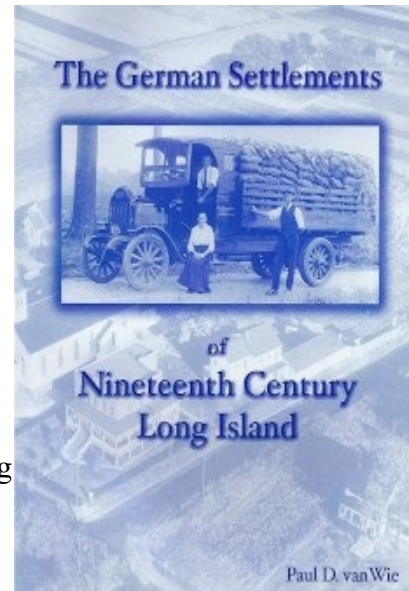
**“The German Settlements of Nineteenth-Century Long Island”**

**Paul van Wie**

Community Church of East Williston < /font>

Today’s Elmont, Franklin Square, New Hyde Park, Hicksville, Wantagh, and Massapequa Park are among the Long Island villages founded or settled by German immigrants. Some were even predominantly German-speaking by 1900. A diverse group, the German immigrants were merchants, professionals, farmers, and hotel owners. They became Americans, made Long Island their home, and their numerous descendants remain here to this day. Dr. van Wie is a Professor of History and Political Science at Molloy College and President of the Franklin Square Historical Society. Copies of his book on German settlements will be available to purchase.

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Sketch by Peter Townsend of his uncle Robert (aka Culper Jr) 1813. </font>

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*Collection of the Friends of Raynham Hall, Inc.* </font>

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Sunday, June 7, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

### **“George Washington’s Secret Six”**

**Brian Kilmeade**

Cradle of Aviation Museum, Museum Row at Mitchel Field, East Garden City </font>

Brian Kilmeade is co-author of *George Washington’s Secret Six: The Spy Ring That Saved the American Revolution*, as well as a co-host of the morning television show, *Fox & Friends* on Fox News. Four of the “Secret Six” were Long Islanders and the Culper Spy Ring is an important part of Long Island history. (The current television series *Turn: Washington’s Spies* has also increased interest in the topic, though *Turn* has often taken dramatic license.) Come hear Brian Kilmeade discuss the history of the Spy Ring and its crucial role in America’s War for Independence. His book will be available for sale and the talk will be followed by a book signing.

Preferred seating for Nassau County Historical Society members at 5:30 pm.; please bring the announcement card mailed to your home to expedite admission.

Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends. This program is free. Refreshments will be served.

Directions: The Cradle of Aviation is [located on Charles Lindbergh Blvd.\(click link for map\)](#) at Mitchel Field in East Garden City/Uniondale. Take the Meadowbrook Parkway to exit M4. Follow signs to Coliseum/Museum Row and Charles Lindbergh Blvd. Stay on Charles Lindbergh Blvd., go through the traffic light at Earl Ovington Blvd. and turn right when you see the life-size figure in a space suit. Parking lots on both sides of Museum drive.

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Sagamore Hill. < /font>

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Sunday, April 12, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

**“The Rehabilitation of the Roosevelt Home at Sagamore Hill”**

**Susan Sarna**

Community Church of East Williston < /font>



The Theodore Roosevelt home at Sagamore Hill has been closed to visitors the last three years while it has undergone a major [rehabilitation](#); planning for the project began in 2011. Our speaker, Susan Sarna, is the Sagamore Hill museum curator who has been the on-site coordinator of the comprehensive interior and exterior rehabilitation and restoration. She will give an illustrated presentation on the planning and implementation of the project, including re-installation of the furnishings (18,000 historic artifacts!). The home is scheduled to reopen on July 13, 2015; this program will provide a fascinating behind the scenes look at the procedures involved in the rehabilitation. < /font>

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1904 image of Wardencllyffe Tower located in Shoreham, Long Island, New York. The 94 by 94 ft (29 m) brick building was designed by architect Stanford White. < /font>

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Sunday, February 22, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

**“Tesla at Wardencllyffe: Past Hopes and Future Plans”**

**Neil Baggett and Jane Alcorn**

The Community Church of East Williston < /font>



Nikola Tesla, an inventor and electrical engineer, began construction of Wardencllyffe, his wireless telegraphic transmission station in Shoreham in 1901. Though Tesla’s Shoreham laboratory lasted only a few years, the building designed by architect Stanford White survives and was purchased by the [Tesla Science Center at Wardencllyffe](#) (TSC) in 2013. Our speakers are officers of the TSC. Neil Baggett, a retired physicist, will talk about Tesla’s life and work, especially his plans to transmit information and energy around the world from Wardencllyffe. Jane Acorn will discuss saving the site and TSC’s plans to restore Tesla’s last laboratory into

a center for science, education, and innovation.  
Snow date is Sunday, March 1. < /font>

Light refreshments will be served after the program.  
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Chromolithograph, The Union Iron Clad Monitor, "Montauk"  
1863. < /font>

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Sunday, December 7, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

**Long Island at War: Battle Front and Home Front**  
**Joshua Ruff**

The Community Church of East Williston < /font> < /p>

Joshua Ruff, who has presented many programs to the NCHS in the past, returns to speak on the [current exhibit](#) which he curated at the [Long Island Museum](#) at Stony Brook. This exhibition traces Long Island's involvement from the Revolutionary War through Iran and Afghanistan. His illustrated presentation will explore some of the subjects contained in the exhibition, including the history of the island's military forts and encampments, its 20th century role in industrial war production, and the participation of its residents in each major military conflict in American history. The Pearl Harbor anniversary is a fitting date for this program.

Did you know (from the LI Museum web site):

- Long Island has been a crucial and often unsung actor in nearly every war in our nation's history.
- Battle of Long Island in 1776.
- The "arsenal of democracy" created by Grumman and other Long Island-based companies in World War II.



- Calverton (the largest national cemetery in the United States). </font>

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Robert Small in his 42nd Royal Highland Regiment

Uniform. </font>

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Sunday, October 5, 2014, Time: 12:00 noon

**NCHS Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

[Davenport Press Restaurant](#), Mineola</font> </font>

Our annual meeting this year will again be held at a luncheon at the historic Davenport Press Restaurant in Mineola. The building was built in 1862 as a bank, it later became a printing company and was the official county printer for years. A restaurant since 1976, it is decorated with antiques and historic photographs. </font>

Our speaker will be Robert Small, a Revolutionary War re-enactor of the 42nd Royal Highland Regiment, which landed on Long Island in 1776. Major Small will speak about the Revolution on Long Island and explain his impressive Black Watch uniform and equipment.</font> </font>



We will have a choice of four entrees: broiled salmon; chicken francaise; sliced London broil with mushroom sauce; or rigatoni a la vodka (entree selections made at the table). The meal includes tossed salad, dessert, and coffee or tea (cash bar). Our room will be available from 12 noon and the food will be served beginning at 12:30 p.m. The luncheon is \$35 (\$40 for checks postmarked after Saturday, September 27th) and we will have open seating rather than assigned tables. We can guarantee good food, an interesting program, and an enjoyable afternoon. </font>

Reservation information has been mailed to NCHS members. Non-members are requested to contact the luncheon chairperson, Betsey Murphy at 627-8674 or Natalie Naylor at 538-7679 for seating availability. We cannot guarantee space will be available if you come without a reservation.

A pdf copy of the [meeting announcement is available here](#) for you to print out and send in your reservation form and payment. </font> </font>

[Davenport Press Restaurant](#) is located at 70 Main Street in Mineola, south of 2nd St., and between Willis Ave, and Mineola Blvd. Because of one-way streets, we suggest taking Roslyn Rd. south and turning right (west) onto Old Country Rd. Turn north on Main St. (just

after Willis Ave.). The restaurant is on the right, just before the LIRR tracks. Parking is on the south side of the restaurant or on the street (parking at meters is free on Sunday). </font>

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North Hempstead Town Hall </font>

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Sunday, September 21, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

**North Hempstead: Celebrating its 400th Anniversary**

**Howard Kroplick**

The Community Church of East Williston </font>

Town of North Hempstead historian Howard Kroplick will speak on the history of the town in celebration of the 400th anniversary of its European discovery. His powerpoint presentation spans the history of the town, including the people, places, and landmarks that have created its identity. He is sure to mention the Vanderbilt Cup Races which are one of his passions. Copies of his recent pictorial history, *North Hempstead*, will be available for signing (published by Arcadia, it is a \$20 paperback).

Light refreshments will be served after the program.

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Ethel Roosevelt Derby < /font>

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Sunday, May 18, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

**Women in Long Island's Past**

**Natalie A. Naylor**

The Community Church of East Williston < /font>

Nationally notable women and local leaders have been part of Long Island's history, though nearly invisible in most accounts. Authors and artists, sunksquaws and suffragists, pioneering pilots and the Janes who made the planes, and innumerable other women have all left their mark on Long Island's past. Even "ordinary" women have played important roles throughout our history. The speaker is a retired Hofstra University professor and president of our Historical Society. Following the talk, Dr. Naylor will sign copies of her recent book, *Women in Long Island's Past: A History of Eminent Ladies and Everyday Lives*.

Light refreshments will be served after the program.

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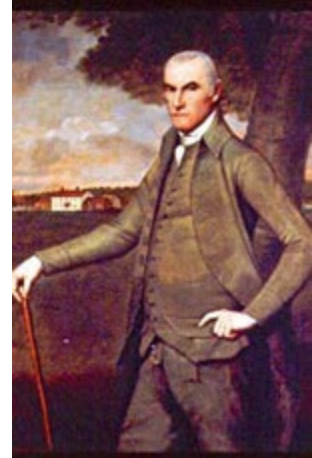
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William Floyd in front of his Long Island manor house (reproduction of 1792 painting by Ralph Earl). < /font>

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April 13, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

**"He Dared to Sign [in 1776]: William Floyd"  
a talk and slide presentation with MaryLaura Lamont**

The Community Church of East Williston < /font>

[William Floyd](#), one of four signers of the Declaration of Independence for the state of New York, was born and raised in Mastic, Long Island. In addition to being one of the Founding Fathers, Floyd ran his [plantation](#) of 4,400 acres and had a long and interesting life. Generations of his descendants lived in the house, and the family donated the 25-room "[Old Mastic House](#)" and more than 600 acres of land to the National Park Service in 1976. The [Floyd house](#) is interpreted as it changed and grew with the family over the years. < /font>

Our speaker, MaryLaura Lamont, has been a ranger for the Park Service at the Floyd estate for more than three decades.< /font>

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February 9, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

**Elizabeth Kahn Kaplan: "Poking Fun: Political Puns and Social Satire in the Genre Paintings of William Sidney Mount"**

The Community Church of East Williston < /font>

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William Sidney Mount, *Farmers Nooning*, 1836. < /font>

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Courtesy The Long Island Museum. < /font>

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Art historian Elizabeth Kahn Kaplan combines art and history to take a close look at the use of humor and political satire in selected genre paintings of Long Island artist William Sidney Mount. Nineteenth-century relations between the sexes, abolitionist rhetoric, and political chicanery were all grist for the visual puns Mount incorporated into seemingly simple scenes of country life on Long Island. Mount's neighbors and city patrons readily "got" his subtle--and not so subtle--jokes. In this illustrated talk, Ms. Kaplan explains Mount's "insider" jokes, double-entendres, puns, and political humor, which help us better understand his paintings in the context of the political and social themes of his time.

What is represented by the boy tickling a sleeping black man with a straw in *Farmers Nooning*, 1836? (image above)

What does the trap represent in *Catching Rabbits*, 1839?

Answers to these and other questions will be shared during this program. Discovery of Mount's sharp wit adds another dimension to appreciation of his art.

This program is co-sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities; it is free and open to all. < /font>

Elizabeth Kahn Kaplan is an educator, writer, and lecturer about art, artists, and American history to both adult and school- age audiences. Formerly the Director of Education with the Three Village Historical Society in Setauket, NY, Mrs. Kaplan curated their exhibit, *Spies! How A Group of Long Island Patriots Helped General Washington Win the Revolution*. She is a co-editor of the Society's publication, *William Sidney Mount: Family, Friends and Ideas*, about the world-renowned 19th century American genre artist.

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Sunday, December 8, 2013, 2:00 p.m.  
**Rebuilding the Historic Jones Beach**

**George Gorman, Jr.**

The Community Church of East Williston < /font>



Jones Beach State Park was hard hit by superstorm Sandy in October 2012. George Gorman, Jr., the Deputy Regional (Long Island) Director of the [New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation](#), will explain how Jones Beach State Park has been reconstructed -- while maintaining the historic integrity of the facility -- after the major damage it sustained.

Light refreshments will be served after the presentation.

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Sunday, October 20, 2013, 12:00

**NCHS Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

[Davenport Press Restaurant](#), Mineola< /font> < /font>

Our annual meeting this year will be at a luncheon at the historic Davenport Press Restaurant in Mineola. The building was built in 1862 as a bank, it later became a printing company and was the official county printer for years. A restaurant since 1976, it is decorated with antiques and historic photographs.

Peter Bales, author of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the 20st Century: A Factual and Irreverent Survey of American History*, will speak on "Alfred E. Smith: Let's Look at the Record." Al Smith is most remembered today as the defeated candidate for president in 1928, but he had served four terms as New York State governor. During his administrations in the 1920s, Robert Moses had Smith's support to create a dozen state parks on Long Island. A professor in the CUNY system, Dr. Bales is an entertaining speaker (he spoke at our 1996 dinner meeting; see his website, [peterbales.com](#) < /font>

We have streamlined the luncheon this year, with a more affordable price of \$35 and open seating at smaller tables. There is a choice of four entree selections: sliced London broil with mushroom sauce; broiled salmon; chicken francaise; or rigatoni alla vodka. The luncheon, which will be served at 12:30 p.m., includes tossed salad, desert, and coffee or tea (cash bar).

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Saltzman house, East Hampton, Long Island. </font> </font>

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Courtesy Ezra Stoller ©Esto. </font> </font>  
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Sunday, September 22, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

**LI's Modern Architecture**

Jericho Public Library </font>

Long Island has many historic houses and Gold Coast mansions, but we rarely think about its modern houses. Many internationally renowned modern architects, including Frank Lloyd Wright, I. M. Pei, Walter Gropius, Marcel Breuer, and Edward Durell Stone, designed buildings on Long Island. Many were on the East End, but some were in Nassau County. Architectural historian and preservationist Caroline Rob Zaleski, author of *Long Island Modernism, 1930-1980* (W.W. Norton), surveyed hundreds of significant modernist buildings for the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities (SPLIA). Her talk, illustrated with archival and contemporary photographs, uncovers this hitherto forgotten past and includes some genuine surprises. The program is co-sponsored by our host, the Jericho Library (516-935-6790). Refreshments will follow the program. </font> </font>

Saturday, June 22, 2013, 11:00 a.m.

**Talk and Tour: Oheka Castle**

Oheka Castle, Huntington</font> </font>



When Otto Herman Kahn built [Oheka](#) in 1917-1919, it was (and still is) the second largest private residence in America, with 127 rooms and 109,000 square feet. Designed by architects Delano & Aldrich in the French Renaissance style, the Olmsted Brothers landscaped its 443 acres. Gary Melius began restoration of this magnificent estate in 1984 and recreated the formal gardens with reflecting pools and fountains. Oheka is on the National Register of Historic Places and a premier locale for weddings and special events.

We will tour Oheka and learn about its history. Note the change in date and time from that previously announced. Please dress appropriately-country club casual attire (no shorts or jeans).

Directions: Oheka is just over the Suffolk line at 135 West Gate Drive, Huntington, off Jericho Turnpike. Take Round Swamp Road north, either from the Northern State Parkway (exit 39) or the LI Expressway/Rt. 495 (exit 48N). Continue north on Round Swamp Rd. 2 or 3 miles. Turn left (west) on Rt. 25/Jericho Turnpike. At the first traffic light, make a sharp right turn at the stone-walled entrance onto West Gate Drive. Bear left to the front gate entrance to Oheka. </font> </font>

Sunday, April 14, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

**Constance Haydock: "Gatsby and Beyond: The Fabled Gardens of Long Island's Gold Coast"**

Jericho Public Library, 1 Merry Lane, Jericho </font>

Landscape architect Constance Haydock will speak on the gardens of Long Island's Gold Coast at our April 14th meeting. Originally comprising vast areas of the North Shores of Long Island, the Gold Coast was a favorite retreat of the rich and famous. Beginning around the turn of the century and through the 1920s, the North Shore was the place to be for some of the most notable Americans. Along with grand houses, they built elaborate gardens, hiring such notable architects and landscape architects as Delano and Aldrich, Carrere and Hastings, the Olmsted Brothers, Beatrix Farrand, and Ellen Biddle Shipman. Discover the gardens, as they were originally built, and learn about their history, landscape design, and present condition. This illustrated lecture is co-sponsored by our host, the Jericho Public Library. *Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends.*

Directions: The Jericho library is located at 1 Merry Lane, just south of Jericho Turnpike and east of Rt.106/107. From the Long Island Expressway, take Exit 41N or Northern State Parkway to Exit 35N (Rt.106/107). Proceed north 1/4 mile to Rte.25 (Jericho Turnpike). Drive east on Jericho Turnpike 1 block to Merry Lane. Turn south on Merry Lane, and proceed 100 feet to the library on the east side of the street. </font>

Sunday, February 10, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

**Denward W. Collins, Jr. "Goldbeating in Hicksville: Producing Gold Leaf"**

The Community Church of East Williston, East Williston </font> </font>

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Goldbeating panel from WPA Mural painted by Joseph Allen Physioc in 1936, in Hicksville Middle School Auditorium, Hicksville, Long Island. </font>

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Goldbeating, the craft of producing gold leaf, dates to biblical times. Beginning in 1850, German immigrants brought this craft to the rural hamlet of Hicksville. At its peak, this cottage industry employed one-third of Hicksville's population in more than twenty shops. Gold leaf was used to decorate many objects, including leather-bound books, picture frames, dinner plates, and carriages. Hicksville's last goldbeating shop closed in 1942. Learn the interesting history of goldbeating from Denward W. Collins, Jr., past president of the Historical Society, whose own family was involved in this industry. </font> </font>

Sunday, December 2, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

### **Edward J. Smits "New Yorkers Re-imagineer Santa Claus in the 1880s"**

The Community Church of East Williston, East Williston </font> </font>

A presentation by Nassau County Historian Edward J. Smits of how leading New York and Long Island writers and publishers transformed the European legend of St. Nicholas into a folk superstar-*Santa Claus*. Washington Irving, Clement Moore, Thomas Nast, and members of the Harper and Onderdonk families created and popularized a new image of Santa Claus that eventually swept the growing young country providing a major permanent influence on American social and commercial life. Ed will display from his personal collection actual original copies of period books, prints, and newspapers that created this significant transformation.</font> </font>

Sunday, October 14, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

### **Annual Meeting**

Cherry Valley Club, 28 Rockaway Avenue at Third Street, Garden City </font> </font>

This year the board has decided to change the annual meeting from a dinner to a luncheon in the hope that more members and guests will be able to attend and to reflect the preference expressed by members during the meeting at the Webb Institute. Upon arrival at 1:00 PM wine and cocktails by script (cash) will be available. Soft drinks are complimentary. There will also be fresh garden crudites and a cheese presentation. A sit down luncheon will follow

at 1:30 PM with Minnesota wild rice soup, a choice of three entree selections (Montauk shrimp salad platter, stuffed breast of chicken and jumbo lump petite crab cakes) and dessert. The cost for the luncheon is \$50 for reservations postmarked by October 1st, \$60 for reservations postmarked after October 1st and \$65.00 at the door. < /font> < /font>

After the luncheon Shirley Romaine, an accomplished actress and television personality, will present an informative and entertaining program, "That Place, Those Times: Long Island Voices." Walt Whitman, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ring Lardner, and George M. Cohan are just a few of the literary voices that she will bring to life in her program on aspects of Paumanok's history. Shirley Romaine has appeared extensively on and off Broadway in plays and has been featured on daytime and prime time television. For the past twenty-five years she has been the host of the award winning "Artscene on Long Island" on Cablevision. She has created this program for our luncheon meeting. Please join us for the delicious luncheon and wonderful presentation and be sure to bring your friends.< /font> < /font>

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This YouTube link is provided as an introduction to Shirley Romaine. The link is an interview from December 19, 2011, "Art Scene with Shirley Romaine:Spinney Hill: The African American History of Manhasset & Great Neck" where she interviews the Editor and Writer of this documentary on local Long Island history.< /font> < /font>

Sunday, September 23, 2012, 2:00 p.m.  
**Ray Lumpp "Memories of the 1948 Olympics"**  
The Community Church of East Williston, East Williston < /font> < /font>

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The 2012 Olympics in London have concluded, but we'll have an opportunity to go back in history. At the 1948 Olympics in London, Long Islander Ray Lumpp played on the U.S. basketball team, which won all eight of its games and an Olympic gold medal. The coach of the U.S. 2012 basketball team invited him to return to London to see the team play in this year's Olympics. For nearly forty years, Ray Lumpp was athletic director of the NYAC, which produced 230 Olympic medal winners-more than any other athletic club in the world!



He'll share his memories with us at our Sept. 23d meeting.< /font> < /font>

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

**Natalie A. Naylor "The Legacy of New Deal Art on LI"**

Hicksville Middle School Auditorium, 215 Jerusalem Avenue, Hicksville < /font> < /p> < /font> < /font>

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Farming panel from WPA Mural painted by Joseph Allen Physioc in 1936, in Hicksville Middle School Auditorium, Hicksville, Long Island. < /font> < /font>

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The Hicksville Middle School has five [WPA murals](#) painted by Bayville artist and stage designer Joseph Allen Physioc in 1936. These and most of the fifty surviving New Deal era murals in Nassau and Suffolk counties depict various aspects of local history. Our president, Dr. Natalie A. Naylor, will speak about the art programs of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and show slides of all the extant murals and sculptures in Long Island schools, post offices, and other public buildings. You will be able to see the original five murals in the auditorium. Articles on the murals are in the *2004 NCHS Journal* and in the *Long Island Historical Journal* (vol. 17:2005).

Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends.< /font> < /font>

Directions:

The Hicksville Middle School is located at [215 Jerusalem Ave. in Hicksville](#) (click on link for map), east of Rt. 106 and one (double) block south of Old Country Road. The school is between 2nd and 4th Streets on the east side of Jerusalem Ave. Turn left at the first traffic light south of Jerusalem onto 2nd Street to park. Enter the building through the doors on the left wing (near 2nd St) with the columns facing Jerusalem. < /font> < /font>

Sunday, March 18, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

**John E. Hammond "Searching for the Civil War Records of the Town of Oyster Bay"**

Community Church of East Williston < /font> < /font>

In continuing observance of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, John E. Hammond, Historian of the Town of Oyster Bay, will speak on "Searching for the Civil War Records of the Town of Oyster Bay." Last year John Hammond compiled and published Civil War Records: Town of Oyster Bay. He will speak about his quest, share some of his interesting findings, and have copies of booklet available for those attending. We are in the midst of the ongoing 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Come to learn about some of the local young men who served in the war. Snow date, if necessary, Sunday March 25th, same time and location.

Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends.< /font> < /font>



Sunday, January 29, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

**Professor Richard C. Harris "William H. Webb & Webb Institute"**

Webb Institute, Glen Cove < /font> < /font>

In 1889 in the Bronx, William H. Webb, considered the greatest American shipbuilder of the nineteenth century, founded what is today the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture. Webb moved in 1947 to the former estate of Herbert L. Pratt, the *Braes*, in Glen Cove. At this small select college on a 26-acre campus, all students receive full tuition scholarships and pursue double majors in Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture. Richard Harris, Professor of Humanities at Webb, will speak about the extraordinary life of William Webb, the role of the school he founded, and the history of the magnificent 1914 Pratt mansion that is the main building on the Webb campus today. A short tour of the mansion will follow the presentation. The snow date is February 5. Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends. Refreshments will be served after the program.

**Directions:** Webb is located at 298 Crescent Beach Road in Glen Cove. Take Glen Cove Road north into Glen Cove (bear left at fork and follow Rt. 107 to end). At the firehouse, turn right onto Brewster St.; turn left just before school onto Dosoris Lane (4 traffic lights). After about 1 mile, turn left at New Woods Rd. and go to the end. Turn right onto Crescent Beach Rd. Go about 1/4 mile to the end where you'll see the entrance to Webb. < /font> < /font>

Sunday, December 4, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

**Ms. Peter G. Rose "Joyful Traditions: How the Dutch Brought Us Santa, Presents, and**

## **Treats"**

The Community Church of East Williston </font> </font>

In this slide-lecture, food historian Peter G. Rose delves into the early history of the life of Saint Nicholas; explains the various changes in his veneration; and relates how he was brought to America by the Dutch in the 17th century, and again, transformed into Santa in the 19th century. The talk encompasses such subjects as literature, religion, the fine arts, and Dutch food ways to describe the extraordinary story of Saint Nicholas' generosity, which has had a lasting impact on American culture. The event, which is free and open to the public, is made possible through the support of the New York Council for the Humanities. Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends. Refreshments will be served after the program. </font> </font>

Thursday, October 13, 2011

### **Annual Dinner Meeting**

Westbury Manor, 1100 Jericho Turnpike (Route 25), Westbury, New York </font> </font>

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at six p.m.

Dinner at six forty-five p.m.

Program by Larry Moser and Mary Nagin, "Rally Round the Flag" Tunes & Songs of the Civil War as we reflect on the sequicentennial of this turning point in our nation's history.

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Please contact us if your announcement does not arrive. If you are not a NCHS member and wish to attend the Annual Dinner, contact us and we will send the information and membership form to you. </font> </font>

Sunday, September 25, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

### **Amy Verone "Preserving Sagamore Hill"**

The Community Church of East Williston </font> </font>

Amy Verone has been the Curator at the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site for many years and is the authority on the Roosevelts at Sagamore Hill. Theodore Roosevelt and his family lived in this house for many decades, and their home is unique for having so many original furnishings. Learn about the history of the house, the Roosevelts, and planned renovations.

Note: TR's home will be closing this fall for extensive rehabilitation. If you have not been to Sagamore Hill recently, visit soon since the main house will be closed for up to two years.

Guided house tours (\$5) are offered on the hour, from 10 AM to 4 PM, Wednesday through Sunday. Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends. Refreshments will be served after the program. </font> </font>



Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

**John Norbeck "History of the Phipps Estate"**

Old Westbury Gardens, Old Westbury </font> </font>

John Norbeck is President of Old Westbury Gardens and will speak to us about the history of the Phipps Estate, today's Old Westbury Gardens. The 70-room Westbury House, completed in 1906, is on the National Register and the formal gardens and extensive landscaped grounds are a national treasure. A special bonus is that our program will be in Orchard Hill, Peggie Phipps Boergner's former home on the estate grounds. Orchard Hill is a nineteenth-century Quaker farmhouse, which is not regularly open to the public. Members can arrive at Old Westbury Gardens anytime after 4 PM to stroll the gardens. Refreshments will be served after the 6:30 talk. Because space is limited at Orchard Hill, this program is limited to Nassau County Historical Society members only; bring this announcement as your ticket of admission. If you arrive after 5 PM (when the main gate closes), use the entrance at 55 Old Westbury Rd., just south of the main gate. Program will be held rain or shine. </font> </font>

April 10, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

**John Ellis Kordes "A. T. Stewart and the Origins of Garden City" and Tour of the Cathedral, including the Crypt**

Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City </font> </font>

John Ellis Kordes will speak and be our tour guide at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City. He is Garden City's Village Historian and a professional photographer, who has produced a documentary film, A. T. Stewart's Garden City, and a book, Visions of Garden City. Stewart, one of the wealthiest men in the world at the time, purchased almost 10,000 acres of the Hempstead Plains in 1869 to create Garden City. After Stewart died on April 10, 1876 (yes, it's the 135th anniversary of his death), his widow Cornelia Clinch Stewart had Henry S. Harrison design an imposing Gothic Revival cathedral as a memorial to her husband, having convinced the Episcopal Diocese to move its headquarters from Brooklyn to Garden City. Her other memorials included the Bishop's House, St. Paul's School for Boys and St. Mary's School for Girls. Guests are welcome to attend; invite your friends. Refreshments will be served after the program. </font> </font>

February 20, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

**Linda Russell "Songs America Voted By: Campaign Songs of the 19th Century"**

Community Church of East Williston </font> </font>

Presented with the support of the New York Council for the Humanities. The political campaigns of the past were fueled by song. Tunes like "Jefferson and Liberty," "Tippecanoe

and Tyler Too," "Grover's Veto," and "You're All Right, Teddy" were sung with great gusto from porches and taverns across the land. They livened up street corners and torchlight parades. Campaign wordsmiths, often using popular melodies of the day, wrote catchy ditties that got stuck in our heads as we went to the polls. Balladeer Linda Russell traces our elections, from Jefferson's victory song through the Whigs Great Singing Campaign of 1840, to the ragtime melodies of Teddy Roosevelt's term. This lively program casts a unique look at how we got to know the candidates for political office in the days before mass media.

Ms. Linda Russell Balladeer/Musical Historian For 30 years, Linda Russell has explored America's past through song. She served as 18th century balladeer at Federal Hall National Memorial in NYC. Now, her performances are in demand at historic sites, schools and community centers around the country. New York venues have included Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center Out-of Doors, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art's American Wing. She has recorded eight albums of traditional and historical music, including: Stephen Foster Songs on Albany Records, The Good Old Colony Days on Prairie Smoke Records and Christmas Past, on Helicon Records. < /font> < /font>

Sunday, January 9, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

**Eva Greguski "Rustic Refinements: The Musical Genre Paintings and Prints of Long Island Painter William Sidney Mount, 1830-1860"**

Community Church of East Williston < /font> < /font>

Eva Greguski was formerly art curator at the Long Island Museum of American Art, History and Carriages in Stony Brook which has the largest collection of William Sidney Mount paintings. Mount is America's foremost genre painter. Mount played the violin and music is integral in many of his paintings.

**N.B.** The snow date is March 14 (same time and place). < /font> < /font>

Wednesday, October 13, 2010, Cocktails at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m.

**Annual Dinner Meeting**

Westbury Manor, 1100 Jericho Turnpike (Route 25), Westbury, New York < /font> < /font>

Note: this will be a Wednesday evening, instead of our usual Thursday evening.

*Lion's Pride: John Cranford Adams and Hofstra University*

Hofstra University is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year. Bob Spiotto, the Executive Producer, Hofstra Entertainment and Artistic Director of the Hofstra Cultural Center's Performing/Community Arts Program, has created for us a special theatrical presentation. *Lion's Pride: John Cranford Adams and Hofstra University* will have its premier at the Society's Annual Dinner on October 13th (starring Bob Spiotto!).

John Cranford Adams was President of Hofstra from 1944 to 1964 and the decisive formative influence in the University. An eminent Shakespeare scholar who researched the Globe theatre, Dr. Adams initiated Hofstra's Shakespeare Festival in 1950. The plays are often

presented on the 5/6th life-size replica of the Globe stage, which is now erected in Hofstra's John Cranford Adams Playhouse for the annual Shakespeare Festival.

The Nassau County Historical Society has had many ties to Hofstra. During the Adams presidency and for the past 25 years, its collection of books and manuscripts has been housed at Hofstra, currently in the Long Island Studies Institute in Hofstra's Axinn Library. The Institute is the premier resource for researching Nassau County history.

Please join us as Bob Spiotto makes John Cranford Adams "come alive" on Wednesday evening, October 13th. </font> </font>

September 19, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

**Natalie A. Naylor "Daring and Intrepid Airwomen: Long Island's Pioneer Women Aviators"**

Cradle of Aviation Museum, Mitchel Field </font> </font>

Natalie A. Naylor, NCHS President, presented a program illustrated with slides on the over two dozen women aviators who called Long Island home. </font> </font>

Thursday, June 17, 2010, time 7:00 p.m.

**Nunley's Carousel at Museum Row**

Museum Row, Mitchel Field, Garden City, New York </font> </font>

Members and their guests are encouraged to join us for this special visit to Nunley's Carousel. Society board member. and Nassau Country Historian, Ed Smits will give a talk on the history of this local amusement ride. You'll also be able to take a spin on the carousel. (See web site, [Nunley's Carousel](#).) </font> </font>

Thursday, April 15, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

**"A History of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lattingtown"**

St. John's Episcopal Church, 325 Lattingtown Road, Locust Valley, New York </font> </font>

Fr. Simon Foster, Rector, [St. John's](#) Lattingtown will talk about the history and architecture of this north shore congregation spanning just over 150 years. </font> </font>

Sunday, March 7, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

**"Painters of Long Island's North Fork"**

The Community Church of East Williston, East Williston, New York </font> </font>

Geoffrey Fleming, Director of the Southold Historical Society and co-author, *A Shared Aesthetic: Artists of Long Island's North Fork*" will share a slide presentation.

Artists have lived and worked on the North Fork since the 18th century. The "Peconic colony" included such artists as Benjamin Fitz, Edward Bell, Irving Wiles, Henry and Edith Prellwitz, and many others. Our speaker, Geoffrey Fleming, is the co-author of the widely acclaimed book, *A Shared Aesthetic: Painters of Long Island's North Fork*. As Amei Wallach concluded in her Foreword to the book, the landscapes and other paintings of these artists celebrate "a place, a history, and a way of living and making art." Learn about the artists and their paintings in this illustrated presentation.

The snow date is March 14 (same time and place). </font> </font>

Sunday, January 17, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

**"Claimed by the Sea: Long Island Shipwrecks"**

Joint meeting with the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society

Farmingdale Public Library

116 Merritts Road

Farmingdale, New York </font> </font>

Adam Grohman is the author of a number of books on shipwrecks and other maritime subjects, including *Claimed by the Sea: Long Island Shipwrecks*. (See web site, [Underwater Historical Society](#).) As a diver, he has explored many shipwrecks in the waters around Long Island. </font> </font>

Thursday, October 15, 2009

**Annual Dinner Meeting**

Westbury Manor, Westbury, New York </font> </font>

The evening's program featured Michael Goudket, Master of Music of the Huntington Militia, instructing and entertaining us about "Instrumental Music in Colonial America" with

demonstrations on period instruments. </font> </font>

Thursday, September 10, 2009

**"Images of the LIRR Through 175 Years"**

The Community Church of East Williston, East Williston, New York </font> </font>

The Long Island Rail Road was first chartered in 1834. In recognition of its 175th Anniversary, this special meeting is on the history of the LIRR. David Morrison is a railroad historian and authority on the history of the Long Island Rail Road. He gave an illustrated presentation.

Did you know that the LIRR was begun as a short cut to Boston? The railroad has played a vital role in the development of Long Island throughout its history. Today it is the largest commuter railroad in North America, serving 87.4 million passengers on more than 700 miles of track on its eleven different branches. </font> </font>

Thursday, June 4, 2009 7:30 p.m.

**North Shore Estates**

Hoffman Center, 6000 Northern Boulevard, Muttontown </font> </font>

Paul Mateyunas, author of [North Shore Long Island: Country Houses, 1890-1950](#) will be speaking on North Shore Estates. (clicking on the book title will take you to the publisher's website for more information about this book)

The [Hoffman Center](#) is the former Brewster Estate. Clicking on [Hoffman Center: Nature Preserve and Wildlife Sanctuary](#) will take you to the center's web site which includes information about the center and its former history as the Brewster Estate.

Please note that there will be no charge for NCHS members to attend this program meeting. Be sure to bring the program announcement card for this meeting which will be mailed out in mid- May. There will be a \$10 (cash or check) per person charge at the door for guests of members and non- members. </font> </font>

Thursday, April 16, 2009 7:00 p.m.

**"Changing Times: North Hempstead History"  
and a tour of the North Hempstead Town Hall**

Town Hall of North Hempstead, 220 Plandome Road, Manhasset, New York </font> </font>

Our evening program focuses on the early 20th century when North Hempstead's Town Hall was built. (Town Hall was refurbished last year in celebration of its 100th anniversary.) Leslie Gross, North Hempstead Town Clerk, will present an illustrated history of the Town, assisted by Joan Kent, the Town Historian. Following the program in the Town Board Room,

we will tour the building. Historical photographs are in the hallways, showing various scenes of the past in the Town of North Hempstead. </font> </font>

Follow this link to a press release: [Town Traces Origins on North Hempstead Day: Ribbon cutting ceremony unveils renovated Town Hall](#) with photos and information about the Town Hall renovation in September 2008. </font> </font>

Sunday, February 22, 2009 2:00 p.m.

**"Exploring African-American Culture and Community at Lloyd Manor: The Archeology of an Eighteenth-Century Slave Quarters"**

The Community Church of East Williston, East Williston, New York </font> </font>

In observation of February as Black History Month, the NCHS welcomes Jenna Coplin who will discuss the discoveries from the archaeological excavation Hofstra University's Center for Public Archaeology has been conducting on Lloyd Neck at the Joseph Lloyd Manor, the home of Jupiter Hammon, America's first published black writer. Professor Coplin's topic is "Exploring African-American Culture and Community at Lloyd Manor: The Archaeology of an Eighteenth-Century Slave Quarters." The excavation is one of the first archaeological studies of slave quarters in New York and has been featured in several newspaper articles. Learn how archaeological discoveries enhance written records. </font> </font>

Follow this link to an article from Hofstra Horizons, Fall 2007 [The Archaeology of Captivity and Freedom in Early New York](#) detailing the work of Professors Matthews and Coplin at King Manor and Lloyd Manor.

An article from the New York Times, [Dig Seeks to Unearth an Identity at Slave Site](#) about the dig at Lloyd Manor.

This link will take you to [Hofstra researchers dig into times of slave poet Jupiter Hammon](#) an article in the New York Daily News about the Lloyd Manor excavation. </font> </font>

Sunday, January 11, 2009, 2:00 p.m.

**Jones Beach: An Illustrated History**

The Community Church of East Williston, East Williston, New York </font> </font>

John Hanc, author of "[Jones Beach: An Illustrated History](#)" will present a lecture. </font> </font>

From the publisher's web site: </font> </font>

"Jones Beach opened inauspiciously amidst a howling sandstorm on August 4, 1929. In the years since, it has attracted 500 million visitors and become hallowed ground to generations of New Yorkers. Today Jones Beach evokes cherished memories of long-spent youth, old friends, and departed loved ones. In this evocative illustrated book, author John Hanc explores the traditions, institutions, controversies, and characters of this beloved seaside resort, now a state historic landmark. Vintage photos show buildings rising, parking lots filling, and generations of beachgoers having a good time. </font> </font>

Going all the way back to the British Empire days of pirate Thomas Jones, for whom the beach is named, John Hanc tells the stories of those who have shaped Jones Beach into a cultural icon - including Robert Moses, who promised to provide a refuge to the "teeming masses" from America's great city; a young Ronald Reagan, who starred in a Hollywood depiction of Jones Beach; and beloved entertainer Guy Lombardo, who revived Jones Beach Theater and created famously elaborate shows." </font> </font>

Thursday, October 16, 2008,  
**Annual Dinner Meeting**

Westbury Manor, Westbury, New York </font> </font>

We welcome Gene Horton, who will be speaking to us about: William Floyd, Long Island's Signer of the Declaration of Independence. </font> </font>

Thursday, June 26, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

**Visit to the restored Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building**

Mineola, New York </font> </font>

NCHS Board member Edward Smits began his presentation *History and Architecture of the Old Courthouse* with a brief tour of the restored building. The tour began on the front steps, proceeded through the Rotunda to the second floor main courtroom. Ed's recollections of working in the building, and the personages he encountered there added spice to the historical narrative and drama which this building has witnessed in our county's history. We were also treated to hearing NCHS Board member Natalie Naylor provide a brief recap of her research into the historic WPA Murals in Nassau County. She focused on the four murals located in the rotunda's stairways. </font> </font>

Sunday, April 20, 2008, 2:30 p.m.

**"A Sense of Place; Long Island History and Heritage"**

The Community Church of East Williston, East Williston, New York </font> </font>

Dr. Natalie Naylor presented an overview of Long Island's history from the Native American Indians and early Dutch and English settlements in the seventeenth century to Levittown and the suburban metropolis in the twenty-first century. Both the land and sea have shaped the lives of Long Islanders from Brooklyn to Montauk in agricultural, maritime, and other activities. The slide presentation included genre and landscape paintings by William Sidney Mount and William Merritt Chase, Currier and Ives lithographs, WPA murals, as well as contemporary photographs of historic houses and sites which illustrate Paumanok's history.</font> </font>

Sunday, February 17, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

### **Houses of the Hamptons 1880-1930**

The Community Church of East Williston, East Williston, New York </font> </font>

A slide presentation by Gary Lawrance, the co-author of "[Houses of the Hamptons, 1880-1930.](#)" Mr. Lawrance, AIA, is an architect from Stony Brook, New York. He wrote his 1982 architectural thesis on the country house architecture of Long Island's Gold Coast. He also consults with preservation groups, scholars, and homeowners in researching the historical background of their properties.

A short video clip, approx. 8 minutes, from "The Morning, Noon & Night" show on PlumTV, is available [here](#) and features Mr. Lawrance and his co-author Anne Surchin.</font> </font>

Sunday, January 6, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

### **"Planting Fields: A Long Island Gold Coast Story"**

The Community Church of East Williston, East Williston, New York </font> </font>

Ellen Cone Busch, former Director of Coe Hall and Planting Fields Foundation, presented an illustrated talk on the William Robertson Coe family and their Planting Fields estate in Oyster Bay. Now the [Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park and Coe Hall House Museum](#), this is one of the treasures of Long Island. Coe Hall, the 65-room mansion designed by Walker and Gillette, was built for the Coes between 1918 and 1921; it is open from April to September. The gardens, greenhouses, grounds, as well as the new Visitor Center are open year round. Learn about the family who created this magnificent 400 acre North Shore estate and donated it to the State of New York in 1949. </font> </font>

Thursday, October 11, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

### **Annual Dinner Meeting**

[Westbury Manor](#), Westbury, New York </font> </font>

Following the dinner and business parts of the annual meeting, Dr. Peter Bales presented the program "George Washington Schleppe Here: A Lighthearted Look at America's (and Long Island's) History". Professor [Peter Bales](#) is the author of "[How Come They Always Had the Battles in National Parks?](#)" Dr. Bales (Ph.D. in history SUNY Stony Brook 1992) is a



member of the faculty of the Queensborough Community College of the City University of New York, and has worked as a writer/researcher for the History Channel. < /font> < /font>

Thursday, June 21, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

**"Washington's Spies, The Story of America's First Spy Ring"**

[Doubleday Babcock Senior Center](#)  
[corner of East Main Street and White Street](#) (directions)

Oyster Bay < /font> < /font>

A program co-sponsored with the Oyster Bay Historical Society. Author Alexander Rose will talk about his book, "[Washington's Spies, The Story of America's First Spy Ring](#)". The Culper Spy Ring existed from 1778 and disbanded at the war's close in 1783. For more information read a review in [Newsday](#) and an interview with the author in [National Review](#). Hardcover published in 2006, paperback to be released May 1, 2007. < /font> < /font>

Sunday, April 29, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

**Living the American Dream: Levittown and the Suburban Boom**

First Presbyterian Church

Wantagh Avenue, Levittown

Directions: the church is located on the west side of Wantagh Avenue, one mile south of Hempstead Turnpike, or one mile north of Southern State Parkway. < /font> < /font>

In recognition of the 60th Anniversary of Levittown, Joshua Ruff, History Curator of [The Long Island Museum of American Art, History & Carriages](#) will present a slide and DVD lecture drawn from the currently running exhibit [Living the American Dream: Levittown and the Suburban Boom](#) from February 10 through July 8, 2007. Many of the items in the exhibit are on loan from the Levittown Historical Society collection. < /font> < /font>

March 18, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

**Mineola--The Nassau County Seat**

Recognition of its Centennial in 2006 as a Village

Mineola Village Hall

Washington Avenue (one block south of Jericho Turnpike, and west of Willis Avenue)

Mineola < /font> < /font>

A panel discussion by Village Trustee John S. DaVanzo, Village Historian Neil Young and Nassau County Historian Edward Smits will explore the village's unique history, growth and character. < /font> < /font>

Sunday, January 7, 2007, 2:30 p.m.

**"The Wrecks of the and , 1836- 1837 Bristol Mexico**

Community Church of East Williston

Hillside Avenue and Roslyn Road

East Williston < /font> < /font>

Arthur E. Mattson's slide presentation about the more than two hundred immigrants who drowned or froze to death during the winter of 1836-73 when the and were wrecked off the south shore of Long Island. This was before the days of women and children first. Amazing acts of heroism and cowardice surrounded both wrecks. Walt Whitman included references to these disasters in his poem "The Sleepers". Mr. Mattson, historian of Lynbrook, has written a book on the wrecks which will be published in the spring.*BristolMexico* < /font> < /font>

October 20, 2006 Roslyn

**Annual Dinner Meeting**

George Washington Manor Restaurant

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The brief, but necessary routine business matters were dispensed with during dinner. After our meal, we were entertained by a group demonstrating English Country dancing. Dr. Orly Krasner, who narrated, explained that the dancers used various means to silently convey their feelings to their partners. She invited members of the audience to join the dancers for the concluding dances. President George Washington could have participated in dances such as these during his 1790 tour of Long Island in a setting very much like that of our meeting. In fact, Washington did eat breakfast at Hendrick Onderdonk's house, which is the core of today's Washington Manor. < /font> < /font>

June 13, 2006 Syosset

**Down the Isle: Wedding Traditions on Long Island**

St. Bede's Episcopal Church

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During this program, we "attended" the weddings of more than a dozen Long Islanders. "Down the Isle: Wedding Traditions on Long Island" was presented in the sanctuary of St. Bedes Episcopal Church in Syosset by Joshua Ruff, curator of the exhibition on weddings at . The styles and details followed the social and economic conditions from the simple wedding, attended by six or eight in the family parlor, to the extravagant affairs of the high Victorian era, and then back to simplicity of the early thirties and World War II. A "reception" followed in the church parlor where the "wedding guests" enjoyed tea sandwiches, small cakes, and punch.The Long Island Museum of American Art, History & Carriages < /font> < /font>

April 27, 2006 Jericho Public Library Jericho

**The Art of Tiffany**

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Eva Greguski, curator of the exhibition on Tiffany at . She used slides of lamps, windows, vases, and artifacts from the exhibit. Her program was an excellent introduction for those of us who later visited the exhibit in Stony Brook. Those interested in Tiffany will want to visit the exhibition, at the in New York City through May 20, 2007. This exhibit includes leaded and stained glass windows, lighting fixtures, vases, pottery, and enamelware from Tiffany's home. It features the first showing of Tiffany's Daffodil Terrace, which has painstakingly been restored during the last two years.[The Long Island Museum of American Art, History & Carriages"Louis Comfort Tiffany and Laurelton Hall: An Artist's Country Estate,"Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) < /font> < /font>

February 19, 2006 Uniondale Public Library Uniondale  
**Black Long Islanders: Community, Church, and Family**

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In commemoration of Black History Month, our February program was presented by , Professor of Africana Studies at Brooklyn College, CUNY. Dr. Day, author of , spoke on Black Long Islanders. Her slides showed photographs of notable black leaders, old documents, and sites, and she also discussed the Underground Railroad organized by abolitionists. This very interesting and informative program concluded with dialogue with members of the audience who knew descendants of some of the individuals and families mentioned. This meeting was co sponsored by the Uniondale Public Library and held in their recently enlarged and renovated building.[Lynda DayMaking a Way to Freedom: A History of African Americans on Long Island](#) < /font> < /font>

Thursday, October 14, 2004 North Shore Country Club Glen Head  
**Annual Meeting**

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Sampawams Creek performed instrumental and vocal selections from nautical history.< /font> < /font>

Thursday, June 15, 2004 Albertson  
[Clark Botanic Garden](#)  
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A late afternoon picnic was followed by a garden tour where attendees enjoyed the visual splendors of the Clark Botanic Garden before sunset. A presentation about the gardens took place inside as the sun set on a glorious summer day.

May 6, 2004, 8:00 p.m. Camp Upton in World War I & II and the Brookhaven National Laboratory Main Terminal of Republic Airport Route 110 East Farmingdale Jeanne Marie Petschauer BNL Community Involvement Representative

### **From Basic Training to Basic Research**

Many army recruits trained at in Yaphank during the Great War, including Irving Berlin who wrote "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" about his experiences there. Camp Upton was an induction center in World War II. In 1947, the site became , which investigates peaceful uses of the atom. April 18, 2004, 2:30 p.m. Washington Avenue Seaford [Camp Upton Brookhaven National Laboratory \(BNL\)](#)

### **The Human and Natural History of the Hempstead Plains**

[Tackapausha Museum](#)

Carole Neidich-Ryder, Curator of Tackapausha Museum and the South Shore Greenspace Preserve in Nassau County will present a program about the prairie grasslands of the Hempstead Plains which once covered central Nassau County and were considered one of the ecological "wonders" of the New World. Learn how prairies are formed and maintained in nature, what kind of plants and animals are found there, and how the prairie has influenced life on Long Island and particularly in Nassau County. The program is at Nassau County's Tackapausha Museum, which has nature trails and exhibits of wildlife and plants. Before the meeting, you may want to reread the article by Henry Hicks, "The Hempstead Plains and its Flora, 1891," in the 2003 issue of your . It includes excerpts from various historical

descriptions of the Plains.

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Thursday, October 16, 2003 Cherry Valley Club 28 Rockaway Avenue at Third Street Garden City  
**Annual Meeting**

Reports were presented from the past year, and the Board of Trustees Class of 2008 were elected.

Soprano, Molly Watson, wearing a period flapper dress, presented "Five Foot Two..." a program of popular music from the Roaring Twenties, songs drawn from venues as varied as speakeasies and Broadway's stages. The rhythms of the Machine Age -- pulsing, powerful, provocative filled the hall following the Annual Dinner. Society members enjoyed hearing again the music from the beginning of the Golden Age of popular music, the music of Jerome Kern, Irving Berlin, Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter and the Gershwins. The costumed Ms. Watson evoked the freedom and fun associated with the Roaring Twenties. Anecdotes about the creators -- composers, lyricists and performers, brought new life to these now old favorites. The audience sang along on the more familiar pieces and remembered days gone by.

Thursday, April 24, 2003 8:00 p.m. Cradle of Aviation Museum Mitchel Field

**Grumman--A Look at the Past and Future**

< /font> As part of the 100th Anniversary of Aviation at the , the Nassau County Historical Society is co-sponsoring with the Museums at Mitchel, the first of a Long Island Aerospace Lecture Series "Grumman--A Look at the Past and Future" by Richard Dunne, former Director of Public Affairs for Grumman Corporation and Northrup Grumman. There will be a sneak preview of the Museum's "Centennial of Flight" exhibit opening that weekend. [Cradle of Aviation Museum](#)

Announcement cards mailed to NCHS members will permit admission to the Museum for members and their guests. < /font>

Sunday, December 1, 2002

2:00 p.m.

[Hicks Nursery](#)

100 Jericho Turnpike

Westbury

Fred Hicks, a life member of the NCHS, has graciously agreed to take time during a very busy season to present our December program. [Hick's Nursery](#) will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2003. The family has traced the founding of the Nursery to the first sale of trees in 1853. The Hicks family traces its ancestry in Westbury to the 1670's. The Hicks family and their Nursery business is a most interesting story. Hear how sociological concerns, the changing economy, immigration, the great estates, Norther State Parkway and modern technology affected this family and their business. We will meet in the Henry Hicks Learning Center at the Nursery.

NCHS members may wish to arrive early or stay after our program to walk through the Nursery and enjoy the holiday plants, flowers and decorated wreaths and trees. Members may bring guests. Holiday refreshments will be served.

Directions: Hicks Nurseries, Inc. is located on the south side of Jericho Turnpike, between Post and Ellison Avenues, Westbury.

Program announcement cards, mailed to NCHS members, will admit members and their guests to the Henry Hicks Learning Center.

font size="3">Thursday, October 3, 2002

**Annual Meeting**

Hempstead Golf Club

60 Front Street at Sunset Drive

Hempstead

Linda Russell presented a concert program of 18th Century Amerian folk music. Accompanying herself on hammered and mountain dulcimers, guitar and penny whistle, she brought life to the popular music of the 18th century with ballads, broadsides, love songs, marches, drinking songs and dance tunes. Interwoven with the music was a lively

commentary on the life and times of early America. The assembled NCHS members and guests were drawn into her presentation by our participation in refrains and songs.

An evening with Linda Russell explores history through music and drama. Having served for many years as a balladeer for the National Park Service at Federal Hall on Wall Street, Ms. Russell now takes her music to historic sites, schools and festivals throughout the country. New York appearances have included Lincoln Center and the Carnegie Hall Folk Festival where she shared the stage with Tom Paxton and Mike Seeger.

Sunday, April 21, 2002

**Cradle of Aviation Museum Tour**

Mitchel Field

Visit the [Cradle of Aviation Museum](#) web site for information about this museum.

Sunday, February 10, 2002

2:30 p.m.

**"Long Island's Native Americans and Archeological Findings"**

by Archeologist Jo-Ann McLean

Thursday, November 29, 2001

3:00 p.m.

**"The Art of Byzantium"**

by Father Nicholas J. Margoulis

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Paul

Cathedral Avenue

Hempstead

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