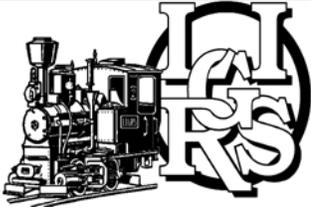


March 2022

Annual Auction Meeting  
**SATURDAY** March 19th  
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Old Bethpage Village  
Restoration



*Old Bethpage  
Village Restoration*  
*Where history comes alive!*



## Annual LIGRS March Auction



Start off the new year by coming down to the **Saturday March 19th** LIGRS meeting at **11:00 am**, and join the entire auction team for another great LIGRS Annual Auction. **Consider assisting Ed Assaf as an alternate auctioneer when needed.**

Don't have room for all of those new trains? The LIGRS Annual Auction is the perfect solution. So clean out the attic, closet, basement and/or garage and bring all those unwanted train related items to March's Annual LIGRS Auction or donate them to the club. Watch the LIGRS auction team perform its magical alchemy by transforming those excess trains into cash.

For our train challenged members, clean out that bank account and watch the auction team transform those greenbacks back into magnificent trains. The auction is a wonderful event that combines aspects of **Let's Make A Deal**, **The Price Is Right** along with a bit of **Family Feud**. Come down early and lend a hand logging in auction items, become a **"Vanna"** for a day by displaying items or help out with the auction items.

Please contact Bob Sewall at (516) 541-4837 if you can lend a helping hand at the auction.

Auction rules appear on page 6 of this issue of Smoke n' Cinders.

Attention Sellers: Anyone planning to auction 12 or more items, please contact Bob Sewall to arrange to pre-register your items before the date of the auction meeting..

## You are invited to the National Garden Rwy Convention

This year's convention is being hosted by the Denver Garden Railway Society. See their full page add on page 8 of this issue. This will be the 8th time that this robust club has hosted the national convention and participants are in for a treat. Follow this link to a preview of some of the participating layouts available for tours.

<https://www.ngrc2022.org/local-layouts> We always got plenty of great ideas for our own layouts by attending in the past.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC

# Smoke n' Cinders



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## 2022 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
<b>March 19, 2022</b> <b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	Monthly Meeting and <b><u>Auction</u></b>	11:00 AM	Old Bethpage Village Restoration
<b>March 26, 2022</b>	BOD	10:00 AM	Cradle of Aviation Museum
<b>April 13-21, 2022</b>	Modular Display	Museum Hours, Set-up/Takedown dates TBA	Cradle of Aviation Museum
<b>April, 2022 — Arbor Day</b>	Ground Display	TBD	Planting Field Arboretum
<b>May, 21, 2022</b> <b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Anthony Bliss
<b>June 18, 2022</b> <b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Coney & Bill Arndt
<b>July 16, 2022</b> <b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
<b>July 23, 2022</b>	Fun Run	TBA	RMLI Riverhead
<b>August 20, 2022</b> Rain date 8/21	Summer Picnic	TBA	RMLI Riverhead
<b>Sept. 10, 2022</b>	Fun Run	TBA	RMLI Riverhead
<b>Sept 17, 2022</b> <b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	George & Connie Stamataides
<b>Oct. 15, 2022</b> <b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul & Elizabeth Bonney
<b>Nov. 2022</b>	Monthly Meeting		TBA

## View From The Cab



Our February meeting at Old Bethpage Village had a very nice turn out. A few members that I had not seen in a while were present for this meeting. We even had a few junior members present, I remember when they joined at 10 years old, now they are in their mid-teens, good to see them conversing.

As I had mentioned at our Feb. meeting a few board members would be going to visit the Seawane Club in Hewitt Harbor of Feb. 23 to review the facilities for a future train display. Seven Board members were present for the review. The Seawane Club is definitely a top shelf, beautiful setting and building. Any place we want to setup was good, indoor or outdoor would be great. The indoor ball room is two to three times the size of the foot print area we have at the Cradle of Aviation area. There were a few places we can setup outdoors all overlooking the golf course.

So this is where we are, this is all **tentative** as of this writing. We are planning to have an outdoor display for three or four days and possibly one evening, that would be neat to run passenger trains lit up at night. The same evening they would like a small indoor table top display just for one night. Dates we are looking at are October 7 (evening), 8, 9 & 10<sup>th</sup> the reason these dates were chosen is that they have a fall fest going on and feel our trains would be a good fit. At our March meeting we will bring up to the membership present to see how they feel about during this event, and then the board will take it up at our Board

meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Those that were at our Feb. meeting might have observed Tom showing some parts he made on a 3D printer. Very neat. He is building an electric locomotive; he showed other parts he had made for some club members. Tom and I are working on some parts for a structure I'm building for my layout, windows for a hotel. This building is to hide my pond ultraviolet filters. I drew up detailed drawings and then Tom redraws them for his printer program. I started to make these windows few years back but never finished. The windows I handmade were made from styrene sheets. I cut every piece, built assembly jigs and proceeded to glue parts together. There are 29 of double hung style windows required that I had started but never finished. Each window contains 25 pieces. I still had to design 3 more different windows and door frames, all done now; Tom is working on the programs for all, and soon will 3D print. I hope to finally finish my Hotel by summer. The hotel I'm building has 46 windows a total of which there are 4 different designs plus 5 door frames. Doors will be made from wood, of which I will make.

Now for more important things:

**Our March 19th meeting will be our auction meeting;** this

will be our first in auction two years. **To all new members** including our raffle winners, the auction is the best way to pick up rolling stock and buildings to expand or start your garden railroad at reasonable price.

To long time members, if you have

trains, buildings or other railroad related items to sell bring them, established members you know the deal. So to established and **new** members; remember to bring a lot of money, cash or checks, **no credit cards.**

Our refreshment committee will be serving hot food. Thanks to Anthony M. for cooking and arranging hot food for our next meeting in March 19, 2022.

Two final notes:

First if you can come early to help with setting up tables it will be much appreciated.

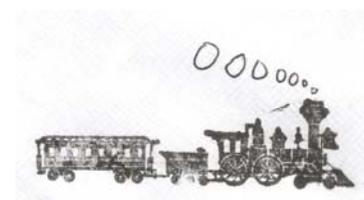
Second I will start the business portion of our meeting a little early @11:30 am.

Always check calendar for meetings/ events in Smoke n' Cinders.

See you **all** at our March **Auction** meeting!

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth





## LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2022

May we have a moment of silence for the Men and Women who are serving this country and especially for those whose lives were lost protecting our way of freedom.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 12 PM. A motion was made by George Stamataides, seconded by Tom Rizzo to open the meeting. We had 28 members present, 4 proxies and 2 Junior members. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed us all to our February meeting at Old Bethpage Village Restoration. As this is our first meeting here Mike asked the members to let the Program Director know what they thought of having future meetings here.

Mike then asked for a motion to read the January 16, 2022 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Motion was made by Joe DiBenedetto and second by Lou Cortese to accept the minutes as written.

Mike stated that program director Nick Guarino will be handing out a questionnaire about the 2022 picnic. Please return to Nick before you leave today.

### Reports:

**Treasurer's Report** -- Bob Sewall gave the 2nd Quarter 1/1/22 thru 3/31/22 starting Balance as \$8,287.42 Ending Balance as of 2/20/22 was \$9,073.08 As always any question please see Bob and he will answer any questions you may have.

**Membership Report** – Anthony Bliss reported Individual 20, Family 18, Ext Fam 15, Life 6, Honorary 5, Junior 3 We have 1 new member today James Wellinghoff.

**Program Director** – Nick Guarino upcoming meeting dates

March 19, Saturday Auction & General Meeting Location Bethpage Village Restoration This meeting starts 11:30 AM sharp Auction immediately following

Nick noted that all meetings at members' houses for 2022 have been taken already. Nick also noted there were some changes so please see Smoke-n'-Cinders

Nick stated that he has the results of the picnic survey and it will be August 20 with a rain date of the 21st at the Railroad Museum of Long

Island Riverhead, more details to follow.

The Railroad Museum of Long Island will not be having a Railfest this year but will have two dates July 23 and Sept 10 as Fun Run dates for our club at their Riverhead location.

**Modular Coordinator** – Ed Assaf had nothing new to report

**Review of Shows & Events:** We had none this past month.

### Upcoming Shows & Events:

**Bethpage HS** – March 2022 modular display CANCELLED

**Boy Scout** – March 2022 table top display has been CANCELLED



**Cradle of Aviation Spring Display** – Tentatively April 13 to April 21

Ed Assaf is still waiting for confirmation on the dates for Planting Fields. More information

to follow.

**Photo Contest** – Congratulations to this month's winner Louise Sewall of a module section taken at our Christmas display "Auto Workshop by the Tracks" You can see it in our February issue of Smoke-n'-Cinders. Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

**Chic Chat Corner** – Thank you to Louise Sewall for the reprint of Bob Weschler's "Organic Gardening" he used to write for us. Remember you can write about almost anything here at Chic Chat Corner. Send your thoughts to Louise Sewall.

**Club Resource Library** – Nick noted we received a new LGB catalog. The list of books, videos and plans are on the club's website. Just contact Nick Guarino and he will bring it to our next in person meeting for you to borrow.

**Club merchandise** – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty if you wish to purchase any club items such as hats, shirts, jackets, pins and DVD's

**Aluminum Can Tabs** – Please give them to Eileen & Karl Wagner. This helps fund the Ronald McDonald House for Children needing

treatment and their families. Please check them with a magnet as only Aluminum are used NOT STEEL

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Mike spoke about Seawane Country Club – Several members of the BOD will be visiting them on Wednesday February 23 to see if it is possible to do a modular or Ground display. This could be a good fund raiser. More Info on this next month.

GR eNews Did anyone read Mike's article in the Jan/Feb 2022 issue about an interactive railway and/or Christmas Display At the Cradle of Aviation? The Sept/Oct 2021 issue with an article from Smoke n' Cinders by Dave Smith? Louise Sewall's comments about trains on Facebook in the Jan/Feb 2021 issue. Mike Innacone's pictures of Old Westbury Gardens. There are many good articles in each issue. They are posted on our website LIGRS.org under newsletters>Nationals eNews.

George Stamataides gave some good ideas as food for thought about a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please let him know what you think.

Bob Sewall spoke about some train trips members may be interested in:

Rail Trips 2022 offered by Deep River Rail Ventures

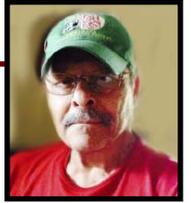
Proof of COVID vaccination / booster is required for all trips for more information you can.

Email louisesewall@gmail.com for more information

For LIGRS Members exclusive; Want to be a Rail Baron for a Day? Consider riding aboard the former New York Central 20th Century Limited Observation Car "Hickory Creek" for a day. One way trip from New York City to Albany (\$150 per person - proceeds to LIGRS) or Montreal or a stop in between (\$300 per person - proceeds to LIGRS) on October 8th or 9th (exact date to be determined). Food and beverages served on board are included. Participants will need to make their own return trip arrangements. Email louisesewall@gmail.com for more information and updates. Trip is tentative and subject to change or cancellation.

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## Tom's "Did You Know?"



Many people were concerned about the dangers to the human body when traveling at speeds of up to an eye-watering 50 miles per hour (80 kph)



## Monthly Photo Contest Winner!



This month's winning photo "I Am A Lineman for the County" was taken by Lou Caputzal on his "Pop's Trains" layout.



# Annual Auction Rules



1. Each auction participant, seller or buyer, must purchase an auction paddle. (\$2)
2. A unique item number identifies each auction item.
3. There are no minimum bids; the highest bid purchases the item regardless of amount.
4. The owner of the item can bid until their desired price is reached. (If the owner's bid is the highest bid, the item is a "buyback").
5. Each item auctioned is subject to a commission based upon the Commission Fee Schedule. "Buybacks" are subject to commission of 50% of the Commission Fee Schedule. (Printed copy will be available at the auction)
6. Any unclaimed items will be returned to their owner, commission free.
7. The Auctioneer's decision in determining the winning bidder is final.
8. All items are sold "as is, where is". LIGRS does not guarantee the suitability or condition of any item auctioned.
9. The Treasurer has sole discretion with regard to method of payment, either cash or check, for winning bids and sellers' proceeds.
10. **GOOD LUCK, HAPPY BIDDING and HAVE FUN!**  
Some auction items may be offered as lots which consist of multiples of the same or related items (e.g. track, switches, same road name passenger cars, etc.) offered from the same seller. The winning bidder will have the option to purchase one or more of the items at their winning bid price. In the event the winning bidder does not purchase the entire lot, the runner-up bidder will be offered the remaining items in the lot at the runner-up bid price. In the event the runner-up bidder declines any or all of the remaining lot, the remaining items will be up for re-bidding. This procedure will be observed in order to facilitate auction timeliness as well as provide the most equitable price to the seller. The difference between the winning bid and runner-up bid is in effect a premium for the winning bidder to select which items of the lot that they wish to purchase. 'Like items' from different sellers will be offered as separate items

## From the Secretary, Continued



**REMINDER** the next meeting is the club Auction set for Saturday March 19 @ Old Bethpage Village Restoration. Meeting will start at 11:30 AM with the auction immediately after that. We need volunteers to help with the auction. Please contact Bob or Louise Sewall if you want to assist. Auction ends at 3PM sharp.

Please remember Rich McGorty who spent 4 weeks in the hospital and is now out and doing

better. Also Philip Martin is battling prostate cancer.

The next BOD will be March 26 @ 10AM @ the Cradle of Aviation.

50/50 was won by Georgiana Gaherty. \$13 for Georgie and \$14 for our club.

Mike thanked our food Committee for today's food. A good round of applause was given.

Bruce Kropp made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Lou Cortese. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Wagner,  
Secretary

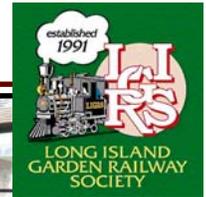
### 2022 Dues Reminder

Please remember to renew your membership to LIGRS. Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$40 per year. Family Memberships for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household. Please send a check made out to "Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc." (full name please as the bank frowns on "Pay to the Order of LIGRS") for the appropriate amount to:

LIGRS  
P O Box 2002  
Massapequa, NY 11758

Thank you to the many members who have already renewed!

# Photos from Our February Meeting



## Member Profiles



When I first saw new member James Wellinghoff at our February meeting I thought I was seeing Danny Saporito. This past weekend we had the opportunity to chat about his love of trains.

When he was younger he had an HO layout in the basement but his kids were too young and basically destroyed it. He put the trains away for a few years. About 2 years ago he began an outdoor garden rail road. (Inspired by the beginning of COVID restrictions.) He has all diesel engines and is in the process of converting them over to battery. There were just too many gremlin problems with track power. "Before I get too far into it let me switch." He has 2 converters at this point. His current engines are random 60s engines, all diesels, NY Central, Pennsy and New Haven. Alco A and B units, no favorites he just liked the colors. Although the first one purchased was painted PRR Tuscan Red livery. The entire layout around the existing 14x20 fish pond was all started with a bridge. He always wanted to put a railroad around the pond. He began installing track to the left and right of the bridge from the waterfall. James was also into model cars and has used that experience to weather a few box cars. (I told him to speak with Ed Assaf about weathering)

He has been purchasing items online from Remote Control Systems of New England. <https://rcsofne.com/> The owner lives in New Hampshire but he was the one who told James about the LIGRS. James is really looking forward to exchanging ideas with other club members.

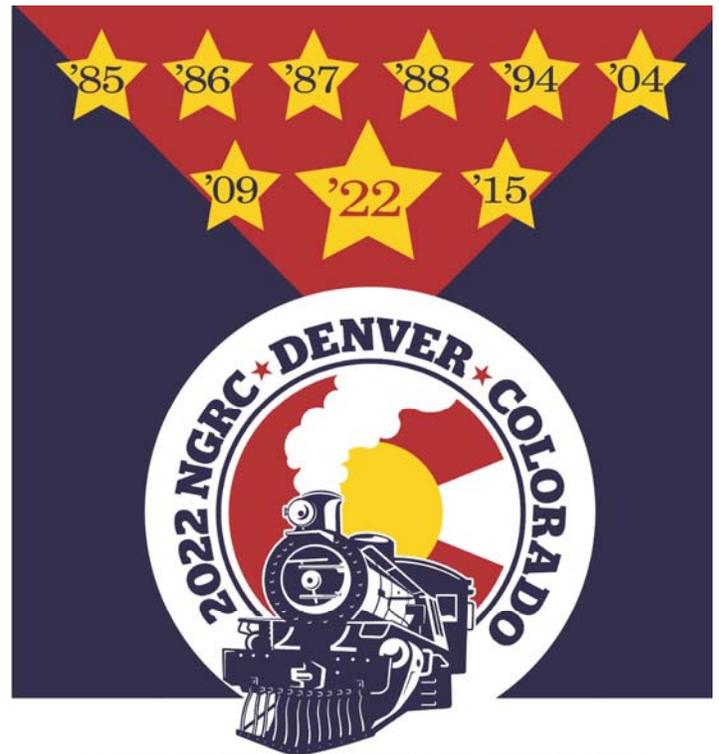
Below are some photos he sent to me of his pond and layout.



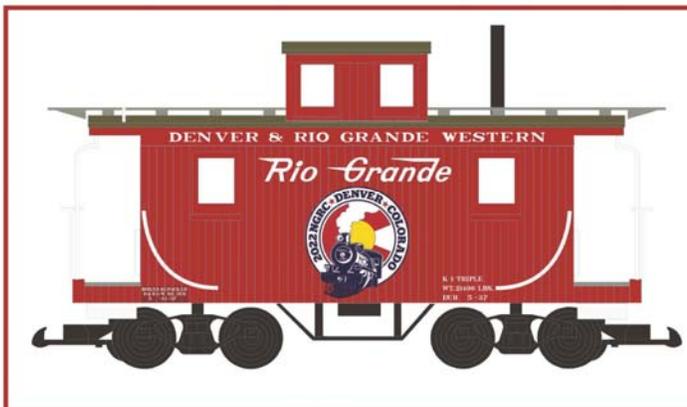
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**REGISTER ONLINE OR PRINT FOR REGISTRATION BY MAIL**

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#### ◆ Individual Registration

\$75 by March 31, 2022 - \$100 thereafter

#### ◆ Family Registration

\$125 by March 31, 2022 - \$150 thereafter

#### REGISTRATION INCLUDES ►

- ◆ Visit 50+ Layouts Scheduled for the Convention
- ◆ Access to Vendor Hall, Welcome Reception, Clinics and Convention Store
- ◆ Participation in the Convention Model Contest and Youth Model Contest
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#### ADDITIONAL OPTIONS ►

- ◆ Four Pre-Convention Bus Tours – Transportation, Admission, and Lunch
- ◆ Post-Convention Bus Tour – Includes Transportation and Admission
- ◆ Banquet, Ice cream Social and BBQ at the Colorado Railroad Museum
- ◆ Bus Transportation to Layout Tours and BBQ

**REGISTER NOW!**

**VISIT [NGRC2022.ORG](http://NGRC2022.ORG)**

**Directions to March Meeting**  
**SATURDAY, March 19, 2022 11:00am**  
**Old Bethpage Village Restoration**  
**1303 Round Swamp Rd, Old Bethpage, NY 11804**

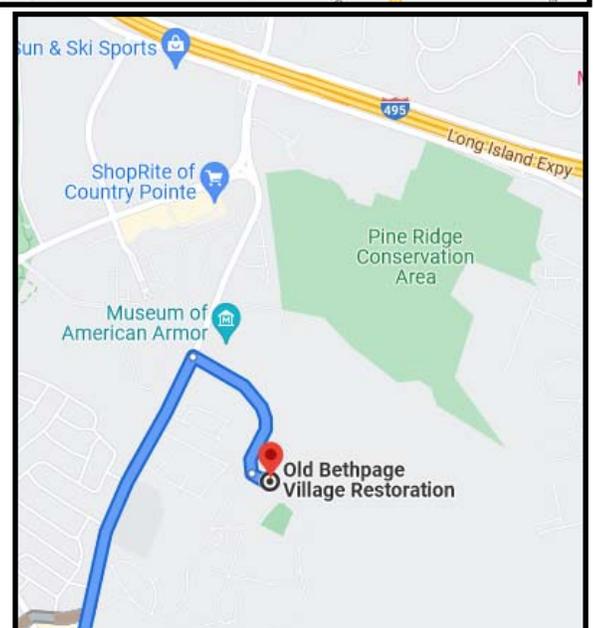
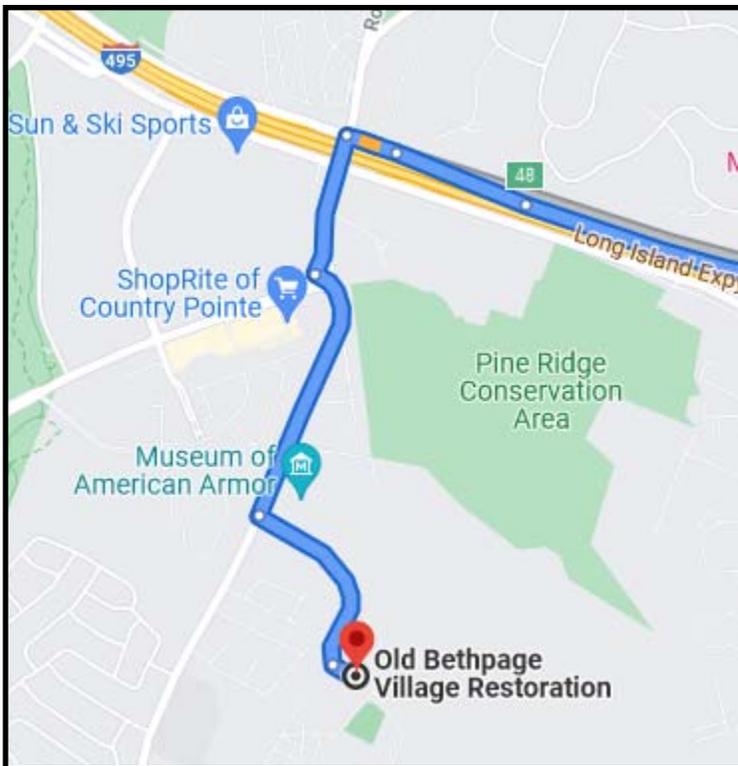
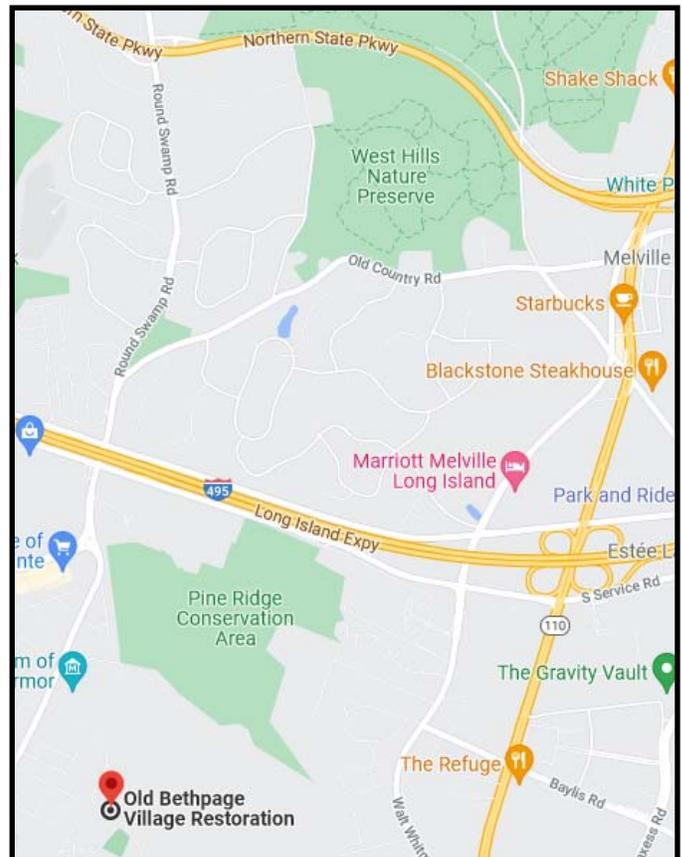


**From the North**

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Or take Northern State Parkway to the Round Swamp Rd exit south.

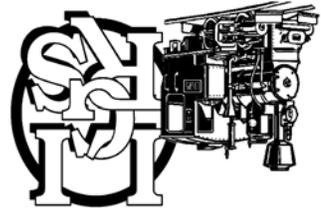
**Note: when coming into Old Bethpage Village, the sign at the entrance may say “closed” and only one side of the gate may be open. Just drive through that one open side to the end of the road. You will then enter the large parking lot.**



**From the South**

Your GPS may bring you from the south using other main streets that connect with Round Swamp Road





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"Springtime is the land awakening. The  
March winds are the morning yawn."  
—Lewis Grizzard

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**