The Bay Shore Historical Society’s Silver Anniversary 1985-2010

Congratulations and gratitude to all who have helped the Society grow in these past twenty-five years to have it become a helpful and historical presence in our community.

Spring Sale and Open House
Saturday, June 5, 2010
10am – 3pm at the Gibson – Mack – Holt House

Bay Shore Historical Society

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Our 25th anniversary year has been full of many exciting events thus far and more are to come in the second half of the year. See the list in this issue.

It seems as if the Society’s 190 year old house is always in need of some form of loving preservation and this year is no exception. The front fence is in need of repair. A winter storm tore off the cedar shingles from the storage building and the heating system, after more than 20 years, is in need of repair or replacement. Thanks to the many financial donations, these needs are being met for our c.1820’s Gibson-Mack-Holt House.

A special thanks to the charter members who have continued their membership through the 25 years that we have been serving the community. Very special thanks to seven charter members who have been volunteering weekly at the Gibson-Mack-Holt House.

With the assistance of my daughter, Kimberly Hancock-Mudge, the Society now has a new, historic website. It is bayshorehistoricalsociety.org. Thank you, Kimberly.

Probably the greatest surprise of the year occurred when we learned that the Bay Shore Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore had selected the Society, as well as Priscilla and me, as the Distinguished Citizens of the Year.

The Society is most grateful to Donna Periconi, the Chamber of Commerce, the contributors to the May 20 dinner and all who attended the elegant gala, for this prestigious honor for our Society.

Robert Hancock, President
25th Anniversary Programs
June – December 2010
All Thursday programs are held at the Bay Shore – Brightwaters Library at 7:30 pm. All programs are open to the public.


- Thursday, June 17, 2010 – 7:30 p.m., Gene Horton, “Sleeping in Suffolk, Cemeteries of Suffolk County and Notable People At Rest There.” Election of officers and trustees.

- Thursday, July 22, 2010 – 5 to 9 p.m. 25th Anniversary Dinner and Installation of Officers and Trustees – Captain Bill’s, 122 Ocean Avenue, Bay Shore.

- Thursday, August 19, 2010 – 7:30 p.m., Harry Havemeyer, Bay Shore author of Along the Great South Bay (and other books). “Searching for An Ancestor” - about his newest book.

- Thursday, September 16, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. to be announced

- Thursday, October 21, 2010 - 7:30 p.m. Jack Finkenberg, “John James Audubon, His Life and Art. ”

- Sunday, November 7, 2010 – 2:00 p.m. The Bay Shore Historical Society’s Historical Bus Tour, starting at the c.1820 Gibson-Mack-Holt House. Boarding the bus begins at 1:45 p.m. Reservations in advance with a $5.00 donation. See the form in this Newsletter.

- Thursday, November 18, 2010 – 7:30 p.m., Barbara Nardella, “Antique Christmas Decorations,” a presentation. If you wish, bring a Christmas item for an informal appraisal after the program.

- Saturday, December 4, 2010 - Snowflake Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Gibson – Mack – Holt House; Victorian St. Nicholas will visit from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring your camera for a photo with St. Nicholas at no charge.

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• The Bay Shore Historical Society will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on July 22 at the Annual Installation Dinner (See the enclosed flier.) The charter members from 1985 who are presently members of the Society will be recognized.

• A special thanks goes out to Kimberly Hancock-Mudge who has spent many hours developing a new website for the Society. As of this printing, the website is functioning. Visit it at bayshorehistoricalsociety.org.

• Once again Priscilla and Bob Hancock will take 40 people on the Historical Bus Tour of Bay Shore (going through Brightwaters) on November 7. Look for details about the tour in this Newsletter. It has always been a “sell-out.” A reservation for a seat on the tour must be made in advance. This is a two-hour tour of Bay Shore’s remarkable history.

• The sale of the DVD “Yesteryear in Bay Shore” has netted proceeds of about $2,500 thus far for the Society thanks to Bob Hancock’s technical skills. The DVD, 140 vintage scenes of Bay Shore with narration by Priscilla Hancock, is still available at the Society for $10.

• The glass plate photographs of Bay Shore’s first professional photographer, Martin J. Anderson, continue to be on exhibit at the Society on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Some of the ships that ran aground at Fire Island are matched with Dr. George King’s description of the events.

• The exhibit, “25 years of Volunteers,” can be seen in photographs from the archives of the Society’s Historical Reference Library during Society hours.

• The Society received notice of a Suffolk County grant sponsored by Legislator Tom Barraga for $5,000 to help with the preservation at the Society. Items that are being addressed will be the heating system, the front fence and the roof of one of the outbuildings.

• We have also received a $2,000 donation from the Long Island Trust. These funds will be used in the preservation at the Society, including those items mentioned above, as well as: a public address system that can be used on our Historical Bus Tour and other activities, the repair of the electrical system and a new vacuum cleaner for keeping the house clean.

• A donation was received from Suffolk Printing, thanks to Charlie, Florence and Bill Beitch, of four used flat file cabinets which will allow for safe storage of items such as large maps, former display panels and large photographs.

• The Town of Islip at the First Annual Town History Award Ceremony honored two members of our Society this past November. Harry W. Havemeyer received the Carl A. Starace History Award for Research and Writing and Priscilla Hancock received the Peter Fox Cohalan History Award for Preservation and Restoration.

• The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore selected Priscilla and Bob Hancock and the Bay Shore Historical Society as the recipients of this year’s Distinguished Citizen Award. A wonderful dinner and recognition were celebrated at Captain Bill’s Bayview House on May 20.
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BAY SHORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HISTORICAL BUS TOUR
OF
BAY SHORE THROUGH BRIGHTWATERS

November 7, 2010
2:00 p.m.
Arrive by 1:45 p.m.

STARTING AT THE GIBSON-MACK-HOLT HOUSE
22 Maple Avenue, Bay Shore, NY

Reserve ___ Seats at $ 5.00 Donation each

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