PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Each year the Bay Shore Historical Society, and especially the Gibson-Mack-Holt House, presents us with many new challenges. This past year has been no exception. Last year the heating and air conditioning system was replaced with the help of a Suffolk County grant and the many donations that the Society received from our members and from supporters in the community. This year, again with a Suffolk County grant through Legislator Tom Barraga, an attractive new fence was constructed in front of the house and the roof on the shed will be replaced. All of the area rugs have been cleaned and repaired and the wood floors have been steam cleaned. The volunteers noted that several other areas needed to be looked at including the front porch steps and the rear door into the 1820’s Shoppe. These items will be repaired. The Society’s tenant pointed out that two of the storm windows are rotting. This problem will also be addressed.

Priscilla Hancock has put together an informative exhibit on the World War I Naval Air Station that was located in Bay Shore to train Hydroplane pilots. There are six display cases filled with photos and memorabilia of the Air Station. This exhibit followed the February program, “Daredevils and Dreamers,” a video of early aviation on Long Island which was co-produced by the late Richard Milligan, a former trustee. A DVD of “Daredevils and Dreamers” is available at the Society for a donation of $20.00. Also available at the Society for a donation of $10.00 is the DVD, “Bay Shore of Yesteryear” which is a compilation of 140 vintage photos with narration by Priscilla Hancock.

I invite our members to attend the Society’s Annual Installation Dinner at Captain Bill’s Restaurant on July 21. Please find the insert regarding the dinner in this newsletter.

The Society needs additional volunteers in gathering the history of Bay Shore and maintaining the c.1820 Gibson-Mack-Holt House. Those who can help with this very rewarding work are welcomed and appreciated. As I close out my term as president, I would be remiss if I did not extend my grateful thanks to the many dedicated volunteers who have worked together these past years in making our Society outstanding. I wish all the new and present officers and trustees the best of luck in the coming years. Best wishes to all.

Robert Hancock, President
Bay Shore Historical Society Programs  
June – December 2011

Programs will be held at the Bay Shore – Brightwaters Library at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. All programs are open to the public.

- **Saturday, June 3, 2011** – Spring Sale and Open House – 10am – 3pm - Gibson-Mack-Holt House. See page 3 for additional information.

- **Thursday, June 16, 2011** – “Tiffany’s Lauralton Hall” with Monica Randall. Election of officers and trustees.

- **Thursday, July 21, 2011** – Annual Installation Dinner for members and their guests, 5-9pm at Captain Bill’s, 122 Ocean Avenue, Bay Shore. Reservations are required. Send in the enclosed form and check for $25 per person by July 12. New officers and trustees will be installed.


- **Thursday, September 15, 2011** – “Long Island Railroad Stations” with David Morrison.

- **Thursday, October 20, 2011** – To be announced.

- **Thursday, November 17, 2011** – To be announced.

- **Saturday, December 3, 2011** - 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.

- **Wednesday, December 7, 2011** – Annual Holiday Pot Luck Supper, 5pm at the c.1820 Gibson-Mack-Holt House for members and their guests. Seating is limited. Reservations are necessary at the Society or call (631) 665-6707.

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