



Bay Shore Historical Society

Gibson-Mack-Holt House c.1820

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Meeting Notes

Barry called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Barry talked about the website for Greaterbayshore (<https://bayshore.greaterlongisland.com/>). Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for all ailing members of the Society. Barry noted that the Annual Dinner held in July had the largest number of attendees and raised the largest amount of money to date. Barry reminded everyone of the upcoming meetings on September 21 and October 19. He also mentioned that the meeting minutes will be added to the Society website. JoAnn reported membership is at 312. Joe reported income was \$2,563 and expenses were \$7,491. The expenses included the cost of the Annual Dinner and the insurance payment.

The speaker for the evening was Bill Shelley, a historian of old movies. He spoke about 'The Movies in Bay Shore'. Bill gave a brief history of Vitagraph Studios, a motion picture studio, in Bay Shore. The studio was located on Fourth Avenue and is now residential apartments. Vitagraph Studios was opened for Ralph Ince to direct his films there. Vitagraph Studios produced many famous silent films. Ralph Ince and his sister-in-law, Anita Stewart, lived nearby. Anita was a famous silent film actress.

Bill showed items from his collection of movie memorabilia including original movie posters, an old reel of film, a projector from the 1890's and a French camera found in a fresh water lake in Roslyn. Bill then showed some Vitagraph silent movies that were filmed in Bay Shore. The movies were "Burglar on the Roof" (filmed on the roof of Vitagraph Studios), "Humorous Phases of Funny Faces", "And the Villain Still Pursued Her", "Midsummer's Night Dream" and "Twelfth Night".

Barry thanked Bill for his presentation and invited everyone for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Zebro

The mission of the Bay Shore Historical Society is to collect, preserve and share the rich history of our community and to maintain the c. 1820 Gibson-Mack-Holt House which is located at 22 Maple Ave, Bay Shore, NY. The Society's collection of photographs, memorabilia, and historic documents is open to the public free of charge on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1pm to 4pm. For further information contact 631-665-1707 or visit the Society's website > www.bayshorehistoricalsociety.org. The Bay Shore Historical Society is an all-volunteer, tax exempt not-for-profit corporation as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.