



# Bay Shore Historical Society

Gibson-Mack-Holt House c.1820

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Meeting Notes

Barry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and all stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for Frank Manhardt. Frank was a former Historical Society President. Barry noted the upcoming events: (1) the Memorial Day Parade is May 28 - meet at 9:30 AM in the Newins Service Center parking lot to march; (2) the open house is June 2 from 10 AM to 4 PM with a BBQ from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM; (3) the Society will have a booth at the Arts Festival by the Bay on June 10 – volunteers needed; (4) the Annual Dinner is July 19 at Captain Bills; (5) the Nominating Committee made their recommendations on officers – officers will be voted on at the June 21 meeting and installed at the Annual Dinner; and (6) The Society received a sizeable donation from Charles Entenmann in memory of his brother, Robert.

Kelly read the minutes of the April 19 meeting. Priscilla provided an update on community events including: (1) bricks at the memory wall at the High School can be purchased and engraved. The money raised will be for a scholarship. More information is available on the Bay Shore school's website. The unveiling ceremony is June 22. (2) Mike Millan, a Bay Shore alum, had his Broadway debut in 'Escape to Margaritaville'; and (3) Peony Path tours at Sagtikos Manor are June 3. Joann reported there are 270 members. Joe reported income was \$7,425. This includes the large donation. Expenses were \$5900 which is for the renovations to the house.

The speaker for the evening was Christine Gottsch, President of the Sagtikos Manor Historical Society. She presented "Exploring Sagtikos Manor". Christine summarized the history of the owners of the Manor. Stephanus Van Cortlandt purchased the land from the Secatogue Tribe in 1692 and built the Manor in 1697. Timothy Carll purchased it in 1706. In 1758 it was acquired by Jonathan Thompson. Thompson purchased the Manor for his son, Isaac. Isaac married Mary Gardiner. Isaac and Mary doubled the size of the Manor by adding nine rooms. George Washington spent a night at Sagtikos Manor in 1790. Washington recorded his stay in a diary he kept of his tour of Long Island. Isaac Thompson's great grandson, Frederick, became the sole owner in 1894. Frederick added the east and

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west wings to the house, enlarging the Manor to forty-two rooms. When Frederick died the Manor was left to his nephew, David Gardner and was then later inherited by David's sister, Sarah. Sarah Gardiner added the walled garden, the peacock fountain and had the peony runs put in. The peacock fountain was designed by Mary Aldrich Frasier. There is a bronze duplicate of the peacock fountain in Ormond Beach, FL. Robert David Lion Gardiner owned the property from 1935 to 1985. It was purchased from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation by Suffolk County in 2002.

There are centuries of family items that have accumulated over the years at the Manor. The Sagtikos Historical Society only got access to the full house after the Manor was purchased by the County. Volunteers are sorting through and archiving all of the items in the house. Christine discussed some of the various discoveries that have been made at the Manor. She showed some of the pieces of artwork, letters and furniture that have been identified and conserved at the Manor. Some items found in the Manor were (1) the original deed from 1962; (2) a handmade piano harp dating back to 1819; and (3) a call box or annunciator made by C.J. Mills of Bay Shore in 1894. There are many items still to be determined.

The Sagtikos Historical Society meets Tuesday mornings.

Barry thanked Christine for her presentation and invited everyone for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Zebro

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