



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 7:15pm

Please note the new location and time.

Fireman's Field
Clubhouse

120 Albermarle Avenue
Valley Stream, New York 11580

If you can't get enough of Halloween, perhaps you are interested in the events taking place on October 14-15 and October 21-22 in Hendrickson Park. Tickets are \$10.00 each and the sports organizations devoted to youth of Valley Stream will benefit. It is recommended for children 10 years of age and up. More information can be found on the Village's website vsvny.org.

THE CREATION OF THE ITALIAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NEW YORK

Lecture by Dr. Joseph Scelsa, Founder and President of the Museum. The Museum is located at its permanent home at 155 Mulberry Street in the heart of Little Italy. At one time the building housed the Banca Stabile which was founded by Francesco Rosario Stabile in 1885. The bank offered newly arrived immigrants from Italy with financial services and other services.

The Museum was chartered on June 12, 2001 for the express purpose of maintaining a museum dedicated to Italian Americans.



WATER CASE IN COURT

W. W. TEPE SUES THE CITY FOR DRAINING HIS FARM

Mineola, L. I. October 1-A case having a very important bearing on the water rights of the City of New York was tried before Supreme Court Judge Wilmot M. Smith yesterday. The case was the first one called and it was so lengthy that all other cases set for the day were crowded out. W. W. Tepe of Valley Stream was the plaintiff in the case and the City of New York was the defendant. Suit was brought to recover damages sustained by the draining of his land by reason of the city ditching and laying water pipes along the boundary line of the plaintiff's farm.

Tepe testified that previous to laying of the city water pipes he was able to raise abundant crops, but since that time he was unable to raise any crop whatever, although he used double the amount of fertilizer per acre, and that his well had gone completely dry, necessitating the digging of a new well, at nearly double the depth of the previous one. Other witnesses were placed on the stand, who testified substantially as Tepe did.

The defense claims that as the plaintiff was obliged to dig about twenty feet before reaching water in his well it was therefore impossible for the city water pipes to drain his land, as the pipes were laid very near the surface.

Brooklyn Daily Eagle - October 1, 1901

HALLOWEEN AT THE PAGAN FLETCHER HOUSE



The Society is hosting an Halloween Costume Contest on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at the Pagan Fletcher House, 143 Hendrickson Avenue. Wear your costumes and join in the fun. Prizes will be given out. Adults are encouraged to wear costumes, as well. Weather permitting, the Ragamuffin Parade will begin at 3pm.

HAUNTED HENDRICKSON HOUSE OF HORROR



**Valley Stream
Historical Society
Officers**

CHAIRMAN
Ed Fare

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS
James Buckley

PRESIDENT
Guy Ferrara

VICE PRESIDENT
David McKean

TREASURER
Florence Gunther

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
Agnes Libath

RECORDING SECRETARY
Karen Vitale-Selah

THREE YEAR TRUSTEES
Susan McKean
Jaclyn Kunz

Christina Bonfiglio-Scali
Margaret Martino Swansig

TWO YEAR TRUSTEES
Valerie Esposito
Tony Gicala
Clare Lenz
Ross Thomas Rava
Angels Schultz

ONE YEAR TRUSTEES
Amy Bentley
James Borzamato
Robert Presbrey
John Urgo

HONORARY TRUSTEES
Helen Dowdeswell
Ted Libath
Bert Keller
Claire McMahon
Lillian Weaver
Evelyn McQuade
Alphonse Maynemik

PANORAMA
Editor
Carol McKenna
Graphic Designer
Stephanie Darcy

GRACE AGNES LIBATH

FEBRUARY 8, 1923 – SEPTEMBER 29, 2016



Agnes, a founding member of the Valley Stream Historical Society and a 70 year resident of the Village, passed away on September 29, 2016 while at The Bristol, an assisted living facility in Lynbrook, New York. She held many positions with the Society over the years and last served as its Corresponding Secretary.

Agnes was born and raised in Virginia but she claimed Valley Stream as her home. She met and married Ted, who served as a pilot in the Air Force and after his separation they came to Valley Stream, Ted's home. Ted and Agnes raised three children, Marsha, Tedd and Nancy.

Over the years, Agnes volunteered for a number of organizations. She worked as a librarian at the Waldinger for 29 years. Upon her retirement she joined Ted, a volunteer at Franklin General Hospital, where she logged 800 plus hours as a volunteer mostly distributing books to its patients.

Agnes and Ted were also members of Grace United Methodist Church, a church that played an important role in the early religious development of Valley Stream.



Valley Stream Historical Society
P.O: Box 22
Valley Stream, NY 11582-0022

MID-ISLAND NY 117

13 OCT 2006 PM 2 L



Ms. Amy Bentley
433-23 Cornwall Road
Kent, CT 06757

