

PANORAMA

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION

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NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
 at 7:30pm

*The Auditorium at
 Valley Stream Village Hall
 123 So. Central Avenue
 Valley Stream*

*Please note the date and place for the
 Society's next general membership
 meeting.*



REINE BETHANY,
 local government historian for
 the Village of Hempstead, will
 present a program on the history
 of Hempstead Village's
 presidents and mayors.

The Village of
 Hempstead was founded in
 1643 and incorporated in 1853. It is the most
 densely populated village and contains several
 buildings of historic consequence.



PRESIDENTS' WEEKEND



As is customary, the Society at the Pagan
 Fletcher Restoration will honor Presidents
 Washington and Lincoln on Sunday, February 16,

2020, between the hours of 1pm through 4pm.
 Members of the Society will be dressed in period
 costumes. Also on display will be a piece of
 Washington memorabilia.

Black History Month



To
 commemorate the
 contributions of
 African-Americans,
 the Society will host an
 exhibit each
 Sunday beginning
 February 2 and
 continuing through
 February 23, 2020 of
 prominent African-
 Americans with ties to
 Long Island such as
 the Tuskegee Airmen,
 jazz musicians, etc.



The Ortiz brothers
 shown here with their
 parents achieved Eagle
 Scout status recently.
 Edwin (on the left) is
 responsible for the
 plantings in the herb
 garden and around the
 McKenna bird bath.
 Nicholas restored a
 bench on the grounds
 of the Pagan-Fletcher
 Restoration

Happy Chinese
 New Year
 - the Year of the Rat



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JOHN ADAMS



Much ado is made of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, our earlier Presidents, and for good reason. Nevertheless, outside of the classroom very little attention is paid to our second President, John Adams.

According to The New England Historical Society –

- Adams was born in 1735.
- He graduated Harvard University in 1755 and became a schoolmaster, an unlikely role for him.
- Adams studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1758.
- He was an early rebel against the Crown and criticized the Stamp Act.
- Adams was a member of the Continental Congress where he helped draft the Declaration of Independence. He spent time in France as a diplomat alongside Benjamin Franklin.
- He was our first Vice President.
- Adams drank cider for breakfast unless he was in Philadelphia. He preferred to drink Philadelphia brews.
- His favorite foods were New England cheese, bacon, white potatoes and cider.
- Adams was a proponent of walking. While in Paris with his son he would walk 5 to 6 miles each day.
- He had a library of 3,500 books.
- Adams was married to Abigail who died in 1818 of typhoid.
- He was the father to John Quincy Adams, our 6th President.
- Adams died on July 4, 1826 – the same day as Thomas Jefferson.

Please note that the Gibson exhibit will be on display until September, 2020.

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