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THE HERITAGE TRAIL



Our speaker, Dr. Paul van Wie has been a tireless proponent to preserve the history of Franklin Square. As President of the Franklin Square Historical Society, he pushed for a museum to be located in Rath Park. Dr. van Wie is a member of the Town of Hempstead Landmarks Commission. He was one of the recipients of the Town of Hempstead's "Make a Difference" Award in 2007.



WINNERS OF OUR GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST ARE:

- First Prize – Rachael and Darren Scalise
- Second Prize – Paige Smith
- Third Prize – Brownie Troop 2320
- Special Mention – Daniele Debe for her Gingerbread Mansion; Breanna Debe (our youngest participant) and Danny Jacobsen for his gingerbread rendition of the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration.

An extra special thank you to Hans Sender who contributed the prize money.

Thank you to Dorothy Hollman who conducted the seminar on decorating gingerbread houses.

GENEROSITY Acknowledged



Visitors to the Restoration for the Candlelite Tour on Saturday, December 29, 2007 were very generous with their donations of canned goods which were delivered to Sister Margie at Parish Outreach.

ON THE ROAD



Jim Buckley and Walter Harrod will be presenting a slide lecture in January at the meeting of the Long Island Society of Italian-Americans and at the Republican Club of Valley Stream in February.

Valley Stream IMPROVEMENTS

Valley Stream, L. I., July 26 –The report of the erection of a number of cottages at the corner of Broadway and rockaway avenues, the plans and specifications for which are now in the hands of Vol. Wheeler, the architect, will probably be of more than local interest in view of the fact that the property in its present state is one of the landmarks of Valley Stream and contains the old homestead of the late Thomas Kinsella. The tract of land comprises about 35 acres, which will be laid out in streets and improved with macada-mixed roads, gas, water and electric lights and placed upon the market as villa plots, by its present owner, Miss M. E. Lynch. The old homestead, together with about three acres of the surrounding lands, will be left intact.

Brooklyn Eagle, July 26, 1899



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AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE SPRING
To Widen JAMAICA BAY TRESTLE
MOTOR TRAINS TO RUN BETWEEN BROOKLYN
AND L. I. CITY OVER THE TRESTLE
(Special to the Eagle.)



Rockaway Beach, L.I. October 24—The Long Island Railroad Company is making preparations for electrifying the Rockaway Branch. The company has already filled in several feet on each side of its tracks between Hammel's Station and Valley Stream, and additional tracks are to be laid between these points. Two more tracks to be built on either side of the present tracks between Hammel's Station and Far Rockaway, and the stretch between Far Rockaway, and the stretch between Far Rockaway and Valley Stream will be double tracked, this work already being under way.

Another big improvement which the railroad is seriously considering, and which will be commenced in the near future, is the widening of the trestle across Jamaica Bay, so as to permit of the laying of two more tracks. These additional tracks are to be used for motor trains, the object of the company being to operate the entire Rockaway branch with electricity. Motor trains will be run over the trestle between Long Island City and Brooklyn and Rockaway Beach...

That part of the Rockaway branch running through Arverne, Edgemere, Far Rockaway, Lawrence, Cedarhurst, Woodmere, Hewletts and Valley Stream is also to be electrified, and the system may even be extended as far as Mineola, where connection could be made with the other electric roads, thus forming an almost endless chain of trolley in all parts of Long Island. The trolley service of the Long Island Railroad between Rockaway Park and Far Rockaway has proved a good investment for the company, and it is supposed to be the company's object to extend it through to Mineola sooner or later. At present the service for places between Far Rockaway and Valley Stream is unsatisfactory, few trains being scheduled over this branch at any season of the year. As yet no trolley road has been built, so that persons residing along the branch must either drive or walk between stations, which is very unpleasant. By extending the trolley system through this section business will improve and realty values will be enhanced...

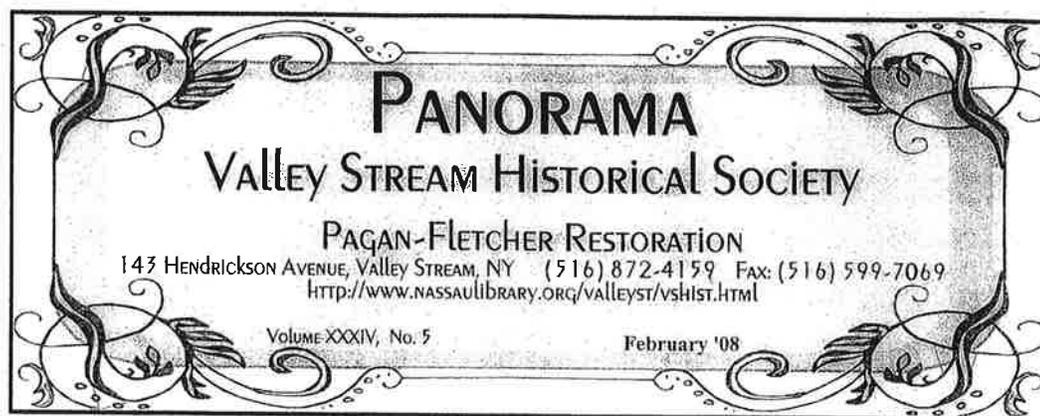
The company last spring built a large power house at the "Y" at Hammels Station, and it is proposed to enlarge this so as to make it capable of supplying the motive power for the entire Rockaway branch...

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 21, 2008, at 8:00 pm
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
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Please take note that our February meeting will take place on a Thursday.

U. S. PRESIDENTS & FIRST LADIES - THE LONG ISLAND CONNECTION



This month's lecture will be presented by Natalie A. Naylor, Professor Emerita. Naylor taught American and Long Island history at Hofstra University, was director of the Long Island Studies Institute from its inception until her retirement in 2000. Professor Emerita Naylor has served as editor of the *Nassau County Historical Journal* since 1996.

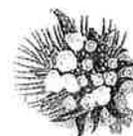
GEORGE IS BACK



Come see the memorabilia that once belonged to George Washington and is owned by the Society. Visit the Restoration on Sunday, February 17, 2008. You may have an opportunity to speak with George and Martha Washington, Betsy Ross, Ben Franklin and General Lafayette. Abe and Mary Lincoln will also be visiting on that day.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

If you have not already done so, please mail your check for 2007-2008 dues to the Society at P.O. Box 22, Valley Stream, New York 11582-0022. Thank you.



PASSINGS

Elsie Klein Fare, age 84,
 on January 17, 2008, in
 Tarboro, North Carolina. Mrs.

Fare was born in Valley Stream, graduated from Central High School in 1940, married Wilbur Fare (a past President of the Society) in 1944 and raised six boys (one of whom is Edwin Fare, Village Trustee and past President of the Society). She was a member of the Central High School Alumni Association, active in *The Keynoters* (a choral group), a volunteer at Franklin Hospital for more than 20 years and served the Society as Secretary for many years. Donations to the organ restoration fund at Holy Trinity Church, 87 Seventh Street, Valley Stream, NY 11581 in her memory would be very much appreciated.

Dorothy Vitale on December 2, 2007. Mother to Karen Vitale Selah (past President of the Society) and mother-in-law to Hank Selah (past President of the Society). Warm and loving mother and friend.

Valley Stream Cases Settled

Checks for \$45,000 Received by the Attorneys for Wellbrock and Stewart

Jamaica, L.I., May 3 - The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has this week settled the largest of the Valley Stream Disaster cases growing out of the wreck of a Brooklyn tally-ho, which was being drawn across the tracks of the Long Island Railroad on May 30, 1898, and the kill

Daily, Bell & Crane received from Philadelphia on Tuesday a check for \$25,000 in settlement of the Walter Wellbrock case and another for about \$20,000 in payment of the claims of Clara Stewart. The original verdict in the lower courts was for \$18,000. This was confirmed by the Court of Appeals. The costs in the case brought the amount of judgment to first above named sum.

Brooklyn Eagle, May 3, 1901



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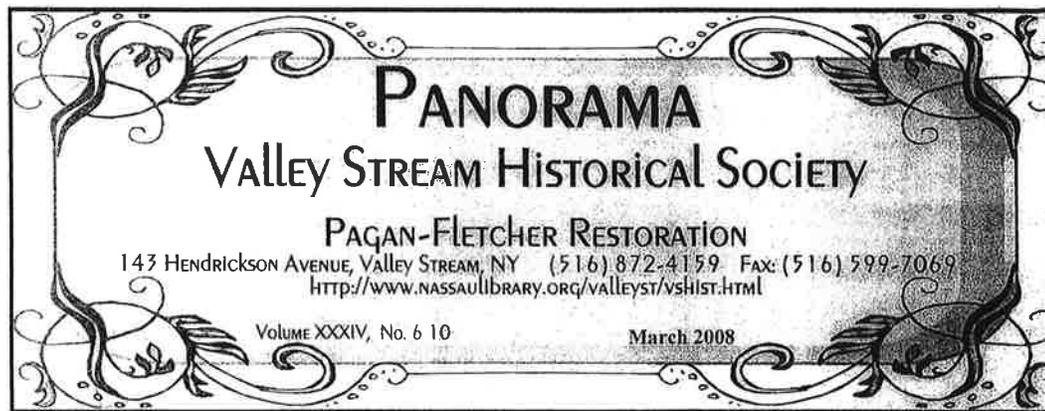


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Marjorie Rizzo, an appraiser of antiques, is our guest speaker for the March meeting. Ms. Rizzo will appraise **one** item per individual.

There are two distinctly separate knowledge bases that a personal property appraiser must utilize. One is connoisseurship, and the other is appraisal methodology. Connoisseurship is expert knowledge and training in a particular field, such as antiques, fine art, wine or food. This expertise comes from study, education, knowledge of and familiarity with objects in a given specialty area. Many individuals, collectors, dealers, and gallery owners are connoisseurs of a particular subject specialty and may know more about the detail, quality and importance of their chosen items than any other professional "expert."

When it comes to appraisal though, connoisseurship is only half the battle. The other crucial part of the equation is the proper understanding and application of appraisal theory. There are different types of value for different purposes. There is consideration of the most appropriate market for an item depending on the appraisal assignment. Laws differ from state to state and the appraisal has to adhere to your state's law. Someone who is not trained in appraisal methodology will not know to consider all of these factors.

What does an appraiser actually do? Onsite, they witness, identify, and examine the items. This means measuring, photographing, inspecting and describing the objects and verifying that what is being appraised actually exists. Then the offsite research and market

data analysis is performed and a report is written.

What does a professional appraisal report look like? The body of the report must include a complete description of each item (encompassing condition, age, style, form, dimensions, maker's marks, inscriptions, materials, and other information), photographs, provenance information, other documentation, and the facts on which the appraisal were based, such as the approach to value utilized and sales and market analysis, among other points. The items are usually described in the context of the general market, and there is also typically a section that describes the particular conditions of the assignment. In all, there are seventeen official parts to a complete professional appraisal document.

There are many more connoisseurs out there than there are professional appraisers. It takes years of education and training, years of experience and professional development, and strict adherence to ethical standards to be accepted into a professional appraisal society as an accredited member. Not everyone is qualified for the job.

LONG ISLAND STUDIES INSTITUTE

On Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 10 am the Long Island Studies Institute is sponsoring a tour of the John R. Mather house, home of the Historical Society of Greater Port Jefferson, followed by a guided walking tour of Port Jefferson Village. The cost is \$10.00. If you wish to attend, please call Richard Stewart at 631-363-2044 or Natalie Naylor at 516-538-7679 for additional information by **Wednesday, March 12, 2008.**

SOCIETY NEWS

Bridget Joan Manney has resigned as Treasurer of the Society. Thank you for filling in Bridget.

Our "new" Treasurer is Florence Gunther. Welcome back, Florence.



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THE 13 TRIBES of LONG ISLAND

Thirteen tribes or groups of Indians were the first settlers of Long Island. The Canarsie, Rockaway, Merrick, Marsapeague, Secatogue and Unkechaug lived on the South Shore while the Matinecock, Nesaquake, Setalcott and Corchaug lived on the North Shore. The Shinnecock, Manhasset and the Montauk tribes lived on the East End. The Setalcott tribe was considered to be very powerful and the Montauks the most war-like.

Wyandanch, the sachem (meaning chief) of the Montauks was grand sachem of all of the tribes and his signature was required on all early Indian deeds as well as that of the sachem of the local tribe whose land was being purchased.

In gratitude for rescuing his daughter from the Narragansetts who had captured her during an invasion of the Montauk territory, Wyandanch conveyed to Lyon Gardiner an area comprising the town of Smithtown which was occupied at the time by the Nesaquake tribe.

Wyandanch always maintained friendly relations with the white settlers.

Long Island Indians were tall and straight, muscular and agile with straight hair and reddish brown complexion. The language they spoke was Algonquin.

Settlements were always near the shores on the north and south sides as they found most of their food here and used the waters for canoeing. The forests were their hunting grounds for wild game.

In 1653 the Narragansett tribe invaded the lands of the Montauk thereby commencing a war that lasted for about four years. The Montauks were compelled to leave their villages and flee to East Hampton.



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Welcome Robert Powers, local government historian for our neighbor, the Village of Malverne.

The village was officially incorporated on April 13, 1921. The area was originally known as Norwood, one of many communities in New York State with the same name, which led to a great deal of confusion on the part of the US Post Office.

In 1911, the Amsterdam Development and Land Company purchased the Lindner Farm. The purchase was financed in part by the President of Eimer and Ames Chemical Company. The first home was built at the corner of Norwood and Hempstead Avenues by its manager, Alfred H. Wagg. The second home was built for Ernest Childs, an executive of the company.

Both gentlemen collaborated on the name. Childs, originally from England, knew of a town known as Malvern. The name comes from Old English and means "green mall" or "green park." Malverne is the only community which spells its name with an "e" on the end.

TREES AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



Trees were a root cause of the American Revolution.

White pines were property of the crown, says arborist Jeffrey Meyer. You couldn't cut down a white pine thicker than 18 inches, and if you did, you were hauled off to jail.

British navy architects tagged and inventoried trees suitable for ship parts. "Our country was their navy's warehouse," says Meyer. For example, a stand of white pines in Virginia made ideal masts. In Georgia, live oaks made ship ribs. "The wood was so strong, cannon balls bounced off."

Marking prized trees did not sit well with many colonists, who sometimes cut the tagged trees and made mantels of the wood. "The British burned a lot of homes because of that," says Meyer. "The mantel was considered a sign of defiance to the crown."

Liberty Trees were also symbols of defiance. Outraged patriots designated a town tree as the place for like-minded citizens to gather and protest British rule. Nicknamed Liberty Trees, they came to mean freedom, and the British cut down many to undermine morale.

One Liberty Tree, on the St. John's college campus in Annapolis, Maryland, survived until 1999, when a storm damaged it. "It was a breathtaking tree, our nation's largest living tulip poplar," says Deborah Gangloff, executive director of American Forests. "The thrill of that tree came from its size and its sense of history. Not only was it a Liberty Tree, but George Washington enjoyed its shade when he visited his nephews, who attended St. John's."

A 300 year-old Liberty Tree that stood in Brockton, Massachusetts, and served as a marker for the Underground Railroad was cut down in December 2004 after the city declared it unsafe due to age and weather damage. The sprawling sycamore sheltered suffragettes and runaway slaves who met in its shade, as well as abolitionists who came to hear Frederick Douglass. The city plans to build a commemorative park where it stood.

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Phipps Mansion/Old Westbury Gardens



The residence of John S. Phipps, his wife, Margarita Grace Phipps and their four children, a Charles II style mansion, was completed in 1906 by George A. Crowley, an English designer. Mr. Phipps was heir to a steel fortune and his wife heir to a shipping line fortune.

The mansion is on the National Register of Historic Places and has open to the public since 1959. It is furnished with fine English antiques and decorative arts collected by the family over a fifty year period.

Margaret Helen Phipps Bregner, sole surviving daughter of the Phipps, established the gardens. She died in 2006 at the age of 99.

The gardens are comprised of 160 acres of formal gardens (a primrose path, rose garden, lilac path, boxwood gardens), tree-lined walks and lakes. The plantings include historic varieties, new hybrids and experimental plants. There are over 100 species of trees. The gardens are considered to be the finest English Gardens in the United States.

Many events are held at Old Westbury Gardens. Concerts (indoor and outdoor), the Scottish Games, the Ladies Kennel Association of America, plant sales, horticultural demonstrations, garden tours, botanical arts, children's programs, classic car shows and garden teas to name a few.



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JOHN HANC

AUTHOR OF

JONES BEACH:

AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY

Our speaker, John Hanc, specializes in writing about active sports, fitness and local history – quite a mix. Hanc is a contributing writer for *Newsday* and *Runnin's World*. His seventh book, *Jones Beach: An Illustrated History*, was published in 2007. His work has also appeared in *AARP Bulletin*, *The Boston Globe/Sunday Magazine*, *Men's Fitness*, *The New York Times*, *Playboy*, *Reader's Digest*, *Smithsonian* and *Yoga Journal*.

Hanc graduated from Emerson College, Boston and earned his master's degree from the journalism school at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. The American Society of Journalists and Authors and the Association for Education in Journalism claim him as an active member.

Hanc completed his 22nd career marathon in March, 2007.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 26, 2008.

The Society will meet at 9:00 am at the parking lot near the Wheeler Avenue School on Rockaway.



MAY IS PRESERVATION MONTH

The National Trust for Historic Preservation will commemorate the fourth annual National Preservation Month in May, 2008. While the theme – This Place Matters is new, the idea behind preservation month remains the same: celebrating the country's diverse and irreplaceable heritage. Through May, the focus will be on the many aspects of the preservation movement including historic travel, heritage education, historic homeownership and community revitalization.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Our beloved Pagan-Fletcher Restoration is undergoing a "facelift." Thanks to the effort of our Trustee liaison, Ed Fare, Mayor Ed Cahill and the rest of our Village Board, the Restoration is being painted inside and out.

FAREWELL TO ED

The Society extends its deepest gratitude to Ed Fare who has served as Village liaison to it since his election four years ago as Village Trustee.

AND WELCOME JOHN

All of the members of the Valley Stream Historical Society extend a warm welcome to John Tufarelli and congratulate him on his recent election as Trustee and his appointment as liaison to the Society. We look forward to working with John.



Happy MOTHER'S DAY



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SHEA STADIUM

Shea Stadium (named for William A. Shea, Esq., who was instrumental in bringing National League baseball back to New York) opened on April 17, 1964. On Opening Day, the Mets played the Pirates before 48,736 fans. In 1962 and 1964, the club had played at the Polo Grounds. Since its opening Shea has drawn 73 million fans.

At its opening ceremonies, Shea christened the stadium with 2 symbolic bottles of water; one from the Gowanus Canal near Ebbets Field and one from the Harlem River near the Polo Grounds where the NY Giants played prior to its move to San Francisco.

The stadium was designed by the firm of Praeger-Kavanagh-Waterbury and initially intended to be an all-purpose facility for baseball and the NY Jets football team.

On July 8, 2000 the Mets and Yankees played in an historic doubleheader. The first game was at Shea and the second at Yankee Stadium. This occurred as a result of a makeup game from a rainout in June. It was the first time in 97 years that two teams played each other twice in one day at two different parks. Three months later the two teams faced each other in the first New York/New York World Series since 1956.

YANKEE STADIUM



On February 6, 1921 the Yankees purchased property in the West Bronx. Since 1913 the club had been sharing the Polo Grounds with the NY Giants. Osborne Engineering Company of Cleveland, OH was the architect on the project. On May 5, 1922 the construction contract was awarded to White Construction Co. and 284 days later Yankee Stadium opened on April 18, 1923 with a game against the Boston Red Sox.

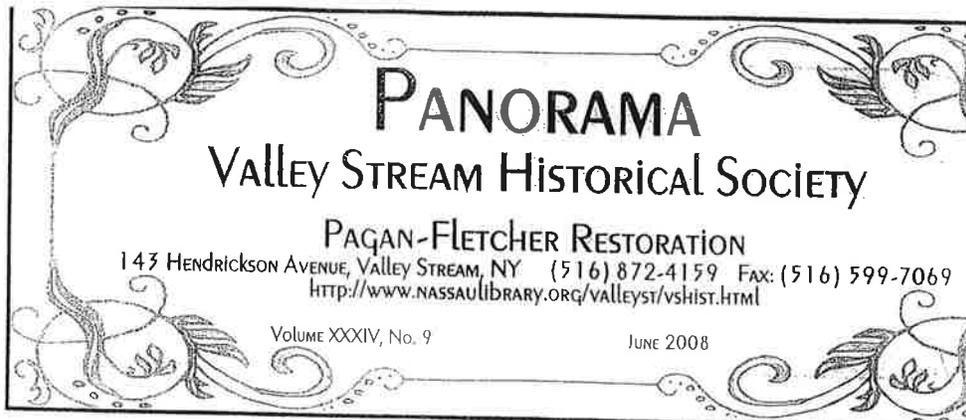
John Phillip Sousa and the Seventh Regiment Band led the clubs to the flagpole in deep center field where the American flag was raised along with the Yankee's 1922 pennant. Babe Ruth had a three run homer in that game and the Yankees went on to win 4-1. The stadium would become known as "The House that Ruth Built" and later "The Home of Champions."

Writer's Note: The history of New York City's ballparks is much more substantial than related above. In 2009 fans of both teams will be watching games in new ballparks. Shea and the current Yankee Stadium will join Ebbets Field and the Polo Grounds in our memories.

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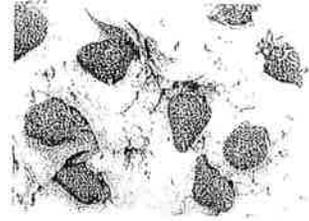
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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at 8:00 pm
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Brooklyn Avenue and 7th Street
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STRAWBERRY & ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Come, enjoy strawberries, ice cream and socialize with us at our last meeting before summer break. Fee: \$2.00



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Happy FATHER'S DAY



Hall - CORNELL

Inwood, L.I., September 27 - Miss Annie Marie Cornell, daughter of Mr. An John Cornell, of Inwood, and Edward Ha Valley Stream were quietly married Wednesday night by the Rev. C. F. Ackley of the Inw Methodist Church. Miss Janice M. Corn Woodmere, a cousin of the bride, was ma honor and Edward A. Wheeler of Valley was best man. The happy couple left for tour through the State of New Jersey and their return will make their home in Valle Stream.

Brooklyn Eagle, September 27, 1902

USELESS FACTS

- The first person to ever survive the fall Niagara Falls was in 1901 when Annie Edson Taylor, a 43 year old widowed teacher from Bay City, Michigan, survived the fall in a 260 pound oak barrel.
- According to the Guinness Book, the fastest restaurant in the world serves the client food within 13 seconds after the order made. The name of the restaurant is K Garibaldi and is located in Guadalajara, Mexico.
- The fastest Pony Express ride was 7 days 17 hours and was carrying Lincoln's inaugural address.
- Poet Henry Wadsworth was the first American to have plumbing installed in his house, in 1840.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first president to be televised, on April 1939 at the opening of the New York World's Fair.

Enjoy your SUMMER.
See you in SEPTEMBER

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... "At the close of the quarter, the Hempstead, Ridgewood, Mount Prospect and New Lots reservoirs contained 1,081,995,200 gallons of water, or about 11 days' supply, a gain of 450,301,600 gallons since January 1, 1901.

The contrast between Manhattan and Brooklyn conditions is startling, for while Manhattan has 150 days' supply ahead, Brooklyn has about 11. This condition of water supply, unfavorable as it is for Brooklyn, gives no assurance of continuance for the remainder of the year and several succeeding years, for the reason that during five years past the annual rainfall, except in 1900, has been above the average since 1826, from which date the records of rainfall are available, and these records show alternating cycles of five years of high and low rainfall. Should this experience be now repeated, we are at or near the beginning of a cycle of low rainfall during which the supply from the present Long Island watershed will become utterly inadequate.

The expectation of the chief engineer for Brooklyn and Queens is that 5,000,000 gallons per day will be derived from Baisely's and about 3,000,000 from Springfield, if the plants should be successful. The subject needs most careful investigation, and the plants should not be accepted if their method is experimental, or it should appear that they cannot adequately filter these waters.

...In the prosecution of measures for the sanitary protection of the water supply, closets and cess pools have been inspected near Foster's Meadow stream, Springfield stream, Valley stream, Schodack brook, Pine's brook, Millburn stream, East Meadow stream, Wantagh stream, at Hempstead and along the conduit line, the total number being 4,198."

Brooklyn Eagle, June 28, 1902

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 8:00 pm
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
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Valley Stream

Jim Buckley and Walter Harrod will present a slide show on our community.

Refreshments will be provided by Joan Bridget Manney, Marge Chvatal and Florence Rothage.

PASSINGS



Lillian Rack Weaver at the age of 93 at Luther Acres Manor, Littitz, PA. Lillian was well known to the members of the historic community in Valley Stream. She was responsible for early editions of *Panorama* and was a volunteer at the Restoration's Country Store. Lillian was a resident of Valley Stream for 75 years and was active in Grace Methodist Church having joined the Church in either 1928 or 1929. She served as Church Secretary from the early 1970's until on or about 1980. A contribution in her memory will be made by the Society to Grace Methodist Church.

Mary Connell, long-time member of the Valley Stream Historical Society and an active member of the Central High School Alumni Association.

Genevieve M. Bogle, mother of Village Justice Robert G. Bogle and long-time member of the Society.



ANTIQUE DOLL RAGGEDY ANN AND ANDY EXHIBIT



Sunday, September 21, 2008 1pm - 4 pm
 Show and share your favorite doll.
 Evaluations available.



THE MCINTOSH APPLE



The McIntosh is the best selling apple in the northeastern United States and in Canada. John McIntosh, a farmer in Dundela, Dundas County, Ontario, Canada gave his name to a cross between Fameuse and Detroit Red. The McIntosh was introduced in 1870. The original tree was badly scorched when a fire burned down the McIntosh farmhouse in 1894. The tree yielded its last crop in 1908 and fell over two years later. A stone memorial now marks the location of the tree.

Macs harvest in September and is the principal cider apple in the Northeast.



FACTS USELESS AND OTHERWISE

- In 1901 Annie Edson Taylor was the first person to ever survive the fall over Niagara Falls.
- The first ever TV commercial in the U.S. was for Bulova watches. It aired in 1941 on WNBT, New York and cost Bulova \$9.00.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first President to be televised on April 1939 at the opening of the New York World's Fair.

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New York's Quadracentennial
1609-2009



Three landmark passages in New York State and American history will be celebrated in 2009 – the 400th Anniversary of the voyages made by Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain as well as Robert Fulton's 1807 journey by steamship up the Hudson River. These three events defined New York State's identity as America's gateway and first frontier. According to the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadracentennial Commission who is to plan, promote and organize the celebration, there will be a series of events spanning the entire state, neighboring Vermont and Canada.

Henry Hudson was not the first to discover the Hudson River. He was, however, the first to sail any distance up the river. He and his crew traveled to Schenectady and seeing that this was not the western passage they sought turned the ship around and sailed downriver to Hoboken.

The same summer that Hudson made his historic journey Samuel de Champlain was in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains.

Information provided by The Mariner's Museum

Samuel de Champlain's 1607 map intended for the King of France and considered to be one of the great cartographic treasures of America was bequeathed by Henry Harrisse, a distinguished lawyer, historian and bibliographer to the Library of Congress in 1915.

Information provided by The Library of Congress

Robert Fulton left New York on August 14, 1807 and arrived in Albany on August 17, 1807. Following his successful voyage, he and his partner **Robert R. Livingston** started commercial steamboat service on the Hudson River between New York City and Albany.

Information provided by Hudson River Maritime Museum

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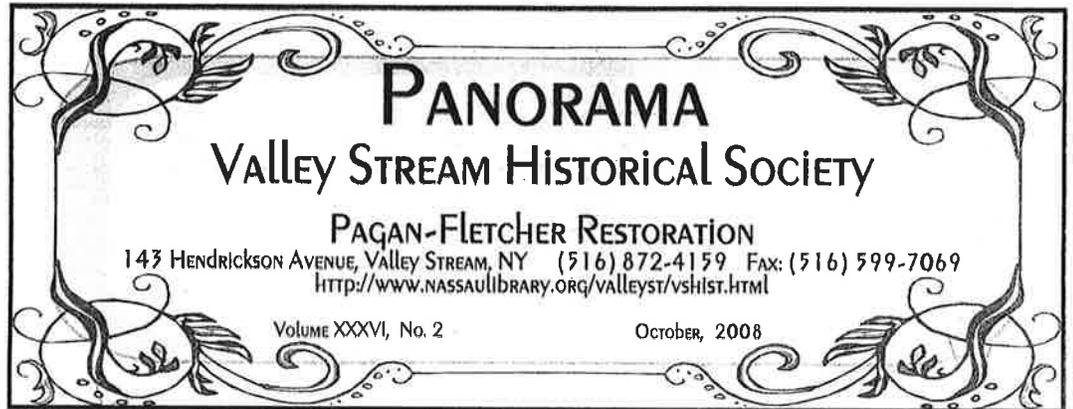
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COVERED DISH SUPPER



The doors of the Church will open at 6:15 p.m. Members and guests are invited to a wine and cheese social. Supper will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Dishes should be brought according to the first initial of your last name as indicated below:

A-H: "Starchy" type foods, hot or cold such as rice, beans, potatoes, pasta, etc.

I-Q: Vegetables such as salads (tossed or otherwise) or casseroles. If you bring a tossed salad, please provide dressing.

R-Z: Dairy-type foods, eggs, cheese, gelatins, fruit, fish (hot and cold).

Do Not Bring Meat or Meat Content Dishes.

The Society will provide these items as well as bread, butter, tea, coffee and desserts.

A donation of \$5.00 will be collected at the door.

Guests are welcome but we ask that they bring dishes in accordance with the requirements listed above. Members are asked to provide a dish if their guests are unable to do so.



HALLOWEEN FUN

The Halloween Costume Contest will be held at the Restoration on

Sunday, October 26, 2008. The Ragamuffin Parade will start at 3:00 p.m. Costumes will be judged and prizes awarded for both children's and adult's



ALERT!

Two museums in the Rochester area, the Mills Mansion in Mt. Morris and the History Museum of Wayne County, have had significant items stolen within the last week. In both cases the suspect was a man with dark hair who claimed to have car trouble. Please note that both thefts occurred when the museums were open to the public. Please be extra vigilant regarding your guests.



HOUSE CALL

Members of Coe Hall will be visiting the Restoration at 1:30 pm on October 27, 2008.



Silly DATES IN OCTOBER

- ❖ October 3 is Virus Appreciation Day
- ❖ October 9 is Moldy Cheese Day
- ❖ October 18 is No Beard Day
- ❖ October 24 is National Bologna Day



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ICE AGE



It has been reported that excavations at the World Trade Center site for the foundation of a new building over the summer revealed features carved into the bedrock by glaciers around 20,000 years ago, including a forty foot deep pothole.

It was necessary to expose the solid rock as it is critical for supporting Tower 4 of the new World Trade Center. Anthony Pontecorvo, one of the supervising structural engineers at Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers said: "You want to make sure you're not perching something on a ledge."

While allowing scientists what is considered a rare window into the deep past, the pothole and other glacial features will be covered, filled in or blasted away.

There were about 11 different ice ages during the earth's 4.6 billion years of history. About one third of the earth was ice. As the earth started warming up, the ice began to melt. It kept melting and then it froze again. The most recent ice age was approximately 10,000 years ago. The glaciers we now see are the remnants of that ice age. Other proof of the ice age is polished bedrock, sand and gravel piles, big valleys and rough mountain tops.

During the ice age countries like Britain, France, Spain and Germany were very cold. The land as a consequence of the ice age was shaped much differently. It looked bare as it was too cold for beech and oak trees to exist. There were few fir trees. Grass did not grow only shrubs and bushes.

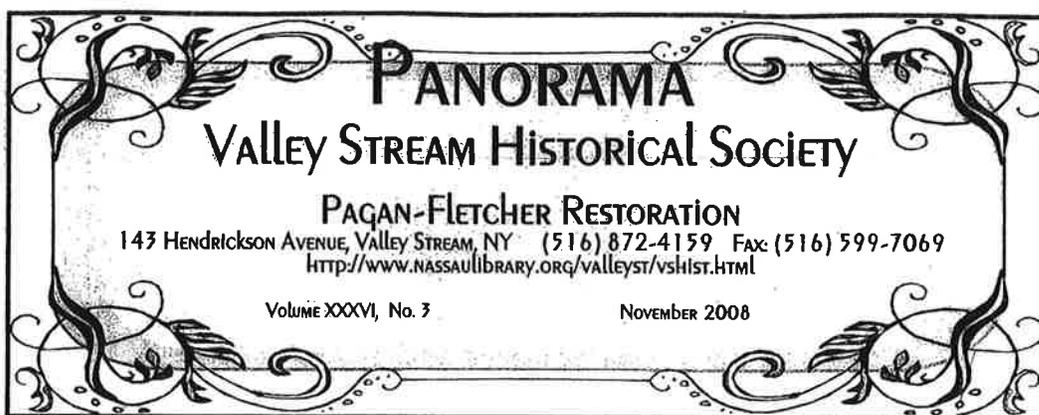
Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz (1807-1873) took up the study of glaciers in 1836 and is referred to as the "Father of Glaciology." The Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University was founded by Agassiz and is a leading natural history museum. His theories on the Ice Age were published in *Etude sur les glaciers* in 1840 and *Systeme glaciare* in 1847.



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ANTIQUES & Collectibles A PART OF OUR HISTORY



There are many reasons why people collect. It could be an effort to remember and relive the past. Perhaps a need to please personal tastes. Some collect odd objects to show individualism and others collect for money and profit.

Kenneth Powers will host a lecture on antiques and collectibles. If you have an item you want evaluated, he will do so **but only one item**.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST & BAKE SALE



The annual contest and bake sale will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2008.

Contestants are urged to bring their entries to the Restoration at 11:00 am on the day of the contest.

An icing and decorating demonstration will be conducted by Dorothy Hollman at 2 pm.



CANDLELIGHT TOUR



A tour of the Restoration will be held on Saturday, December 27, 2008 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Visitors are urged to bring canned goods for donation to local food pantries.



Did you know that Bethlehem, Pennsylvania is Lehigh Valley's oldest city. It was named on Christmas Eve in 1741 by the Moravians who had emigrated from North Carolina. Bethlehem has six National Historic Districts and two National Historic landmarks. Many of its original structures line the streets of the downtown historic district.

Long Island Items

F. O'Brien has been acquitted in a trial for illicit whisky-distilling at Valley Stream, Hempstead.

Brooklyn Eagle, May 13, 1867

Samuel Stillwell's barn at Valley Stream was struck by lightning, and burned with its contents including a horse.

Brooklyn Eagle, July 25, 1868



