



## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 7:15pm

Fireman's Field  
Clubhouse  
Valley Stream, New York 11580

## THE LONG ISLAND MOTOR PARKWAY

Lecture by Robert Miller



Construction began in 1908; the first phase was completed in 1910. Traffic jams did not exist as the cost to travel on the Motor Parkway was \$2.00 per toll booth.



Motor Parkway viaduct crossing – 73rd Avenue at 199th Street.



This building on Rudolf Road and Donna Lane south of Jericho Turnpike near the confluence with the Northern State and Meadowbrook Parkway may be a Long Island Motor Parkway Toll House.

The Depression and Robert Moses led to the demise of the Motor Parkway. Vanderbilt turned it over to New York State in 1938 in exchange for back taxes. Moses considered it a white elephant.

## WINNERS OF THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

FIRST PLACE – Girl Scout Troop 2363 – Peanuts' Christmas



SECOND PLACE – Isabella Dombrosky – Christmas Village



THIRD PLACE – Girl Scout Troup #2394 – Girl Scout Village



**Girl Scouts.**  
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HONORABLE MENTION – Nicholas, Giada, Olivia Simones – The Simones Candyland House



The Candlelight Tour of the Restoration had a large turnout. Many donations were made of canned goods for the food pantries in our community. The Society thanks all of the individuals who contributed.

*Thanks to Mike DeSantis and Anthony Lupo who under the direction of Brian Howley helped to decorate the Restoration for the holidays. Good job!*

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JANUARY — POEM by JOHN Updike

The days are short,  
The sun a spark,  
Hung thin between  
The dark and dark



Fat snowy footsteps  
Track the floor  
Milk bottles burst  
Outside the door.



The river is  
A frozen place  
Held still beneath  
The trees of lace.



The sky is low.  
The wind is gray.  
The radiator  
Purrs all day.

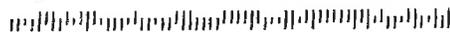


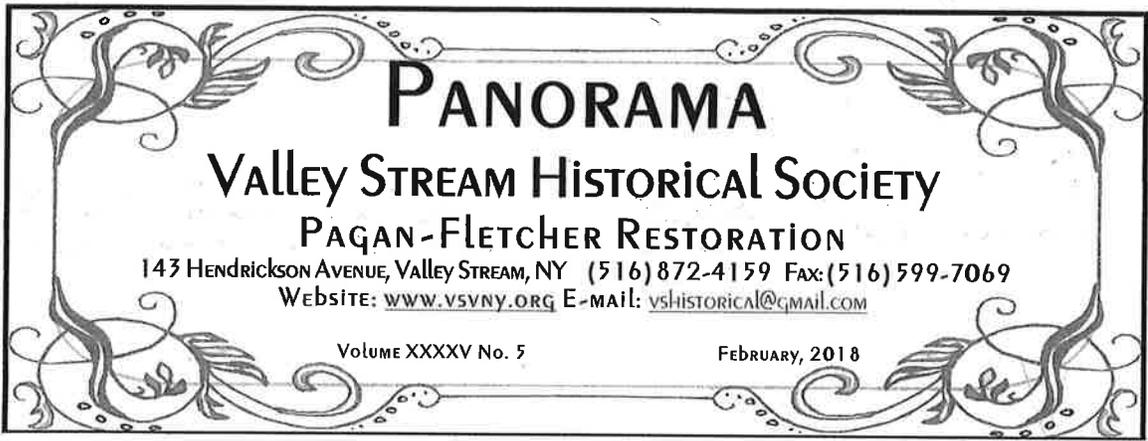
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## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 7:15pm

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**Valley Stream Community Center**  
**A. J. Hendrickson Park**  
**123 West Merrick Road, Valley Stream**

## SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER NAMED ARTIST OF THE MONTH



**JAMES V. BORZAMATO**

Mr. Borzamato's work was on display, February 3, 2018, at *Sip This*, located at 64 Rockaway Avenue in Valley Stream. Borzamato is an experienced drone pilot with skills in photography, InDesign, Graphic Design and Adobe Photoshop. He is also a volunteer fire fighter and the Society is proud to also have him serve as a Trustee.

## IMPORTANT ISSUES AND CHANGES OCCURING IN OUR DISTRICT



Lecture by The Honorable Michaele Solanges, Assemblywoman, representing the 22nd Assembly District.

Ms. Solanges represents Elmont, North Valley Stream, Valley Stream, South Valley Stream, South Floral Park, Floral Park, Village of Bellerose, Bellerose Terrace, North Woodmere, Stewart Manor and sections of Franklin Square, a rather diverse assembly district. Ms. Solanges earned her Bachelor's degree from Hofstra University in the fields of Education, Health and Human Services.

## GEORGE AND ABE ARE BACK



On Sunday, February 18, 2018, a genuine piece of Washington memorabilia will be on display at the Restoration. Numerous members of the Society will be dressed in Colonial costumes.

## DID YOU EVER WONDER WHY DOUGHNUT BOXES ARE PINK?



In the 1970's doughnuts became a booming business in Los Angeles. To cut costs one enterprising owner of a doughnut shop asked the distributor of the boxes he bought could be cheaper. The distributor did but the boxes were made of leftover pink cardboard.





# PANORAMA

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MARCH, 2018

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 7:15pm

*Please note the new location.*

*Valley Stream Community Center*

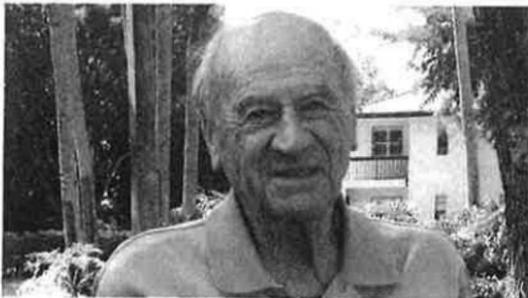
*A. J. Hendrickson Park*

*123 West Merrick Road, Valley Stream*

The Society will host Mayor Ed Fare as he brings us up-to-date on special events occurring in our village.



### PASSINGS



Eric Oppenheimer at the age of 93 in Boca Raton, Florida. Long time residents will remember him as a member of the family that operated Central Hardware in Valley Stream for 72 years. Oppenheimer escaped Nazi Germany with his family in 1938 at the age of 14. He returned as an enlisted soldier with the 35th Signal Battalion under Gen. Courtney Hicks Hodges, who commanded the First Army in the Western Europe campaign and whose troops helped to defeat the Nazis and liberate the Nordhausen concentration camp. In 1948 he married Sylvia, a survivor of the Holocaust who fled Germany on the Kindertransport to London. Their daughter, Deborah Oppenheimer, produced the Academy Award winning documentary: *Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport*, based on her mother's experiences. He is survived by his two daughters, Deborah and Wendy and a son, Alan.

### SAVE THE DATES



Photo taken from the 50th Anniversary Valley Stream book covering its history 1846 through 1975 written and compiled by Howard F. Ruel, Historian.

On Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 4pm the Valley Stream Municipal Courthouse will be officially dedicated. Members of the historical society are invited to join in the festivities. Jamaica Avenue between Rockaway and Grove will be closed to traffic.



On the Saturday before Memorial Day, May 26, 2018, at 11am at Central High School a ceremony honoring Centralites who made the supreme sacrifice for their country will be held. According to Mayor Fare a special ceremony will be held that day and he encourages Centralites and members of the historical society to attend.

### MORE NEWS

The Society is pleased to report as a consequence of the hard work of Joe Coen that it has been awarded a grant by the Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services of New York to develop a Strategic Planning Program. Thank you, Joe.



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**EX-POLICE LIEUTENANT JAMES F. LYNCH  
GENERAL SLOCUM HERO**

*Special to the Brooklyn Eagle*

Valley Stream, March 26 – Former Police Lt. James F. Lynch, who received a departmental citation for his work in rescuing a number of persons when the excursion steamer General Slocum was sunk in the East River in 1904, died here today at his house 208 Rockaway Parkway.

Lieutenant Lynch was born in Manhattan 60 years ago and had been attached to the Far Rockaway, Prospect Park and Bergen Street precincts in Brooklyn and Queens.

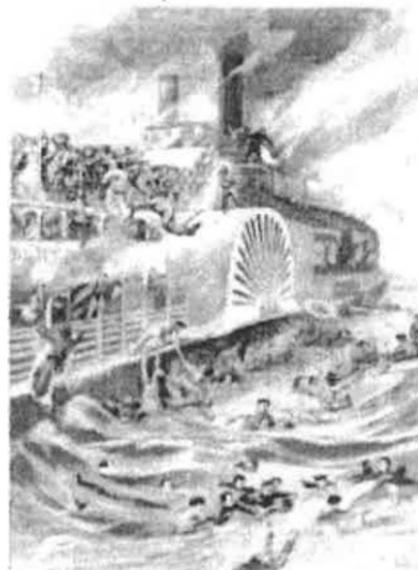
Lieutenant Lynch was one of three lieutenants who were transferred from the Bergen St. station during the investigation into the disappearance of 7,300 bail bond records from the station files. He was retired on May 19, 1939, after 37 years of service.

Lieutenant Lynch became a member of the Police Department in 1903 and in the early days of his career was with the Harbor Squad. It was while he was in that branch of the department that he saw service at the Slocum disaster, which took the lives of 1,031 persons.

Lieutenant Lynch is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Smith Lynch, a daughter, Mrs. Mary Brady, three sons, John, James and Thomas Lynch, and ten grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from the home on Saturday, with a solemn mass of requiem at the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Name of Mary here at 10 am. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

*Brooklyn Daily Eagle – March 25, 1941*



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April 2018

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 7:15pm

*Please note the new location.*

*Valley Stream Community Center*

*A. J. Hendrickson Park*

*123 West Merrick Road, Valley Stream*



Money Magazine has listed Valley Stream as the Best Place to Live in New York State.

Population – 38,702

Projected Job Growth – 3.61%

Median Household Income - \$88,693

Settled by Scottish immigrants in 1834, Valley Stream is a Nassau County village that attracts residents with a reputation of being “neat, clean and safe.” The location is a big draw – it’s just 35 minutes from Manhattan, near two major highway arteries, and served by the Long Island Railroad. Snapple originated in Valley Stream which also boasts several historic colonial sites, a diverse population, and a close knit suburban community.

*The Society invites residents to come share your memories and photos of Valley Stream.*

### CHERRY BLOSSOM TREES



The National Cherry Blossom Festival annually commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo to Washington, DC. The gift honors the lasting friendship between the United States and Japan and the continued close relationship between the two countries that continues today. The first batch of 2,000 trees were diseased. Between Japan and the United States, Dr. Jokichi Takamine, a chemist and founder of Sankyo Co. Ltd (Daiichi Sankyo), Dr. David Fairchild of the US Department of Agriculture, Eliza Scidmore, first female board member of the National Geographic Society, and First Lady Helen Herron Taft, more than 3,000 trees arrived in Washington in 1912. By ceremony on March 27, 1912, First Lady Taft and Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese Ambassador, the first two trees were planted on the north bank of the Tidal Basin in West Potomac Park.

In 1915, the US sent a gift of flowering dogwood trees to the people of Japan. In 1981, Japanese horticulturists were given cuttings from the trees to replace cherry trees in Japan which had been destroyed by floods.

### STORE BUILDINGS TO FOLLOW SALE OF VALLEY STREAM LAND



Daniel Shaw, realty broker of 215 Montague St., who last week assembled the entire blockfront of vacant land on the east side of Central Ave., between Stein and Sapir Sts., Valley Stream, has announced that the buyer, a Nassau builder, will improve the plot with a one-story store building.

Intensive home building in the vicinity of the site for the store buildings have stimulated the sale of property in the locality zoned for business. Mr. Shaw said in announcing the project, The land was purchased from Mary M. Dammann and was formerly a part of one of the old Valley Stream farms.

*The Brooklyn Daily Eagle - April 4, 1948*

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# THE HISTORY OF EARTH DAY

The modern environmental movement which is marked by Earth Day began in 1970. Air pollution was recognized as the smell of prosperity. Rachel Carson's bestselling book *Silent Spring* published in 1962 brought about change. Gaylord Nelson, at the time a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, inspired by the anti-war movement and a witness to the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, CA had an idea for a national teach-in on the environment. Pete McCloskey, a conservative Republican Congressman served as his co-chair. Harvard's Denis Hayes served as national coordinator and with a staff of 85 and April 22 was chosen as the date.

On April 22, 1970 20 million Americans participated to demonstrate for an environment that was sustainable. In 1990 Earth Day went global thanks in large measure to Denis Hayes.

Earth Day 2000 used the internet to organize activists. Hundreds of thousands of people came together on the National Mall in Washington, DC sending a message that citizens around the world wanted prompt action on global warming and clean energy.

Today, Earth Day is the largest secular observance in the world with more than a billion people taking part in the celebration.

## JELLY BEANS — YUM!

April 22 is also National Jelly Bean Day. The number 1 flavor is buttered popcorn replacing licorice which has dropped to second place. In 2017 1.43 million pounds of butter popcorn jelly beans were purchased; 1.31 million pounds of black licorice jelly beans were sold in the United States. The writer cannot wait until Sunday, April 1, to break open her bag of licorice jelly beans. Buttered popcorn jelly beans do not appeal to me.



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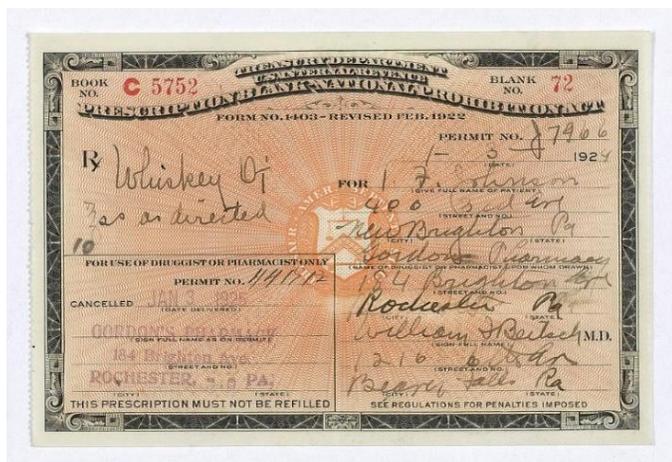
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May, 2018

### A Reminder

There will be no general membership meeting of the Society in May.

### Come Join Us



Prohibition Era prescription for whiskey

We will meet at the Wheeler Avenue School on Rockaway Avenue near its parking lot at 9 am.



### Passings

Robert Blakeman who was an active participant in Village affairs passed away recently at the age of 92. His many accomplishments are listed below:



- Veteran of World War II;
- Three-term State assemblyman;
- Former Village attorney;
- Legal representative in building certain portions of the Long Island Expressway, Northern and Southern State Parkways and the Robert Moses Parkway;
- First President of Franklin Hospital;
- Instrumental in the purchase of land from NY State and NY City for the Arthur J. Hendrickson Park and Pool Complex;
- Founded the the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library; and
- Maintained a private practice in Valley Stream until two years ago.

He was born in New York City and moved to Long Island when he was a youngster. Blakeman graduated from Hofstra University and thereafter went to New York University's School of Law. Blakeman is survived by his daughters, Karen, Linda and Cathy and his sons, Bruce and Bradley, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



At the United States Tennis Association, Eastern Long Island Region Awards Dinner on May 2, Vice President, Dave McKean was awarded the Vitas Gerulaitis "For the Love of Tennis" Award. Congratulations, Dave!

Instead we invite you to join us on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 4pm at the restored Valley Stream Municipal Courthouse at 195 Rockaway Avenue and East Jamaica Avenue. Certain members of the Society will be dressed in outfits commemorative of the Roaring 20's also referred to as the Jazz Age.



### Another Reminder

On Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 11am at Central High School please join us for a ceremony honoring those Centralites who lost their lives during the wars.



### Memorial Day Parade

The Society will march in the Village's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 28, 2018.

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# Perspiring Citizens Splash In State Park Pool Today



Valley Stream, June 15 – The opening of the bathing facilities of the Long Island State parks for the crowds which are expected to take advantage of them during the hot days of July and August began officially today with the opening of the swimming pool at the Valley Stream State Park. All of the other bathhouse and locker facilities of the various parks of the Long Island system will be made available to the public by July 15, with the possible exception of the new Jones Beach bathhouse, on which work is now being rushed. Some of the facilities have already been in use since Memorial Day.

The Valley Stream swimming pool will have its first summer rush next Saturday afternoon, when the Long Island public and private high school swimming championship contests will be held in the pool. Many high schools throughout Long Island, Brooklyn and Queens already have entered the competition.

For the present the old lockers and bathhouse facilities at Valley Stream, which proved inadequate to meet the demand last year, will be used, but about July 1 the new \$96,000 bathhouse, accommodating 4,000 persons, will be opened.

Even with the 1,000 lockers which were in use last year, more than 300,000 persons used the Valley Stream Park. This year, with arrangements between the State police and the local force for police regulation and the provision of additional facilities, it is expected that friction with the local residents over disrobing in autos will cease.

*The Brooklyn Daily Eagle – June 15, 1929*



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June 2018

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

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**A. J. Hendrickson Park**

**123 West Merrick Road, Valley Stream**

## Strawberry & Ice Cream Social



It's our last meeting of the 2017-2018 Society year. Please come and socialize with members and tell us about any vacations you are planning over the Summer. **Fee: \$3.00**

## Update

The officers, trustee and the writer met with the facilitator of the Documentary Heritage & Preservation Services on Saturday, May 19, 2018 for a strategic planning retreat to develop and/or refine certain goals and objectives over the next three years.

For those who are not familiar with Documentary Heritage and Preservations Services, set forth below is its mission statement as well as the services it provides.



**DHPS NY**  
DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE  
& PRESERVATION SERVICES  
FOR NEW YORK

Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York (DHPSNY) is a statewide program that supports the vast network of unique library and archival repositories that safeguard New

York's historical records. DHPSNY provides a range of free services to eligible cultural institutions throughout the state, including archives, libraries, historical societies, and museums which operate programs to preserve and make accessible records of enduring value.

## Overview of DHPSNY

*What we do:*

- Communications and outreach
- Planning & Assessment Services
- Educational programs
- Documentation planning

*Our goals:*

- Improved adherence to standards and best practices for preservation and accessibility
- Improved documentation of under-represented populations and topics
- Increased public awareness of the value of New York's historical records and library research materials and increased use of these resources

## Tour Guides Needed.

Do you take pride in your community? Do you believe in the value of history and the importance of Valley Stream's past.

If so, please call Dave McKean, Vice President of the Society at 516-476-7177. He will be more than happy to train you to be a tour guide at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration.



**We have  
another  
winner!**

Sue McKean and her team won the National Championship.

## Scout Restores Gardens

Edwin Ortiz of Troop 109 in pursuit of his Eagle Badge has chosen to restore the gardens at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration.

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**Grand Re-Opening Ceremony**

In 1926 the Bank of Valley Stream purchased the land and Joseph J. Gunther designed the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Neo-Classical building whose cornerstone reads 1926. The bank opened for business in 1927 and closed its doors in 1933. In 1936 the Village leased the building and then bought it in 1940. Village operations continued at 195 Rockaway Avenue until 1955 when Village Hall was built at its current location. *The full text of this article can be found on [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org). ( Information was provided by Amy Bentley of the Society.)*

On May 16, 2018 the building which once served as the Municipal Building for the Village in the late 1920's was rededicated and its Courthouse named in honor of Robert G. Bogle, former Village Justice.

Judge Bogle is a lifelong resident of Valley Stream having attended Shaw Avenue Elementary School, earned his BA Cum Laude from Niagara University and graduated from Hofstra University's School of Law. He has been married for over 32 years to Kathy and has two sons, James and Robert.



Standing with Judge Bogle are members of the Valley Stream Historical Society, some of whom are wearing clothing of the 1920 era at the request of Mayor Fare.

**Form for Membership and Dues for the 2018-2019 Year**

Valley Stream Historical Society

P O Box 22, Valley Stream, NY 11582

**Expires June 2019**

Individual \$15; Family \$20; Business \$25; Lifetime: \$100

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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SEPTEMBER 2018

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A. J. Hendrickson Park

123 West Merrick Road, Valley Stream

Donations can be made in his memory to the Sign of the Cross Council #11254 Knights of Columbus c/o Office of Ministry with the Deaf St. Pius X, 565 Albany Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701.



2018  
Valley Stream  
COMMUNITY FEST

The date for the Community Fest is September 29, 2018. The Society will be present. If you have time to spare and can volunteer, please call and leave a message at 516-872-4159.

### RECOLLECTIONS of THE Duffys



A slide lecture presented by their son, John Duffy. Long-time members will remember Joan and Frank Duffy, active in the Society, as well as presenters of programs from time to time. Joan was also the editor of *Panorama*.

### COMBINATION Ends CIVIC CONTROVERSY

(Special to the Editor)

Valley Stream, L.I., Oct. 27 – After several years strife between the two leading civic associations of this village, the Valley Stream Civic Association and the Valley Stream Citizens Association at a meeting held last night voted to unite the two organizations under the name of the Valley Stream Chamber of Commerce. The amalgamation of the rival bodies ends a period of heated controversy begun at the time the incorporation of the village was first contemplated.

When the question of incorporation was first broached the taxpayers divided themselves into two groups – the Civics, which favored this move, and the Citizens, which took the opposite stand. At the election last year the proposition was carried by only eight votes and the Citizens Association immediately appealed the election to the County Court. The Court ordered a second election to be held, and this time the incorporation measure was defeated.

*The Brooklyn Daily Eagle – Sat. October 27, 1923*

### PASSINGS



The Society extends its condolences to the Fare Family on the unexpected loss of Warren Fare on August 15, 2018, brother of the Society's Chairman and Mayor of our Village.

He attended Clear Stream Avenue Elementary School, Mill Neck Manor for the Deaf in Mill Neck, New York, PS 47 in New York City and New York School of Printing in New York City. Fare retired from North Shore Hospital in Glen Cove, where he was a journeyman in its Maintenance Department for 32 years.



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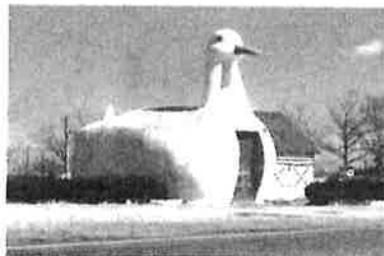
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## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7:15pm

*Please note the new location.*  
**Valley Stream Community Center**  
**A. J. Hendrickson Park**  
**123 West Merrick Road, Valley Stream**



## HISTORIC BROOKLYN

- Home to the Canarsie Indians – 1600s
- Consisted of six separate Dutch towns chartered by the Dutch East India Company
- Gravesend – 1645
- Breuckelen – 1640
- New Amersfoort (Flatlands) – 1647
- Midwest (Flatbush) – 1652
- New Utrecht – 1657
- Boswijck (Bushwick) – 1661

The English gained control in 1664. In 1683 the six colonies that are Brooklyn are established as Kings County. Incorporated as a city in 1834 and incorporated into the City of New York on January 1, 1898.

In 2006 Brooklyn's population was calculated at 2,508,820.

Lecture presented by Brian Merlis



Brian Merlis, an amateur historian, was born in Brooklyn in 1955 and spent part of his youth in

its Flatlands section. He is a music teacher with a passion for his place of birth.

## THE WILLIAMSBURG BRIDGE



Construction began in 1896 and the bridge was officially opened in 1903. At the time it was the largest suspension bridge in the world. The bridge was named a National Historic Engineering Landmark.

There are two signs posted at the westbound approach to the bridge. One reads "Leaving Brooklyn Oy Vey." The other reads "Leaving Brooklyn Fuhgeddabout it." Both signs were placed at the direction of a former Brooklyn Borough President.

*Note: the editor of Panorama grew up in Williamsburg.*

## HALLOWEEN AT THE RESTORATION



The annual Halloween Costume Contest sponsored by the Society will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration.

Whether you are a child or an adult, please come wearing a costume. Prizes will be awarded for the best children's costume. The annual Ragamuffin Parade will be held at 3pm weather permitting.

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# THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

A popular book, especially around Halloween because of the Headless Horseman, Irving's short story was included in the publication entitled "*The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.*" The first publication was issued in 1840 while Irving was living in Birmingham, England.



The secluded glen of Sleepy Hollow around the Dutch settlement of Tarrytown, New York in 1790 is the setting for his story. The main character in the book is Ichabod Crane who aspires to marry Katrina Von Tassel, the daughter of a wealthy farmer in an effort to acquire the farmer's wealth. One of the other characters in the book is named Abraham (Brom Bones) Van Brunt who also intends to marry Katrina.

One autumn night Crane attends a harvest party at the Von Tassel home but is rebuffed when he proposes marriage to Katrina. During his ride home he encounters another rider and discovers that the rider's head is not on his shoulders but on his horse's saddle. Crane and the Headless Horseman engage in a race to the bridge near the Old Dutch Burying Ground where the Headless Horseman appears to vanish. However, the rider next appears on the bridge and throws his head at Crane's face.

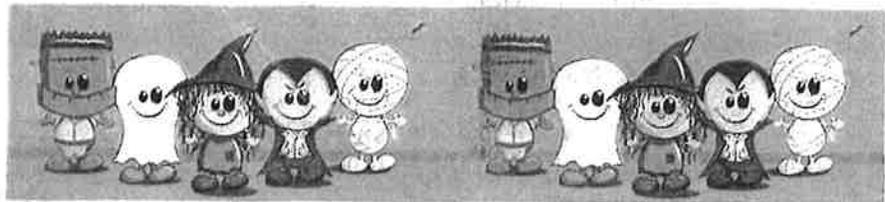
The next morning no one can locate Crane but it is suspected that Brom Bones played the role of the Headless Horseman. He eventually married Katrina.

A well-written imaginative tale that can be enjoyed by anyone.

Since 1996 the not-for-profit organization Historic Hudson has held "Legend Weekend" at Phillipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow. It features a rider portraying the Headless Horseman and a storyteller retelling *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*."

In 1997 the village of North Tarrytown officially changed its name to Sleepy Hollow.

In October of 1974 the United States Post Office issued a stamp commemorating *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*.





# PANORAMA

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### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 2018  
at 7:15pm

*Valley Stream Community Center  
A.J. Hendrickson Park  
123 West Merrick Road  
Valley Stream*

### FROM FARMING TO FLYING AND BEYOND: THE REISERT FAMILY of VALLEY STREAM

Ms. Bailey will speak about the early history of the family including the arrival of the first Reisert from Germany. The Reisert farm was sold in or about 1928 and was initially known as Rogers Airport. In 1929 the site was sold to Curtiss-Wright Corporation

Ms. Bailey is a member of the Reisert Family and was employed by the TVA for 31 years in the field of air quality. Upon retirement Bailey moved back to Long Island and is involved in a number of organizations. She is a life member of the Society.

Curtiss-Wright Corporation was formed by the merger of companies founded by Glenn Curtiss, who is referred to as the Father of Naval Aviation, and the Wright Brothers. A few months before the Great Depression, Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Corporation and Wright Aeronautical Corporation merged 18 affiliated companies and 29 subsidiaries into Curtiss-Wright Corporation. The corporation continues today and has diversified itself into a global industrial company.

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST



The Gingerbread House Contest will be held at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration on Sunday, December 2, 2018. If you wish to enter the contest, please bring your entry to the Restoration between 10:00am and 11:00am on

December 2. There will be an icing demonstration at 2pm in the Libath Room. Please come and vote for your favorite house. There are prizes totaling \$100.00.

The Society will also host its bake sale on that day. Please support us by purchasing a goodie or two.

### CANDLELIGHT TOUR



The annual Candlelight Tour of the Restoration will be held on Sunday, December 30, 2018 from 6pm to 8pm.

Please bring canned goods to be donated to our local food pantries.

### HALLOWEEN AT THE RESTORATION



#### HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS

**FIRST PRIZE** – Melissa Morales – Space Flight Commander

**SECOND PRIZE** – Sophia Haines – Little Devil

**THIRD PRIZE** – Gabbi Betz – Little Red Riding Hood



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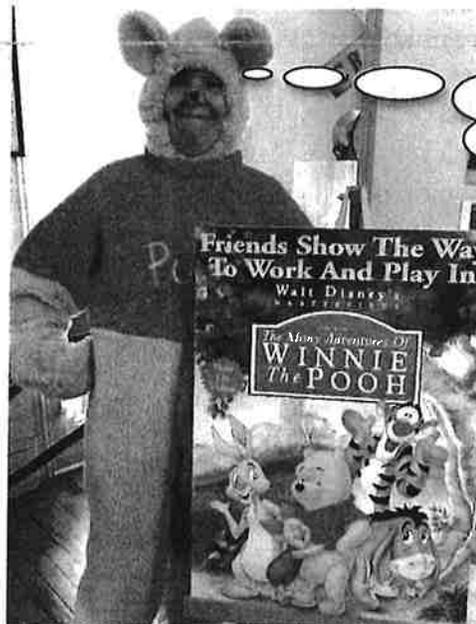
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