

Panorama

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Next Meeting

Valley Stream Village Hall
Auditorium
123 So. Central Avenue
Wednesday, February 21,
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Legends, Mystery and More



Researcher, author, and filmmaker Stephen Sindoni will speak to us regarding one of the mysteries of Mt. Shasta, CA, the myth of Lemuria.

As he was casting about for ideas for a screenplay, Sindoni came across the longstanding legend of JC Brown, a geologist, who, in 1904, is said to have found a tunnel that leads eleven miles underground to the lost civilization of Lemuria.

Sindoni began to research known details, seeking a factual basis for the story.

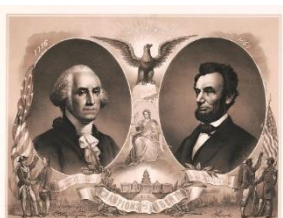
Based upon research in a New York City library, he journeyed to Mt. Shasta, which led him to discover some findings that added a new dimension to the story.

According to the original story, JC Brown, a geologist for the Lord Cowdray Mining Company of London, was prospecting for precious metals in the Mt. Shasta area when he came across a tunnel.

After excavating the opening, Brown entered the tunnel and discovered, along with rooms filled with gold and copper plates and ornate statues, a burial chamber with 27 skeletons that ranged from 6-foot-6 to 10 feet in length, two of which were shrouded in mysterious robes.

Please join the Historical Society as we listen to Sindoni relate his journey.

George and Abe Are Back



On Sunday, February 18, 2024, the Society will honor two Presidents, namely George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Society members will be dressed in costume,

and a piece of Washington memorabilia will be on display.

Our Holiday Photo Album



First Prize - Cookie Candy Monster by Lucia Storace



Second Prize - Night Before Christmas – London & Emanuel Williams



Third Prize - Let's Go Islanders by Scali Brothers



Florence Gunther, on her 98th Birthday, turns on the lights on the Village's Christmas tree.

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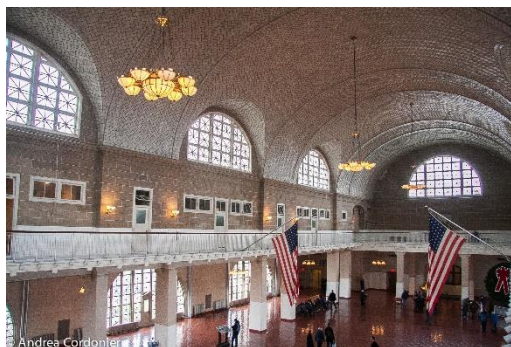
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Candlelight at the Pagan Fletcher House



A Spit of Sand – A Sign of Hope

Ellis Island is little more than a spit of sand in the Hudson River, located just south of Manhattan. The Mohegan nation called the island Kiosk or Gull Island. In 1630, the Dutch acquired the island and gifted it to Michael Paauw, who called it Oyster Island for the plentiful amounts of shellfish on its beaches. During the 1760s, it was known as Gibbet Island for its gibbet or gallows tree, used to hang men convicted of piracy.

Around the time of the Revolutionary War, Samuel Ellis, a New York merchant, purchases the island and builds a tavern on it that caters to local fishermen. He died in 1794. In 1808 New York State buys the island for \$10,000. During the War of 1812 the U.S. War Department paid New York State for the right to use Ellis Island to build military fortifications and store ammunition. During the Civil War, the island is used as a munitions arsenal for the Union army.

In 1892, Ellis Island opened as an immigration station, a purpose it served for more than 60 years until it closed in 1954. Located at the mouth of the Hudson River between New York and New Jersey, Ellis Island saw millions of newly arrived immigrants pass through its doors. In fact, it has been estimated that close to 40 percent of all current U.S. citizens can trace at least one of their ancestors to Ellis Island.

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