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The Mastic Peninsula Historical Society

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New President's Goals for MPHS

Dear Fellow Members,

As I never volunteered for, or asked to be nominated for the position of President of the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society, I am glad I was nominated and elected after all. It shows to me the level of confidence and trust my Society co-members have in me. Like all members, I have my own ideas on what direction I would like the Society to go in, and what I would like to accomplish.

First and foremost, I want to get more recognition for the Historical Society, by getting our name out in the public as much as possible. This will be accomplished by newsletters, newspaper articles, word of mouth, and attendance of as many town functions as possible.

Also I would like to obtain a “home base” for the Society, to hold meetings, and store Historical collections as we build them up. This is a rough road, but is do-able, as evidenced by other Historical groups who have already accomplished this goal. We do have a few potential buildings within our town that we could look into.

We would like to research and publish articles about the strong history and famous people from our town. There are many colonial people from Mastic and Mastic Beach who played a part in our country's beginnings. Also a documented history of the Poosepatuck Indian tribe would be a good project.

It's a rather over-whelming process to accomplish all of this, but as we chip away at it, the desired results will be attained. The Historical Society will be a fun, interesting organization that people will want to join and contribute to.

Again, I thank my fellow members for their trust and support, and hope I can accomplish our goals to improve the Society for all concerned.

Sincerely,

Ed DeGennaro
President
Mastic Peninsula Historical Society

William Floyd Estate Seeks Stronger Ties to Tri-Hamlet Community

by Michael Lubrano

On Monday June 22, 2009 the "William Floyd Community Visioning Workshop" took place at the Mastic Beach Fire House on Neighborhood Road. Approximately forty local and regional educators, historians, civic leaders and town officials met with representatives of the National Park Service and the Fire Island National Seashore to discuss the future of the William Floyd Estate. Referred to affectionately as "Bill's place" by Site Manager Steve Czarniecki and his staff of park rangers and historic interpreters, the estate is part of the Fire Island National Seashore and has been open to the public since 1976. The National Park Service is currently making plans to re-vitalize the park and establish a new direction for developing and managing park resources in a way that will integrate the park more closely with the surrounding community.



Local community leaders and Park Service representatives agreed that educational collaboration and community outreach would have numerous benefits for both the park and the community. Beth Wahl, President of the William Floyd Community Summit stated, "The William Floyd Estate is a 'diamond in the rough,' which people need to discover and embrace. As more and more people discover the Estate and all that it has to offer, more people will come into our community and help our economy and reputation." "I am excited about this opportunity to put the Tri-Hamlet community on the map," noted Mark Smothergill, President of The Chamber of Commerce of The Mastics and Shirley. Smothergill continued, "The William Floyd estate is a nationally recognized park and the potential tourism and positive public relations the park can bring the area is our kick off for making the Tri-hamlet area what it always should have been, an affluent waterside community. With the William Floyd estate as a destination, the revitalization of the Neighborhood Road business district is a near certainty."

At the close of the day's events, this writer, attending as a representative of the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society, was left with a sense that much had been accomplished. There is optimism that these collaborative efforts will translate into a realistic time-table, and adequate funding, through which it will be possible to create educational opportunities and achieve improved public access to this important historical landmark.

Committee Reports

Publications Committee: The official letterhead, and membership application were updated to reflect the results of the May elections. A format was adopted for a quarterly society newsletter.

Historic Sites Committee: Trustee Mike Lubrano attended a William Floyd Community Visioning Workshop on behalf of the Society.

Program Committee: The June 17th meeting was relocated to the cafeteria of the William Floyd High School to coincide with a presentation about the Montauk Highway Corridor Study and Land

Use Plan sponsored by the Community Summit.

Nominations Committee: Elections were held on May 20, 2009. Congratulations to our new officers and trustees.

Fundraising Committee: Application materials for obtaining 501(c)(3) status were received from the Internal Revenue Service.

Charter Committee: A special meeting was held on June 17, 2009 at The Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library to continue working on the Charter Questionnaire.



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Application for Membership

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NAME(S): _____

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED (Please Check One)

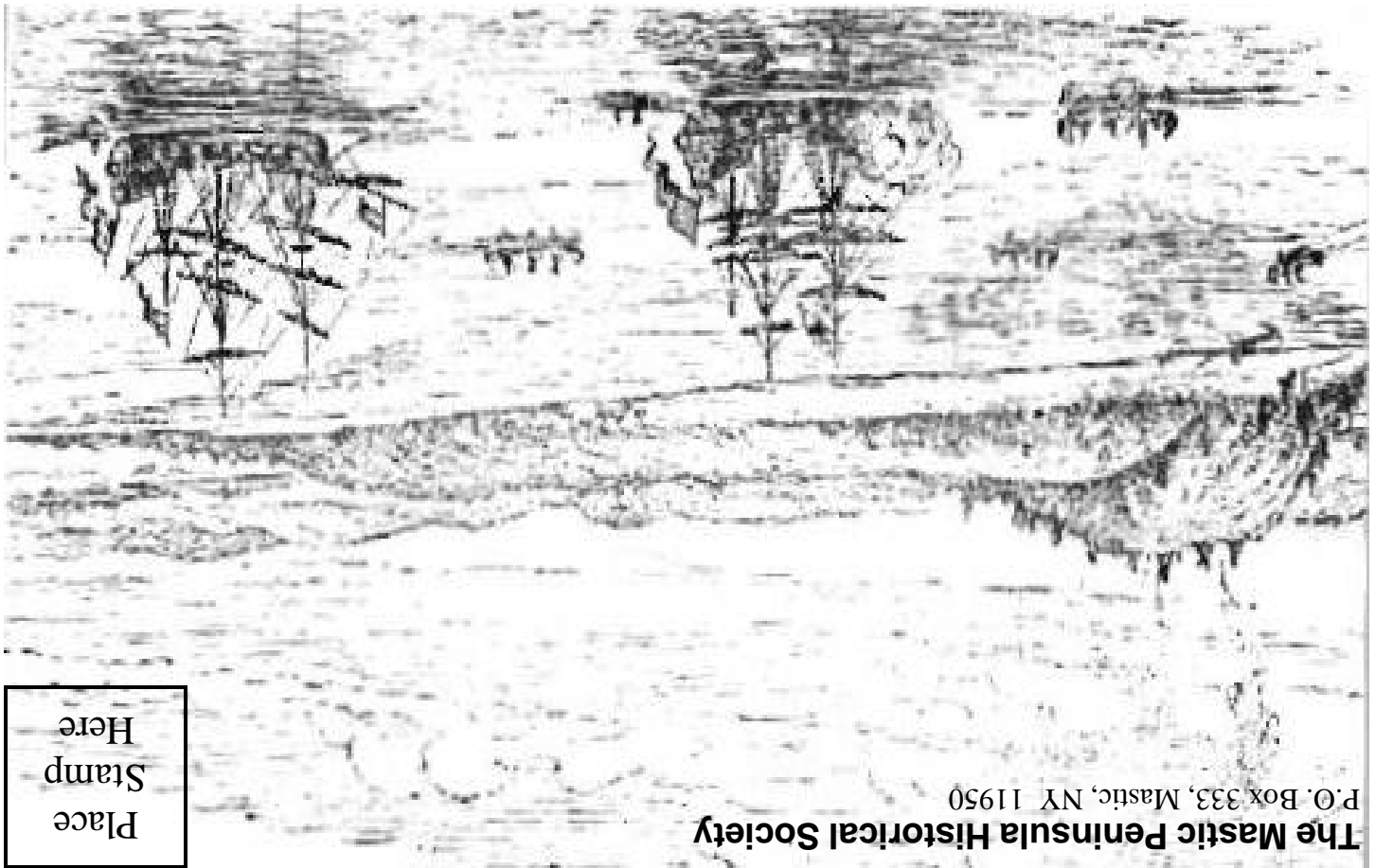
- Standard Adult member \$20.00
- Standard Family Member (Husband & Wife) \$30.00
- Senior Adult Member (62 or over) \$10.00
- Senior Family Member \$15.00
- Junior (under 18) or Student (High School or College) \$5.00
- Institutional Member \$50.00
- Contributing and Sustaining Members \$100.00
- Life Membership \$150.00
- Honorary Member (No Fee pending designation by Board of Trustees)

Please submit this application and a check for the appropriate fee to a board member or mail to:

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2009 Meeting Schedule

January 21	Annual Dues Collection
February 18	Monthly Meeting
March 18	Monthly Meeting
April 15	Officer/Trustee Nominations
May 20	Annual Elections
June 17	Monthly Meeting
July 15	Monthly Meeting
August 19	Monthly Meeting
September 16	Monthly Meeting
October 21	Monthly Meeting
November 18	Monthly Meeting
December 16	Monthly Meeting

Regular monthly meetings are held at the Mastic Fire Dept. unless otherwise noted.

Meetings begin at 7:30PM EST

Current Members

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