



# MPHS QUARTERLY

The Official Newsletter of

## The Mastic Peninsula Historical Society

P.O. Box 333, Mastic, New York 11950

“Working today to preserve yesterday”

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## A Message from the Society President

Dear Fellow Members,

Hello again. Well, time certainly seems to have flown by as another newsletter is due out. A few items of interest did occur since our last letter. The Society took part in the Brookhaven Town Country Fair, held at the Longwood Estate. Saturday was a very slow day due to the bad weather, but Sunday the weather was beautiful and a large crowd was present. We made a lot of interesting contacts. I met a descendant of General Woodhull's family, and we had a good discussion on “cemetery issues” that are common to both of us. “Woody” (his nickname) may be able to help us in our endeavors with the Lane Cemetery. We have some communications in works at this time. There's a slight chance we can hook up with someone who can do a ground radar search to exactly locate the graves in question. We are pursuing this avenue at this time.

As far as “recruiting” goes, we gave out about two dozen membership brochures over the two days that the Fair ran. We did gain four new members as a result of the Fair, and more will hopefully show up next month.

At the September meeting, MaryLaura Lamont, from the Park Service of the William Floyd Estate, came by and gave a very interesting and informative slide show on the Estate and the Floyd family. A lot of other interesting facts were brought to our attention, like how half of Mastic Beach was almost condemned, so a Nuclear Power Plant could be built on the Floyd Estate. Thank Goodness the Floyd family stood up against this idea and transferred the Estate to the Park Service to prevent the Plant from being built here.

On a minor note, I attended a seminar given at the Brookhaven National Lab on September 21, on the exciting subject of “De-accessioning and Museums”. But seriously, as a Historical Society, which will be having Collections in our future, this seminar did provide useful information that we should learn. It does appear there are a lot of formal rules involved where collections are concerned, especially when it comes to the transferring of objects back and forth, and with ownership issues. The seminar was presented by Anne Ackerson, of the Museum Association of NY, and David Palmquist, of the NYS Museum Chartering Program.

And speaking of Charters, the application for the extension of our Charter has been submitted to David Palmquist. I still have some supplement applications to fill out, and a petition that need to be sent in. We will accomplish this soon.

At this time, tentatively, I have set up a presentation to be given by Barbara Russell, the Brookhaven Town Historian, at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The subject will be “Historic Landmarks in Suffolk County”. This may prove again be a very interesting presentation.

That's all I have for now.

Ed DeGennaro, President





On September 12 and September 13 members of the Society took part in the Brookhaven Town Country Fair, held at the Longwood Estate. Members displayed historic photos from the society's collection and discussed local history with passers-by. Several new members were recruited. Here are some photos from the event.



## Committee Reports

**Collections Committee:** The Society has adopted a Collections Management Policy as part of the re-chartering process. MPHS Vice President Sue Snizek has been selected as the Committee Chair.

**Publications Committee:** A new Membership brochure has been created, as well as a number of collections management forms. Director Mike Lubrano has been selected as the Committee Chair.

**Historic Sites Committee:** On July 31, local elected officials and the media were invited to tour the William Floyd Estate as part of our ongoing efforts to promote the estate as both a tourist destination and a valuable historical, cultural and educational resource for all. New York State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr. and Brookhaven Town Councilman Keith Romaine were both in attendance, as were representatives from the offices of US Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten E. Gillibrand. The event was organized through the collaborative efforts of The Chamber of Commerce of The Mastics and Shirley, The Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library, The Mastic Peninsula Historical Society, William Floyd Community Summit and Save the Forge River, Inc. in conjunction with the Fire Island National Seashore division of The National Park Service. Director Richard Davin has been selected as Chairman.

**Program Committee:** At our September meeting,

MaryLaura Lamont, from the Fire Island National Seashore Division of the National Park Service presented a slide show on the William Floyd Estate and the history of the Floyd family. Also, on September 12, member Jamie Reason conducted a demonstration of colonial-era woodcarving techniques at the William Floyd Estate.

**Membership Committee:** Welcome to our new members - Dawn Gucci, Lisa Olsen, Dan Rudek and Laurie Rudek.

**Nominations Committee:** Nominations for 2010-2011 officers and trustees are scheduled to occur during the April monthly meeting.

**Fundraising Committee:** Work on the 501(c)(3) application will continue once the charter renewal has been approved. Director Mike Lubrano has been selected as the Committee Chair.

**Charter Committee:** On September 29, a Special meeting of the board was held in the Local History Room of the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library to approve final changes to the society constitution. The Cultural Agency Profile and related materials for the charter renewal have been completed and forwarded to the State Department of Education for review. President Ed DeGennaro has chaired the committee since his election to office in May.



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## Application for Membership

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED (Please Check One)

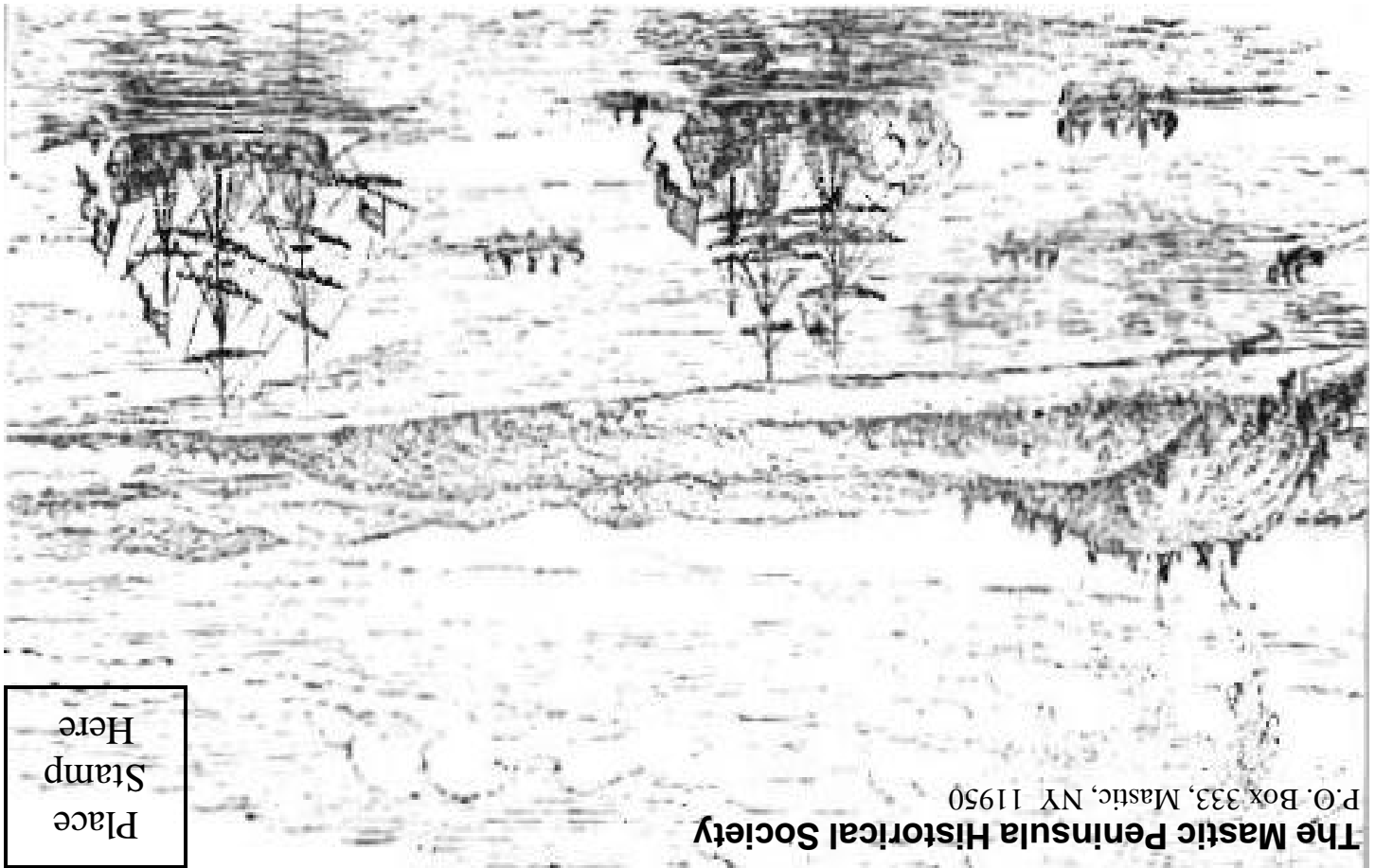
- Standard Adult member \$20.00
- Standard Family Member ( Husband & Wife ) \$30.00
- Senior Adult Member ( 62 or over ) \$10.00
- Senior Family Member \$15.00
- Junior ( under 18 ) or Student ( High School or College ) \$5.00
- Institutional Member \$50.00
- Contributing and Sustaining Members \$100.00
- 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

Carol Bender  
 Geri Borrusso  
 Richard Davin  
 Barbara Davis  
 Edward De Gennaro  
 Dawn Gucci  
 Gwen Fazzino  
 Laura Galignani  
 Susan Gonzales  
 Shirley Jensen  
 Ernest Jochen  
 Michael Lubrano  
 Scott L. Marshall  
 Joseph May  
 Jack Monti  
 Mercedes Mowdy  
 Richard Oldham  
 Gary F. Ollett  
 Lisa Olsen  
 Adeline Poje  
 Dan and Laurie Rudek  
 Susan Snizek