



# 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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President

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Vice President

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## A Message from the Society President

Dear Fellow Members,

Well, 2009 has drawn to a close, and 2010 begins with a new set of challenges for us to meet.

This past year we saw new officers elected, new members join our group, and new opportunities for us to grow.

We had a successful outing at the Brookhaven Town Country Fair, where we made new friends, recruited new members, and secured valuable new contacts. We also marched in our first Christmas Parade, and got our name and picture in the papers. One of our goals is to spread the word that we exist, and I think we did that very well in 2009.

Two interesting presentations were given, one by Mary Laura Lamont of the National Park Service on the History of the William Floyd Estate, and the other by Town Historian Barbara Russell on the Historic Buildings and Homes in Brookhaven Town.

We renewed our Charter, and began work on our 501C3 application for fundraising purposes. We have also been approached by Legislator Kate Browning's office with regards to the possibility of receiving state grants for promoting tourism in the Tri-Hamlet area.

As we progress thru 2010, we will continue to have speakers come in and give presentations on Historical Issues related to our Town. We will actively seek Grants for the improvement of the Mastic Peninsula. Our fund-raising will begin and we will start to function as a Historical Society should. Our ultimate goal will be to obtain a Grant which will enable us to restore a building from our towns past, and use it as our headquarters.

These things are possible, and only take some time and effort to accomplish.

I wish all our members Happiness and good health in 2010, and hope we all continue to enjoy the time we spend together.

Ed DeGennaro, President

### Upcoming Event

Local Boy Scout troops are undertaking a project to replace broken roadside historical markers throughout Brookhaven Town. Mr. Frank Bailey has been invited to be our guest speaker and discuss the progress of this ongoing project at the next monthly meeting of the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society at 7:30PM on January 20 at the Mastic Firehouse. All are welcome to attend.



On December 6, 2009, members of our organization marched in the Annual Christmas Parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of the Mastics and Shirley. Hundreds participated as thousands looked on. Among those who marched with the MPHS banner were: Ed DeGennaro, Lisa Olsen, Chloe Olsen, Dawn Gucci, Gary Ollett, Sue Snizek and Jack Monti. Special thanks to Deborah Castelli (pictured right) and William Nevins Jr of The South Shore Press for providing these photos to us.

## Committee Reports

**Collections Committee:** The Society is actively seeking items for our collection. If you would like to donate any items relating to local history, contact Committee Chair Sue Snizek .

**Publications Committee:** We are in the process of developing templates for an annual membership ID card and a certificate of Life Membership.

**Historic Sites Committee:** Efforts are ongoing to obtain recognition for the Lane family cemetery.

**Program Committee:** At our November meeting, Town Historian Barbara Russell gave a presentation on Historic Buildings and Homes in Brookhaven Town. Scoutmaster Frank Bailey has been invited to be our guest speaker on January 20 to discuss the replacement of broken roadside historical markers throughout Brookhaven town. Also, Rich O reports that we have received approval to use the Mastic

Firehouse for all of our 2010 monthly meetings. Our thanks to the Mastic Fire Department for their ongoing support and gracious hospitality.

**Membership Committee:** Welcome to our new members Andrea Milano and Arline Large .

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

**Fundraising Committee:** Beth Wahl of the Community Summit has generously provided us with information about grants which may be available through the office of Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand. We have also been approached by Legislator Kate Browning's office with regards to the possibility of receiving state grants for promoting tourism in the Tri-Hamlet area.



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## Application for Membership

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NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: ( Street ) \_\_\_\_\_

( City ) \_\_\_\_\_

( State ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( Zip ) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( Area Code ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( Number ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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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Trustees

Richard Davin • Gwen Fazzina • Shirley Jensen  
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## 2009 Meeting Schedule

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

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

Meetings begin at 7:30PM EST

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Honorary Life Member \* Rita Rech