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**The Mastic Peninsula
Historical Society**

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“Working today to preserve yesterday”

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A Message from the Society President

Dear Fellow Members,

Well it's hard to believe a year has just about passed since I was elected President. We had quite a few accomplishments in this past year, and many “firsts” for the group. My foremost goal was to submit the Charter Renewal Application, which we did. Also going hand in hand with this was the submission of our 501-c-3 application so we can begin fundraising. This has been done also.

Upon finding out that few people even knew we existed, I made it a priority to get as much exposure as we could. We participated in the Brookhaven Town Country Fair, and marched in our first Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. We managed to get articles, letters and pictures in the local papers on numerous occasions. I was asked to give a short speech to introduce our group to the Pattersquash Creek Civic Association. All these efforts have increased our membership. I look forward to meeting other groups who want to know more about us.

We also now have Grant money in the works for the first time, for developing projects in the community. The local politicians, School Board, Library and Chamber of Commerce, are now also aware of us. And even this newsletter you are reading, now goes out to all our members and select people and organizations.

For the future, I still want to invite more guests to come in and give presentations on matters of historical significance to keep things interesting. We will be developing a program to go into the local schools and give presentations about the persons after whom each school is named. We are going to assist a film producer with research on the history of the Great South Bay, including the British occupation of the William Floyd Estate, and the Manor of St. George.

My major goal now would be to obtain Grant money to establish a clubhouse for our group. Once we have our own building, the artifact collection could then begin. The clubhouse could possibly be open to the public as a tourist stop, and small local museum.

So, in closing, to answer the question of “Will Ed run for President again?”, the answer is yes. There are still goals I set for myself that haven't been reached yet. I feel a Historical Society has an obligation to educate the town they represent about their past. There is still more I want to accomplish. With the help of our group, which has doubled in size since I joined, I think we can build a Historical Society to be proud of.

If the members still want me to run again, I would be proud to represent them for another year.

Ed DeGennaro, President
Mastic Peninsula Historical Society

Upcoming Event - Nominations for Officers and Trustees

Nominations for officers and trustees will be accepted at the next monthly meeting of the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society at 7:30PM on April 21 at the Mastic Firehouse. All are welcome to attend. Elections will be held on May 19.

Happy Anniversary MPHS

Story and photo by Mike Lubrano

This March marks the 11th anniversary of the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society. Rita Rech, Edward Romaine, Deborah Ward, Matthew Schnauder and Gabriella Alstead founded the organization in 1999. On March 16, 1999, the Board of Regents of the State of New York granted a charter to these original trustees, making M.P.H.S. the official historical society for the tri-hamlet area. Since then, the Historical Society has been working to educate the public about local history and to preserve local landmarks such as the Petty House and the Lane Family Cemetery.

Current projects include a new initiative to increase tourism to the many historic sites within our region by working to create a map of local historic sites, and by trying to get roadside historical markers repaired and replaced. This problem is being attacked from several directions. Through the Boy Scouts of America, roadside historical markers along the route of the Historic Tallmadge Trail are being replaced. Through the office of Legislator Kate Browning we're trying to get grant money to

fund the historic sites map project. We're also in the early stages of a co-venture with the Chamber of Commerce to get improved signage for the William Floyd Estate. This project is being pursued in conjunction with The National Parks Service and our local elected officials.



Photo Caption: Historical Society President Ed DeGennaro congratulates Scoutmaster Frank Bailey for his success at replacing the road markers for the Historic Tallmadge Trail.

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. Designs for a Certificate of Life Membership and an Honorary Membership Certificate have been approved by the Board of Trustees.

Historic Sites Committee: Thanks to the offer of a grant through the office of County Legislator Kate Browning, work has begun to develop a map of historic sites within the tri-hamlet area. We are also in the planning phases of a co-venture with the Chamber of Commerce to get improved roadway signs to guide tourists to and from the historic William Floyd Estate.

Program Committee: At our January meeting, Scoutmaster Frank Bailey was our guest speaker. He discussed the Boy Scouts' efforts regarding the replacement of broken roadside historical markers along the route of the Historic Tallmadge Trail and throughout Brookhaven town.

Membership Committee: Welcome to our new members Brad Shupe, and The Pattersquash Creek Civic Association (represented by Jerri Breschard)

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

Fundraising Committee: An official Conflict of Interest Policy was adopted by the society as part of ongoing efforts to secure 501(c)(3) status. Also, Form 1023 has been submitted to the IRS, formally requesting Recognition as an exempt organization.



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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

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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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