

# MPHS QUARTERLY

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“Working today to preserve yesterday”

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### Historical Society Sponsors Presentation by Professor John Strong

By Ed DeGennaro, President MPHS

To All,

The end of the summer brought two enjoyable events for us. In August, we had Professor John Strong, author of, "The Unkechaug Indians of Eastern Long Island, A History", give a presentation about his book to the group. The lecture was accompanied by a slide show and was enjoyed by all. I personally read the book and highly recommend it.

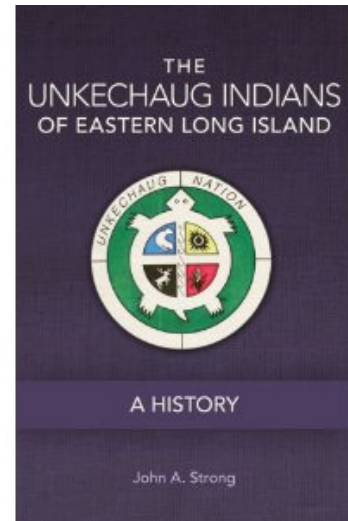
Next we attended the Town Fair at Longwood. As always, this was a great event. The weather was good, the food was good, and we talked to many people. I think some good contacts were made that can benefit the group in various ways. I also talked to the Army Ranger re-enactors about doing a possible presentation for us on the Army Rangers role on D-Day in World War II. They are agreeable, but scheduling may be an issue for now. But we will get together sooner or later.

I also found out you can schedule an appointment for a private tour of the Longwood Mansion during the week, and see the entire house. All three floors, and the rooms that were off limits during the Fair. Its a great house, and they are doing a great job keeping it going on a shoe-string budget. Unfortunately the rumors of secret maps and stuff in the attic are not true. The third floor is actually pretty bare.

For those who like to explore in the woods, Gary and I, guided by a possible new group member, were shown the ruins of the duck barns that were once part of "Swift Stream Farms" in Mastic by the Forge River. All that's left (in the woods), are some low cement block walls, some standing, some knocked down. All the wood structure is gone. The remains of a wooden dam across a clear water stream still remain. An actual duck barn still remains on the cleared ground behind the Titmus House, on the grounds of Forge River Nursery. It is sectioned off and rented out to companies needing storage room. There wasn't much to see, but to those of us who like to explore, it was a fun day.

You never know where the Historical Society will show up next.

Ed



## Historical Society Participates in Town Fair at Longwood Estate

On September 8th and September 9th members of the Historical 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 visitors. Membership applications were distributed, and copies of our "Map



of Historic Sites of The Tri-Hamlet Area" were also made available to the public. There were many vendors, exhibitors and re-enactors on-hand. Many booths and

events were "old favorites" from past fairs, and there were new organizations attending for the first time as well. Our thanks to all of the MPHS members who attended the event. Thanks also to the Town of Brookhaven for hosting this event and inviting us annually. — **By Mike Lubrano**



Above: Members of the 3rd NY Regiment. Left: NYS Assemblyman Dean Murray with trustees of the Historical Society.

## Committee Reports

**Collections Committee:** Please contact the Historical Society if you have any documents, photos or artifacts that you would like to donate.

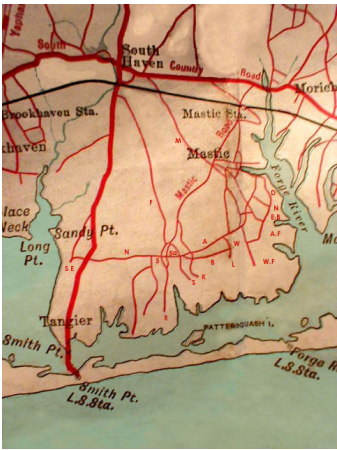
**Publications Committee:** "Mastic Peninsula Historical Society" is now on FaceBook! Check out our photo gallery on the FB. The MPHS web site is up and running at [www.mphistorical.org](http://www.mphistorical.org) with photos, event announcements and back-issues of the newsletter.

**Historic Sites Committee:** The Society's members have been conducting 'research workshops' at the Community Library in the

Local History Room on Thursday nights at 7:00PM. Contact Gary Ollett for details.

**Program Committee:** On August 15, 2012, Professor John A. Strong gave a presentation at the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library about the history of The Unkechaug Indians. This MPHS-sponsored event included PowerPoint slides to showcase the culture of a tribe that is an important part of our regional history.

**Fundraising Committee:** Please contact the Society if you would like to make a donation. The MPHS is a federally registered 501(c)3 charity.



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## Application for Membership

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED (Please Check One)

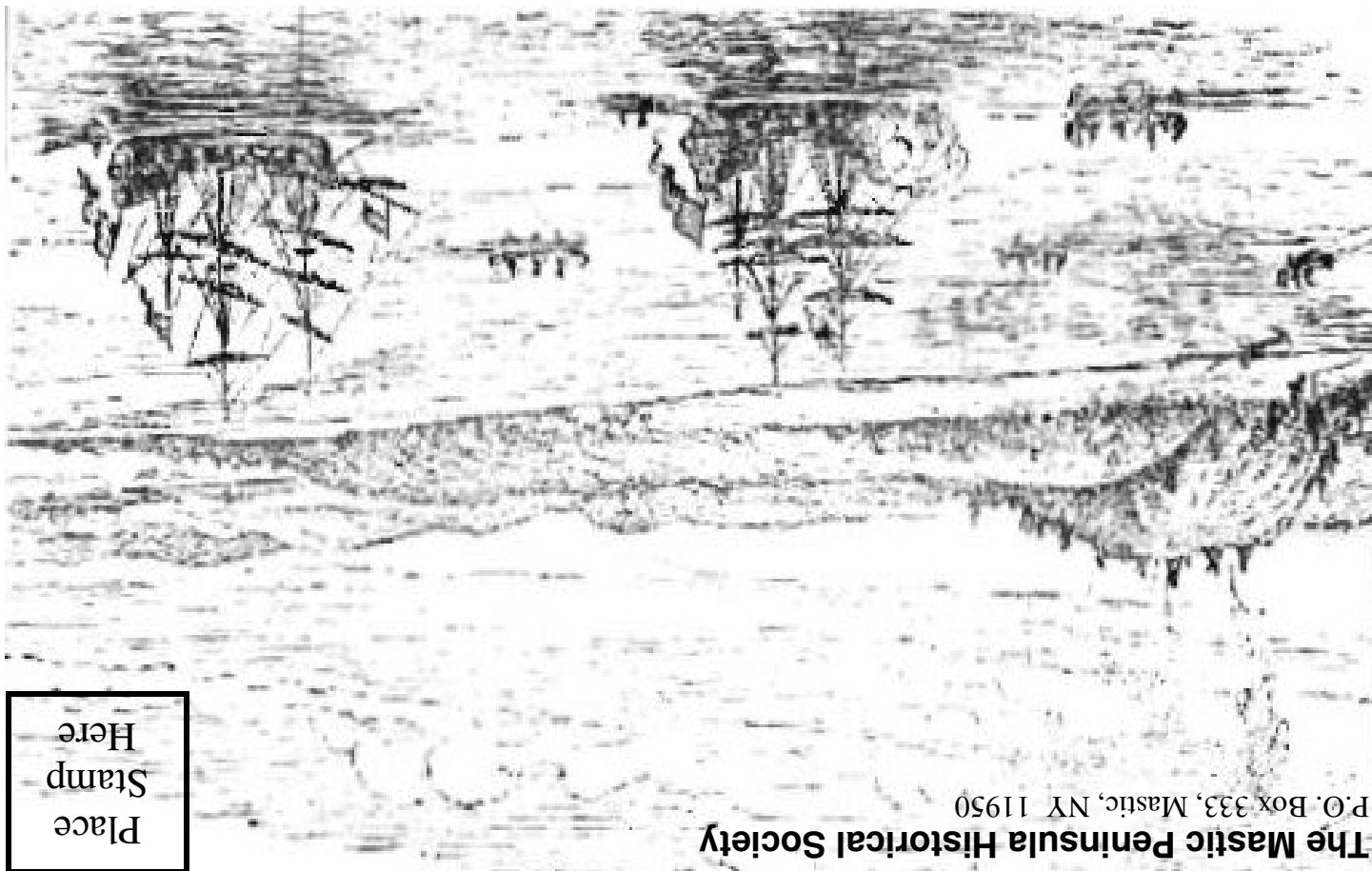
- Standard Adult member \$20.00
- Standard Family Member ( Husband & Wife ) \$30.00
- Senior Adult Member ( 62 or over ) \$10.00
- Senior Family Member \$15.00
- Junior ( under 18 ) or Student ( High School or College ) \$5.00
- Institutional Member - Representative \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00
- Contributing 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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## 2012 Meeting Schedule

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

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

Meetings begin at 7:30PM EST

\* Meetings for July/August will be held at 7:00PM at the Community Library

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