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Historical Society To Release Third Volume Of Booklet Series

A History of The Mastic Peninsula

Volume III The Community of Mastic Park



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By Michael Lubrano

Last year, to coincide with Tri-Hamlet Community Day on June 1, 2013, The Historical Society released the first two volumes in a series of bi-fold booklets featuring historic photos of our area. This series, entitled “A History of The Mastic Peninsula,” is expected to comprise some ten to twelve volumes. Volume 1, “The Unkechaug in Ancient and Colonial Times,” and Volume 2, “The Great Estates of Colonial and Post-Colonial Times,” have been very well received by the community at large.

The Historical Society is pleased to announce that Volume III, “The Community of Mastic Park” is complete, and will be available for sale to the public on May 31, 2014, which will coincide with Community Day 2014. Volumes 1, 2 and 3 will be on sale at the Historical Society’s kiosk on Neighborhood Road, in the Village of Mastic Beach, and proceeds of these sales will be used to finance the Society’s various programs, including the printing of additional volumes in the series, which are now in the planning stages and should be completed over the course of the next few years. The first printing will be limited to 1000 copies, so order now to avoid disappointment!

Additional Volumes in the series will cover a variety of topics of local interest such as “Suburbia arrives with Tangiers,” “The Development of Mastic Beach,” “The Walter Shirley Developments,” “The History of The William Floyd Schools,” “Namesakes of The William Floyd Schools,” “Charitable Organizations of The Tri-Hamlet,” and “Preserving the Heritage of The Unkechaug Nation.” Each booklet also features a brief history of our Historical Society on the inside back cover.

The Historical Society is actively seeking additional photos to be included in future volumes. Anyone who has photos, documents or artifacts to share, loan or donate can contact the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society at P.O. Box 333, Mastic, NY 11950, or send e-mail to us at MPHS333@optonline.net



Remembering Phyllis Callahan Potts

Phyllis Callahan Potts was the first letter carrier in Mastic Beach and served our local community with pride for many years. She is also credited with being the first female letter carrier in New York State to be allowed to drive a mail truck.

After her retirement from the Mastic Beach Post Office in 1985, she continued to reside in Mastic Beach and was active in a number of community groups.

Phyllis passed away on April 17, 2014. However, her many recollections and impressions of Mastic Beach have been preserved in a recorded oral history on file at the Community Library.



Committee Reports

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

Publications Committee - Mike Lubrano: Check out our photo gallery on FaceBook. Also, check out our new history timeline, plus newsletters, membership applications, etc. on our website at www.mphistorical.org. The first three volumes of our local history booklets are now available. The fourth volume is currently in production.

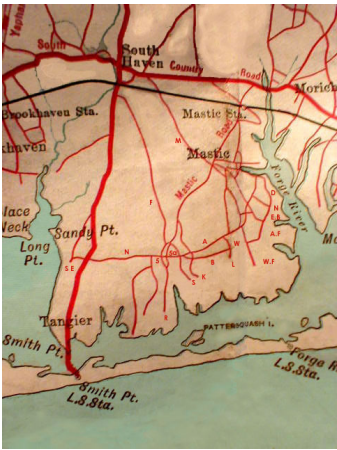
Program Committee - Mike Lubrano: At the Historical Society's regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 21, guest lecturer Ron Gross will give us a presentation on General Nathaniel Woodhull and the Battle of Long Island. Murals reproducing the artwork of Katherine Floyd Dana (donated to the Village by MPHS) are on display at the Mastic Beach Cultural Arts Center, and will be available for viewing on Community Day. We hope to continue our **oral history program** this year. Also, our committee chair, Mike, has been serving as a member of the Tri-Hamlet Renaissance Project Marketing Committee. Tri-Hamlet Community Day 2013 was a huge success and many people stopped by to do tombstone

rubbings at the Nathaniel Woodhull Cemetery on Neighborhood Road. The committee is hard at work planning Tri-Hamlet Community Day 2014, which is set for May 31, 2014.

Membership Committee - Rich Oldham: The membership committee has been active on several fronts. Flyers have been placed on community bulletin boards in several places in the community, supermarkets and the library. Applications have been handed out at events where we have had a display table. Announcements have been placed in the news media, Tri-Hamlet News and their Facebook page, as well as in The Long Island Advance. We have our own Facebook page, where membership has been encouraged, also on our website. Since June of this year, we have had several new members join our organization. There are 35 paid up members at this time.

Fundraising Committee - MPHS has applied for two grants, and are awaiting notification as to whether or not we will receive any funding.

Nominations Committee - The committee members have met and will present a slate of candidates at the April Meeting.



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Application for Membership

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED (Please Check One)

- Standard Adult member \$20.00
- Senior Adult Member (62 or over) \$10.00
- Institutional Member - Representative _____ \$50.00
- Life Membership \$150.00

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

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2014 Meeting Schedule

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