



# MPHS QUARTERLY

The Official Newsletter of

## The Mastic Peninsula Historical Society

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

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### Historical Society Participates in Memorial Day Parade



By Michael Lubrano

On May 26, 2014, the Historical Society was honored to participate in the Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Arthur C. Clune post of the American Legion, in The Village of Mastic Beach. Our community was privileged to have Nathan Woodhull, (Great-Great-Great-Nephew of General Nathaniel Woodhull) as the Grand Marshall of this year's parade.

Unfortunately, on the day before the parade, it was discovered that General Woodhull's tombstone had suffered some damage. The Historical Society's trustees acted quickly to coordinate with local officials, and to secure the services of a local resident who manages a cemetery, and has decades of experience repairing damaged markers and memorials.

Thankfully, the stone was repaired in time for the annual ceremony at the Woodhull family cemetery, and the festivities of the day were enjoyed by all. Mr. Woodhull expressed his gratitude that his ancestor's memory is still honored by the community.



# Nautical SeaFest 2014

On July 26 and 27, Mastic Peninsula Historical Society will have a booth at the 2nd Annual Nautical SeaFest sponsored by the Cultural Arts Guild of Mastic Beach at the Stiriz Marina. Volumes I, II and III in our booklet series will be on sale as a fundraiser. And, as always, free maps of local historic sites will be available to the public.

Left Photo: Historical Society Trustees on hand at the 2013 Nautical SeaFest event.



## Committee Reports

**Collections Committee - Brad Shupe:** 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](http://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 lector Ron Gross gave 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 were 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 2014 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 2015, which is set for June 6, 2015.

**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 January of this year, we have had several new members join our organization. There are 43 paid up members at this time.

**Historic Sites Committee - Rich Davin:** We will be revamping our Historic Sites Committee in the near future. We will continue to do research of local history at the Community Library and elsewhere.

**Fundraising Committee - MPHS** has been awarded a grant from the Pomroy Foundation to fund the installation of an historical marker to be installed on Montauk Highway. We are also awaiting notification as to whether or not we will receive any funding through a second grant from the Suffolk County Historical Society. We are currently seeking a new chair for our Fundraising Committee; interested parties should contact our President, Ed De Gennaro at our next 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

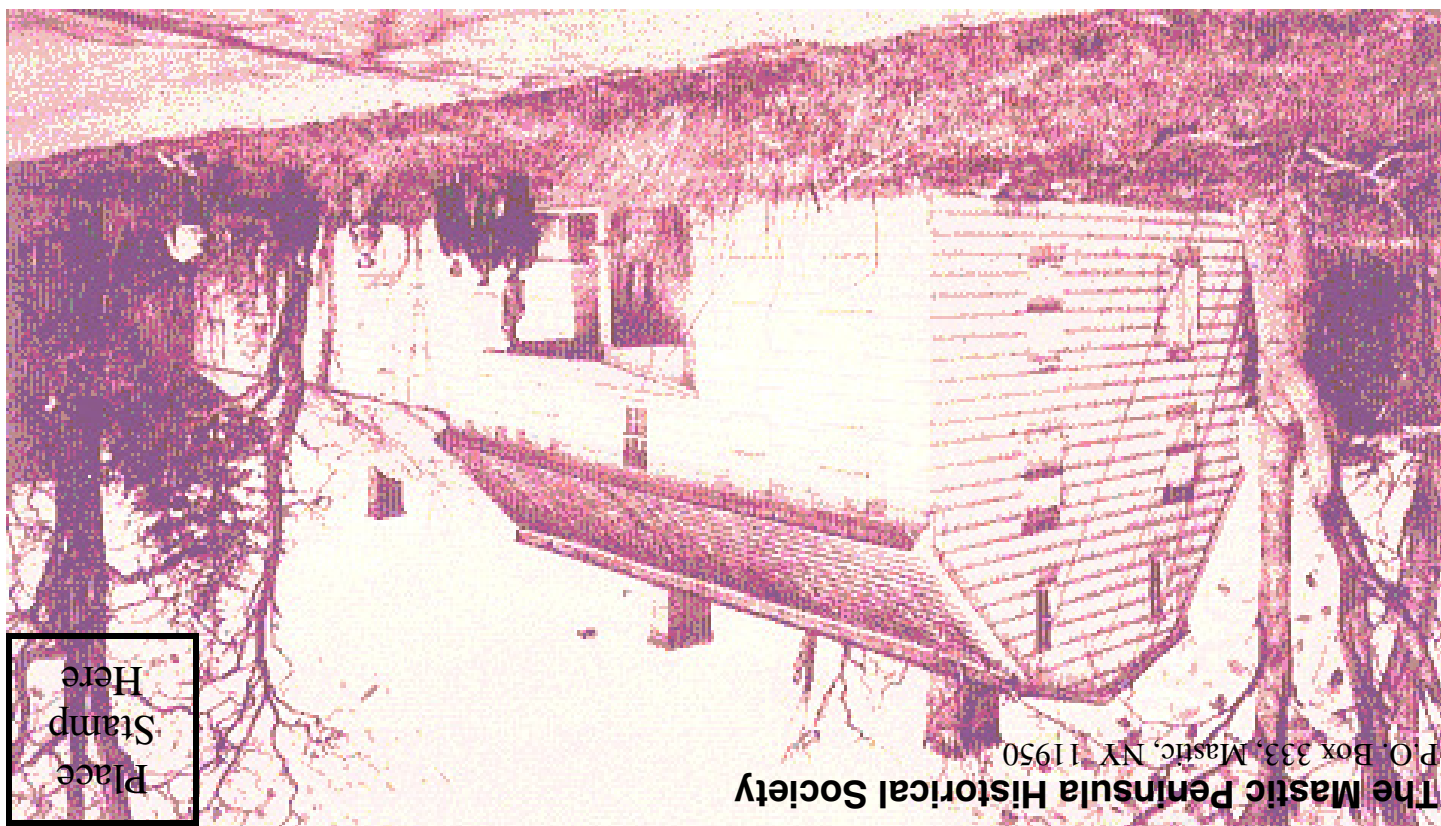
\_\_\_ Life Membership \$150.00

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

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Trustees

Gwen Fazzina • Michael Lubrano • Joseph May  
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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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