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Nassau County Historian to Speak at Installation Dinner

The 47th Annual Installation Dinner of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society will be held on Monday evening, October 25, at Bella Napoli Restaurant, 968 Fulton Street, Farmingdale, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Edward J. Smits, historian of Nassau County, will relate the saga of "A Historic Rescue: Nunley's Carousel" following the dinner. Nunley's Carousel was built in 1912 during the golden age of wooden carousels and was a landmark in Baldwin for more than fifty years. Ed Smits will speak about how it was rescued, restored, and opened last year in its new permanent home on Museum Row at Mitchel Field. Our speaker was highly involved personally in the long process of the rescue, which had almost as many "ups and downs" as the forty horses on the carousel!

Please be with us for an evening of an enjoyable meal, pleasant fellowship, and a fascinating chapter of regional history and preservation which ended happily!

Members to be Inducted at Installation Dinner on Oct. 25

Those individuals re-elected as officers or trustees of the Society at the Annual Meeting in June will be formally inducted at the Installation Dinner on Monday, October 25. All are incumbents in the same office currently. These members include: President, Mildred Johnston; Vice-President, James McCullagh; Treasurer, Frank Bondiotti; Trustees, Serena Brochu, Eric Goldschrafe, Harrison Hunt, Pierre Lehmuller, and Nancy White. The term of officers is for two years (October 31, 2012), and that of trustees, three years (October 31, 2013).

FBHS Invited to Hicksville's Eagle Rededication

The Hicksville Historical Society has invited members of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society to attend the rededication of the Penn Station "eagle" statue at Hicksville LIRR Station on Thursday, October 28, at 11:00 am. The Hicksville society recently sponsored a restoration of the century-old eagle, which was once part of Pennsylvania Station, Manhattan. When the superstructure of Penn Station was razed in 1963, a small number of the eagle statues were salvaged. One was installed a few years later at Hicksville after a financial "rescue" by a teacher and his class at Hicksville High School.

The Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society donated to the recent restoration in honor of David Morrison, prominent rail historian, for his generosity to the FBHS.

Mort Kuntsler Civil War Exhibit at Museum of Art

The Nassau County Museum of Art in Roslyn Harbor has opened a Civil War exhibit, "For Us the Living", displaying the work of Mort Kuntsler. Mr. Kuntsler, a resident of Nassau County, has been termed the "foremost Civil War painter of our time, if not all time". Several special events are scheduled at the museum during the exhibit, which runs through January 9, 2011, including a presentation by Mr. Kuntsler. For further information on the museum and the exhibit including driving directions, hours, and admission fees, visit www.nassaumuseum.com or call 516-484-9338.



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“Long Island and the Civil War” Lecture on Sunday, Nov. 21

Harrison "Terry" Hunt, a trustee of the Society who has studied the Civil War for many years, will speak on "Long Island and the Civil War" at the FBHS general meeting on Sunday, November 21 at 2:00 pm. The program will be presented in the Board Room of Farmingdale Village Hall, 361 Main street, due to the continuing renovation project at the Farmingdale Public Library.

Mr. Hunt's interest in the national conflict of 1861-1865 has led him to be a re-enactor as well as a respected scholar in this field of study. With the 150th anniversary of the Civil War beginning this coming spring, and the Society's Civil War Memorial initiative underway, this program is most timely.

Post Office Sites Focus of Village Walk

Eighteen members and friends of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society took a walking tour of Farmingdale's Main Street business district on Sunday, September 19, on a sunny but mild afternoon. The main focus of the walk was to note the sites of post offices and names of postmasters throughout the 165 years of the Farmingdale Post Office, which was established on July 31, 1845.

Joseph Carosella Sr., a Society trustee and a longtime Postal Service employee, provided the narration of this portion of the walk. General information on the history of the business district from Hardscrabble days to the present was presented by Vice-President James McCullagh and Trustee Eric Goldschrafe. The walk began at the Village Green and moved north to South Front Street, then returned to the Green.

The Village of Farmingdale walking tours have been a spring and late summer tradition of the FBHS for many years.

Civil War Memorial Drive Underway

The Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society has launched the campaign to raise funds for the Civil War Memorial honoring those young men who left the area to serve in the Union Army or U.S. Navy during the 1861-1865 conflict. The dedication of the memorial is slated for next Memorial Day, May 30, 2011, as part of the ceremonies on the Farmingdale Village Green following the annual Memorial Day Parade.

The Society is grateful to those who have donated already, some most generously. The goal is ten thousand dollars. If you haven't donated yet, please do so; if you have already given, please consider making another gift. The service and sacrifice of these young men has been largely overlooked for almost 150 years. Let us not let them be forgotten.

Donations may be sent as checks payable to the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society, and sent to P.O. Box 500, Farmingdale, NY 11735-0500. Please specify that your gift is for the Civil War Memorial. Again, your generosity is deeply appreciated. As a reminder, the FBHS is a non-profit organization formed under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code making your donations tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

In Memoriam: Robert L. Herrschaft

Robert L. (Bob) Herrschaft, a 70 year resident of Farmingdale and a member of the Society for over 25 years, passed away on September 7, 2010 at age 98. He was predeceased by Lois, his wife of over 60 years, in 2009 and daughter Linda E. Herrschaft in 1986. The family were longtime members of the Farmingdale United Methodist Church. Interment was at Calverton National Cemetery.

Bob, along with Lois, enjoyed the meetings and dinners of the Society, amid their many friends, over the years. His warm and friendly presence will be truly missed. The Society expresses deepest sympathy to Bob's sister-in-law Marion Conner and his ten nieces and nephews.



**FARMINGDALE-BETHPAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
47th ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010**

You are invited to be part of the 47th Annual Installation Dinner of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society, which will be held Monday, October 25, 2010, at Bella Napoli Restaurant, 968 Fulton Street (Route 109), Farmingdale, at 6pm.

Edward J. Smits, historian of Nassau County, will speak about the rescue and restoration of Nunley's Carousel.

The dinner, for a total of \$35 (thirty-five dollars) per person, will include soup, garden salad, pasta, choice of three entrees, dessert, and unlimited soda on the tables; cash bar for mixed drinks.

Nancy White, a Society trustee, is chairing the dinner. She requests that she receive your registration by Monday, October 18, 2010. Please note that if your registration is postmarked after October 18, the price of the dinner will be \$40 (forty dollars) per person. Please be sure to indicate your choice of entrée on the registration form.

Please note that parking is limited so please consider carpooling. If you are either in need of a ride, or can provide a ride, to the restaurant, please indicate below or call Nancy White at 516-694-3738.

Nancy White
315 Conklin Street
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Enclosed is a check for _____ persons at \$35 each (\$40 if postmarked after October 18) for a total of \$_____ payable to the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society for the 47th Annual Installation Dinner at Bella Napoli Restaurant, 968 Fulton Street (Route 109), Farmingdale, on Monday, October 25, at 6pm.

Please indicate entrée selections:

- ___ Chicken Marsala
- ___ Eggplant Rollatini
- ___ Veal Parmigiana

- ___ I need a ride to the dinner.
- ___ I can provide a ride to the dinner.

Your Name

Telephone Number

Street Address

Others in Party

Town, State, Zip

I/We would prefer to sit with: _____



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"We hold fast to the elements that
are dear to us."
- Jesse Merritt

The Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society was founded at a meeting in historic Powell House, Merritt Road, Farmingdale, on April 12, 1964. It is chartered as an incorporated non-profit educational and cultural organization by the University of the State of New York.

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