



# THE YEOMAN

Farmingdale-  
Bethpage  
Historical Society  
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## November 15 Meeting To Be Held at Bethpage Public Library

The temporary closing of the Farmingdale Public Library for a renovation project has resulted in the relocation of the meeting of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society on Sunday, November 15 to the Bethpage Public Library, 47 Powell Avenue, Bethpage. This is a change from earlier announcements.

The FBHS Board is grateful to Lois Lovisolo, Director of the Bethpage Library, for allowing this late change, and to the Board of the Central Park Historical Society of Bethpage for agreeing to co-sponsor the November 15 program along with the FBHS.

Due to other programs meeting at the library that afternoon, it is suggested that you arrive somewhat early as parking spaces at the field across from the Library on Powell Avenue may be scarce. Remember to cross Powell Avenue at the crosswalk!

## Harrison Hunt Presents "Civil War Medicine" on Nov. 15

Harrison "Terry" Hunt, a trustee of the FBHS and former president, returns to his native Bethpage on Sunday, November 15 at 2 pm to present "Civil War Medicine" at the combined FBHS/CPHS meeting at the Bethpage Public Library. His topic is a field of research that has engaged him for the past 35 years. Mr. Hunt is co-founder and historian emeritus of the 119th New York Re-enactors.

The program will also include Eric Marten, "the Long Island fiddler", who will present music from the Civil War era, some of it performed on period instruments.

A flier with further information on the program accompanies this issue of THE YEOMAN. Give it to a friend or relative (or both) and bring them along with you. Admission is free.

## Executive Board Meetings

The next meeting of the officers and trustees of the Society will be on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 7pm at the Farmingdale Public Library in the conference room near the Reference Desk. The meetings will follow the traditional first, non-holiday Thursday of the month schedule. Subsequent meeting dates will be: December 3, 2009 and January 7, 2010. Members are reminded that they are always welcome to sit in on meetings of the executive board and, with prior arrangement with the president, to address the Board on matters of concern.

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## **Holiday Lighting of Tricentennial Tree Tuesday, December 1**

The 21st annual holiday lighting of the Village of Farmingdale Tricentennial Tree will take place on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 pm on the Village Green. The Colorado blue spruce which is the centerpiece of the event was presented by the community organizations which participated in the Tricentennial of Settlement commemoration in 1987. The observance recognized the arrival of Thomas Powell, the area's first settler, in 1687.

In addition to the Village of Farmingdale, the other sponsors of the Tree Lighting are the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society, the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce, and the Kiwanis Club of Farmingdale. The Kiwanis Club will provide refreshments following the program, as they have for many years.

Brad DeMilo, director of the Village Pops for the last 27 summer concert seasons, will be "emcee" of the event. Choral selections will be provided by a chorus from Northside Elementary School, and the Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the participation of the South Shore Brass Ensemble as it has for the previous twenty years.

Community residents of all ages are invited to be part of this festive traditional event which heralds the holiday season in Farmingdale!

## **Perfect Weather Enhances Village Walking Tour**

Morning clouds moved out, and warm, sunny weather prevailed on the afternoon of Sunday, October 4, as a group of 25 members and friends of the Society took a walk back into Farmingdale history. After meeting at the Village Green, the group walked south on Rose Street, noting the Van Cott Cemetery and the former industrial area at Rose and Richard Streets, site of the Adolph Bausch picture-frame factory, the Lawrence Sperry aircraft plant, the Richard Runge bottle works, and Veterans' Hall. The Heisselmann Opera House site was noted at the corner of Main and Richard Streets. The Main Street School site and the United Methodist Church were among the points noted on the way north on Main Street to Prospect Street.

Jane Schriro Rubenstein and Elaine Ezzo, both of whom grew up on Prospect Street, were most informative on the history of the street, recalling the location of homes of many business and professional leaders of Farmingdale who once lived there. Jane also recounted the history and role of the former Farmingdale Jewish Center in community life. Cheryl Parisi provided a synopsis of the history of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, whose congregation will be commemorating the centennial of its founding in 2010.

Pat Christiansen, Deputy Mayor of the Village of Farmingdale, and Village Trustee Cheryl Parisi invited all participants back to Village Hall for refreshments following the walk. An inviting and delicious spread of seasonal treats was provided by them, as well as a welcome place to sit down!

The walk was coordinated by Bill Johnston, village historian, who notes the role of two individuals who also contributed toward the narration resources although not participating in the walk, Jeanne Buck and Nancy Cinque.

## **First FBHS Program of 2010 on Sunday, January 17**

Circle Sunday, January 17 on your 2010 calendar, so that you remember the Society's first meeting of the new year. It will be held at 2 pm that afternoon in the Farmingdale Public Library. Adam Grohman, maritime historian and author, will speak on "Claimed by the Sea: Long Island Shipwrecks and Maritime Disasters."

We will welcome the members of Nassau County Historical Society who will be partnering with the FBHS for this program.

While you have that 2010 calendar at hand, circle two additional Sundays for the following FBHS programs: February 14 and March 21. Make it a New Year's resolution not to miss these informative programs on "George Washington and the Long Island Spy Ring" and "The Centennial of Penn Station." Further details on these programs will appear in future issues of THE YEOMAN.



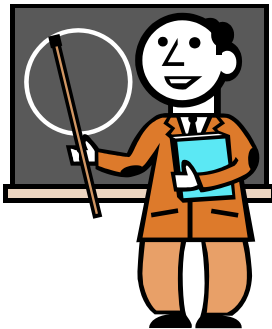
## **An End-of-Year Appeal**

The final weeks of the calendar year are a traditional time for the giving of gifts. As you draw up your holiday gift list this holiday season, please consider your historical society! There are increasingly more expensive costs involved with providing programs including printing, postage, speaker fees, and occasional newspaper ads, not to mention less obvious expenses such as insurance, organizational memberships, archival storage supplies, and the maintenance of our [www.fbhsli.org](http://www.fbhsli.org) website.

If you are able, please send an end-of-year donation to the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society, P.O. Box 500, Farmingdale, NY 11735-0500. In doing so, you will be helping the Society to preserve the history of our community and to educate current residents about its rich heritage. You will also perhaps lower your liability for state and federal income taxes as you prepare your 2009 return. (Please consult your tax advisor.) FBHS is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The officers and trustees will be grateful for your consideration of this request.

## **An Invitation to a Lecture in Farmingdale November 10**



The Long Island Studies Council invites members of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society to attend a free lecture on "Historic Buildings of Central Nassau County" on Tuesday, November 10 at 5:00 pm. The presentation by Dr. Paul van Wie will be given in the Board Room of Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale. Dr. van Wie is Director of Social Studies in the East Williston School District and President of the Franklin Square Historical Society, as well as an adjunct professor of political science at Hofstra University.

Dr. Natalie A. Naylor, co-president of the LISC, extends a sincere welcome to members and friends of the FBHS to attend this program.

## **Dinner Launches 46th Program Year For FBHS**

The Society held its 46th annual Installation Dinner on Tuesday, October 27 at La Casuccia Restaurant in Farmingdale. Trustee Nancy White again coordinated a most pleasant evening.

Village of Farmingdale Trustee Cheryl Parisi conducted the installation of officers and trustees elected or re-elected at the Annual Meeting in June. These included Recording Secretary Gail Goldschrafe, and Trustees JoAnne Bihary, JoAnn Krapp, and Joseph Carosella Sr. Harrison Hunt, who was appointed following a resignation, also assumed office as a trustee.

Dr. Natalie A. Naylor, president of the Nassau County Historical Society, spoke on "Quadricentennial 2009: Henry Hudson, the Dutch, and Long Island's Colonial History" following the dinner. Dr. Naylor noted that although the colony of New Netherland survived for less than four decades, the legacy of the Dutch has been enduring in our architecture, language, and culture.



### **In Memoriam: Edmund L. Kaufold**

Edmund L. "Eddy" Kaufold, a lifetime Farmingdale resident and a longtime Society member, passed away on October 7, 2009. Eddy, a farmer and proprietor of the Redwood Farm Stand, was a member of the East Farmingdale Fire Department for 39 years. He is survived by his wife Florence Schmitt Kaufold, who served as president of the Society from 1992 to 1995, five sons (Edmund, Warren, Richard, Kenneth, and James) and daughter Susan Brandel. Eddy was the grandfather of fourteen and great-grandfather of five.

The officers and trustees of the Society express deepest sympathy to Florence and her family on the loss of a devoted husband and father. Eddy not only worked hard to support his family but he also invariably found time in which to selflessly serve his community. He will be truly missed.

### **Harvest Home at the Powell House**

Men and certain animals that live largely off the land are in the habit of putting by against winter.

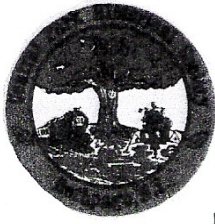
In pioneer days,, Thomas Powell and his neighbors would have spoken of winter not as "approaching", but as "threatening". Soon after the first frost rimed the grass and rusty stubble of the fields, Thomas and his wife Elizabeth would no doubt go and gaze with satisfaction on the larder a year's labor had provided.

The root cellar, just a bin with an open bottom, would hold these root vegetables for which seed had been available, probably "skerrits" (turnips), at least. And elsewhere around the rubblestone-walled cellar would stand kilderkins of cider and vinegar, crocks of sauerkraut, each with a small plate turned upside down at its mouth and weighted with a stone to keep the salted cabbage under constant pressure. Further on, along the walls, might be a heap of apples, a pile of pumpkins, hand-woven baskets of hickory nuts or shelled Indian maize, barrels of molasses, and milled corn (wheat or rye) flailed in his own barnyard and winnowed by our island's raw salt airs.

Alone with his family, and often cut off from the settlements by storms, Thomas knew that this simple larder was all he could depend on, except for smoked hams and sides of bacon hung in the attic of his house. Yet, one supposes, he had gathered it all, as the Good Book advises, by the sweat of his face.

Alonzo Gibbs  
(1915-1992)  
Founder of THE YEOMAN, 1966





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# CIVIL WAR MEDICINE

A Presentation by  
HARRISON HUNT

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2:00pm**  
**BETHPAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**47 Powell Avenue, Bethpage**  
**(Meeting Room, Lower Level)**

Disease killed more men during the Civil War than bullets did. This program provides an overview of the medical and surgical treatment so critical to soldiers North and South. The lecture describes the limitations of medicine at the time of the war, common diseases and treatments, surgical procedures and what was learned as a result of the war. Antique and reproduction instruments will be displayed and explained.

Harrison Hunt has been researching and reenacting Civil War medical practices for 35 years. He has done presentations for Old Bethpage Village, the Walt Whitman Birthplace and the National Park Service, as well as many reenactments. He has lectured widely on Long Island's role in the Civil War and has written two books about the War Between the States.

## FIDDLE MUSIC OF THE CIVIL WAR

Performed by  
ERIC MARTEN

Eric Marten is well known as "the Long Island Fiddler", especially from his many appearances at Old Bethpage Village Restoration. He will play some selections on authentic period instruments during the program.

You are invited to attend this free program presented by the  
historical societies of the community!



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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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