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“100th Anniversary of Penn Station” Program on Sunday, March 21

Pennsylvania Station reaches its centennial year in 2010, and the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society will recognize this with a program on Sunday, March 21, at 2 pm at the Farmingdale Public Library, 116 Merritts Road, Farmingdale. Rail historian David Morrison, assisted by Pierre Lehmuller, will present the illustrated program.

The Pennsylvania Railroad had long envisioned a Manhattan station, so that passengers would no longer have to board ferries in New Jersey or Long Island to reach New York City. Engineering obstacles delayed this from taking place for a lengthy time, but the development of electrically-powered locomotives was one of the technological advances which provided a breakthrough. On September 10, 1910, a Long Island Rail Road train left the new Penn Station and used the just-completed East River tunnels to reach Long Island, a historic first.

David Morrison and Pierre Lehmuller will describe many facets of Penn Station at the FBHS meeting on March 21, including the original building of 1910 designed by McKim, Mead, and White, with its great clocks, imposing eagles, and Doric columns, to the tunnels under the Hudson and East Rivers and Sunnyside Passenger Car Yards in Queens, to the razing of the station's superstructure in 1963 which led to the formation of the New York City Landmark Preservation Commission.

David Morrison is widely considered at this time to be the leading authority on Long Island Rail Road history. He has contributed his expertise to numerous historical projects on the Island, including the restoration of Farmingdale's historical 1896 LIRR station in 1991, and the "Mile-A-Minute" Murphy Centennial celebration in 1999 co-sponsored by the Village of Farmingdale and the FBHS.

Attend this free program to learn the fascinating full story! March 21 is the long-awaited first full day of spring. This program gives you another reason to anticipate that special day!

March 21 Program at Farmingdale Public Library

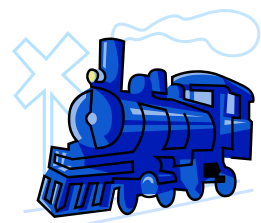
Members and friends of the FBHS are reminded that the meeting on Sunday, March 21, will be held at the Farmingdale Public Library. Due to the renovation program at the library, the meeting sites have varied during the Fall-Winter Lecture Series, but this final program of the series will return to the library. The officers and trustees are grateful for your cooperation and faithful attendance during this period.

Daylight saving time begins at 2am on Sunday, March 14, 2010.
Don't forget to "spring ahead" by one hour!

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Winter Lecture Series Attracts Sizeable Numbers of Attendees

The January and February meetings of the Society each attracted about one hundred or more members and friends. The meeting on Sunday, January 17 at the Farmingdale Public Library, held in partnership with the Nassau County Historical Society, featured historian and author Adam Grohman, who spoke on "Claimed by the Sea: Long Island Shipwrecks". On Sunday, February 14 at Farmingdale's Village Hall, another capacity crowd attended "George Washington's Long Island Spy Ring", presented by historian and educator Elizabeth Kahn Kaplan. This program was funded by the New York Council for the Humanities.

Hospitality Chair JoAnne Bihary was well prepared for both large turnouts, with ample refreshments for all. In observance of Presidents' Week, the February meeting featured two drawings, one for a "George Washington cherry pie" baked by our epicurean specialist, Trustee Pierre Lehmuller, and secondly for a jar of Lincoln Pennies decorated in a patriotic motif by Trustee JoAnne Bihary. The Village of Farmingdale's Deputy Mayor Patricia Christiansen was the official hostess at this Village Hall meeting.

Looking Ahead to Spring: Save the Dates!

Monday Evening, April 12: Founders Day Dinner; John E. Hammond, historian of the Town of Oyster Bay, will speak following the dinner on "Researching and Writing Local History." (Details included in this issue.)

Tuesday Evening, May 4: A Spring Special! Dr. Frank J. Cavaioli will speak on "The Foundation Years of Farmingdale State College." This presentation will focus on the first two directors, Albert H. Johnson and Halsey B. Knapp. (Watch for details in the next issue of THE YEOMAN.)

Hospitality Corner

Many thanks to the members and friends who have contributed "goodies" and support to the Hospitality Table this year and helped make it successful. Contributors include Mary Looney, Gail Goldschrafe, Rhoda Schwartz, Rose Marie Tiedemann, Madeline Bondiotti, Pierre Lehmuller, Pat Christiansen, Mildred Johnston, Bob Deignan, and the Nassau County Historical Society. All contributions are always gratefully accepted, and all of our members are encouraged to participate.

Now is the time to dust off your cook books in preparation for this year's Strawberry Festival. We are going to expand the program to offer a few new things this year, including a Bake Sale. Anyone interested in contributing to the Hospitality table for the March 21 program and/or the Bake Sale should contact JoAnne Bihary at 516-694-5392.

Executive Board Meetings

The next meeting of the officers and trustees of the Society will be on Thursday, March 4, 2010 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: April 8 and May 6, 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. Please be advised that due to renovation work in the Farmingdale Public Library, the meeting location may be subject to change. Notice of any such change will be posted in a future edition of THE YEOMAN and the Society's website, www.fbhsl.org.



**FARMINGDALE-BETHPAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
46th ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY DINNER
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010**

You are invited to be part of the 46th Annual Founders' Day Dinner of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society, which will be held Monday, April 12, 2010, at Bella Napoli Restaurant, 968 Fulton Street (Route 109), Farmingdale, at 6pm.

John E. Hammond, historian for the Town of Oyster Bay, will speak following the dinner on "Researching and Writing Local History."

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, April 5, 2010. Please note that if your registration is postmarked after April 5, 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.

Please join us for an evening of fine food and good fellowship as we celebrate the founding of the Society!

Nancy White
315 Conklin Street
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Enclosed is a check for _____ persons at \$35 each (\$40 if postmarked after April 5) for a total of \$_____ payable to the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society for the 46th Annual Founders' Day Dinner at Bella Napoli Restaurant, 968 Fulton Street (Route 109), Farmingdale, on Monday, April 12, 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.

Executive Board

- Mildred Johnston - President; Membership
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