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Spies! Exhibit Coming in October



To quote Bob Dylan's hit song of 1964, "The Times They Are A-Changin'."

If you've stepped inside our headquarters building during the past month,

you must have noticed that something big is underway throughout the first floor:

- The gift shop has been moved to the larger room at the rear entrance.
- New electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures, track lighting have been installed.
- Furniture has been removed or redirected.
- Walls of the former Parlor Room have been stripped bare.
- Painting will soon be underway .

Why all these changes? The Three Village Historical Society is creating an exciting new exhibit for children and adults.

The exhibit, called "Spies!," tells the true story about General Washington and the Culper Spy Ring that operated during the years 1778-1781 on Long Island, with its center here, in Setauket.

We thank the many members and friends of TVHS who have contributed a total of \$12,400 to help us meet the requirements of the \$20,000 matching grant we received last spring from the New York Council for the Humanities. We need to raise another \$7,600 to fulfill the terms of the grant, or we will lose the funds already received.

We ask that you act now, if you have not yet donated to this project. Our office staff will be happy to accept your tax-deductible donation with cash, check or charged to your credit card. Please call us at (631) 751-3730, 10 AM – 3 PM, Monday – Thursday. Alternatively, you may charge your donation via PayPal on line at www.tvhs.org

Your children and grandchildren will thank you for helping create this special exhibit designed with them in mind and so will we.

Cedar Hill Cemetery Celebrates 150th Anniversary

The Three Village Historical Society in cooperation with The Historical Society of Greater Port Jefferson offered two events in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Port Jefferson. The wine and cheese reception on Thursday, June 10th was attended by a capacity crowd at the Port Jefferson Village Center.

The Cedar Hill Cemetery Tour gave attendees a chance to walk through the cemetery on a pleasant June day and meet with the 'residents' of the cemetery.

Proceeds from both events will be shared between the two historical societies to support future community programs and efforts to preserve our local history.

(More photos on page 2)



TVHS Trustee Greg Perricone welcomed tour goers to Cedar Hill Cemetery on June 12, 2010.



Continued from front page: Photo on left: Frank Turano (background) portraying "The Boss" Nehemiah Hand, looks on as Chuck Glaser tells the story of George Hand, son of Nehemiah. Center photo: John Broven portrays John Willse. Photo on left: Dick Olson as Caleb S. Woodhull, the "Mayor of New York City" at the Cedar Hill Cemetery Spirits Tour held June 12, 2010. (Photos by Beverly Tyler)

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Receive event
reminders and
updates on
volunteering
opportunities.
Send us your
email address!
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Phyllis Tedesco told the story of Mary Poulos coming to America.



Eric Waxman, portraying Capt. Thomas Hawkins telling stories of the Wanderer.

Spring Event Wrap-Up

Yard Sale June 5th- Gray skies turned to beautiful sunny ones; just in time for our annual yard sale. We had 12 vendors who brought a wide variety of items including gift ware, antiques, Italian ices, old baseball cards etc. Once again our benefactor, Mr. David Fortuna delivered 3 truckloads of plants including perennials, flowers & small trees! He also contributed a 17 ft. canoe. To all our volunteers, office staff & our shoppers I say a big "thank you!"

Midge Brown, Chair.

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Suggestions for articles are welcome. Please send all articles, photos, feedback and ideas to:

newsletter@tvhs.org

In the subject line please include:
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TVHS Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 14th, 10:30 a.m.: Village Green Walking Tour. Discover Setauket's rich history as you explore its architecture and beautiful natural environment. This tour of the Setauket Village Green area takes 75-90 minutes. Tour starts at the Setauket Neighborhood House, 95 Main St. Setauket. Fee: \$3/members and \$5/non-members.

Saturday, September 11th, 10:30 a.m. Walk Through History with Abraham Woodhull. Farmer and Revolutionary War Spy Chief Abraham Woodhull, portrayed by historian Beverly Tyler, leads the walk through the nature sanctuary that was once the Woodhull farm. Walk lasts 2 1/2 hours and starts at the Caroline Church Carriage Shed, opposite the Setauket Village Green. Fee: \$3/members, \$5/non-members.

Saturday & Sunday, September 11-12th : Gallery North Outdoor Art Show

Sunday, September 19th: 21st Annual Long Island Apple Festival, Sherwood-Jayne Farm.

October 3rd 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.: Grand Opening of Spies! Exhibit. (see page 1 for details)

December 3rd-4th: 32nd Annual Candlelight House Tour.



"Become a Steward of the Society. Renew your membership, bring in a new member and support our efforts through donating and volunteering with us."

Peter Paul Ostapow,
President of the Three
Village Historical Society.
*Photo courtesy of Susan
Byrnes*

***If you are
interested in
volunteering for
any of our Autumn
Events help is
needed for
hospitality for the
Monthly Lecture
Series; our booth at
the Apple Festival
and other
upcoming events.
Contact Donna
Higgins at 751-5177
or call the TVHS
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631-751-3730***

President's Message

Summer is just flying by and we have so many things yet to accomplish. Before I forget we are in need of painters, cooks and candlestick makers...well not really, but we do need to know what talents you have. Please let us know what you like to do and we'll match you up with an event that suits your fancy. So send us an email at info@tvhs.org or call us at (631) 751-3730, drop a note to 93 North Country Road, E. Setauket, NY 11733, send a fax to (631) 751-3936, or just stop by Monday—Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (our summer hours).

Our new Executive Director Catherine Abrams is hard at work getting acquainted with our organization, programs and volunteers. She is also busy at work locating and applying for private and government grants to offset our expenses. She is truly amazed at how talented and generous our membership is. Abby Biggs-Smith, our volunteer grant writer assistant has been great and our intern Katie Dowd is helping out any way she can this summer. Thank you all.

The Cedar Hill event was a big success and quite a professional production...*soon to be available on video at your local historical society.* On behalf of TVHS I'd like to thank Fred Bryant for creating this wonderful event to celebrate the cemetery's 150th birthday and for allowing our two local historical societies to have an opportunity to do some fund raising. Greg Perricone, Steve Healy, and Karin Lynch were instrumental in making sure everything went according to design.

We are in the process of getting the main floor ready for our new exhibit SPIES! We can hardly wait for the grand opening on October 3rd. Save the date as you will not want to miss this happening. If you'd like to lend a hand with painting, decorating, marketing, fundraising or just want to help out, please contact us.

In the last issue I spoke about doing a Capital Campaign and the board has agreed to start the "Stewards of The Society" campaign asking for your financial support in these difficult financial times. Donor cards will be sent out shortly. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Annual Long Island Apple Festival is around the corner and we need some volunteers to help out. Last year we had a very successful event due to nice weather and our volunteer support.

Before you know it Candlelight House Tour will be upon us and for those who have either volunteered or have taken the tour you know how much work it is and how many volunteers we need. Last year was wonderful but this year besides being wonderful we need to make the event more successful. Our overhead has increased and we need to stay within budget.

It's time for our nominating committee to start looking for new board members and officers. If you would like to serve as a trustee please let the office know and they will forward your name to the committee.

If you have not already done so, please remit your dues.

Peter Ostapow

Good & Welfare

Congratulations to Brianne Yantz, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Syracuse Law School Fall '10. Speedy recovery and happy healing to John Yantz. Feel better Shelly Broven.

Condolences to the families of our recently deceased members: Isabelle "Belle" Barstow who passed on June 14th and David Annear who passed on July 11, 2010.

Welcome to our newest members:

**George & Ann Marie Garcia
David Kahn
Jerome Linder, Jr. & Cheryl Dreier
Mel & Laura Praissman**

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- Dual/Family: \$50.00
- Patron: \$100.00
- Benefactor: \$250.00
- Helmsman: \$500.00
- Midshipman: \$1000.00

Rates Reflect Annual Dues,

Renewable January of Each Year

For a complete list of benefits for each level of
membership please visit our website:

<http://www.tvhs.org>

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The Three Village Historical Society Membership Application/Renewal

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