

Lake Ronkonkoma Historical Society

Winter 2023



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am sitting with my morning coffee and thinking "how very lucky the Society is to have so much support from our local businesses".

This year, Outer County owned by the Plante family, worked within a budget so that we could afford to totally restore the exterior of the Museum Annex. The building is now sealed from critters and looks excellent. It is with the help of people like Greg Plante that we are able to maintain the homestead.

Then there is Lyons Tree Service. They come and help take down any trees that are endangering the house. We had a very large limb come down and knock all the electric wiring off the side of the house. Between JPG Electric and Lyons we were able to get all the repairs done.

These companies have worked with us many times for the cost of the materials so please, if you need their types of services please consider using them. We also need to give a shout out to our homestead crew. Quinn Vollgraff, Bob Perdue, Gregg Freedner, Sal Samaritano and Tim Tucker who work at the homestead every week mowing the property and raking

leaves. They also help move furniture for us ladies when we have our Victorian Tea fundraisers, power wash property areas in need, paint and maintain the exterior of the house and so much more.

Our wonderful landlord replaced the flooring at the museum this month. We packed up six movable displays, the bookcases, and the office area. The floor crew gently removed the floor molding and was able to reinstall it. Now that the new floor is complete, I am thinking about redesigning the display layout for a fresh look.

There are so many members that help but there is always the need for more. Life gets busy and time is a precious commodity but even the smallest commitment makes a tremendous difference.

We need to keep the history of the lake and surrounding towns present in our youngsters' lives. We cannot let time erase this history.

So, please attend a meeting, come to a program, and think about getting involved in anything that we are doing that might interest you.

Hope to see you all soon. Until then, stay safe and warm.

EVELYN VOLLGRAFF

News & Events

Membership Meetings

March 6, 2024 - TBA

April 3, 2024 -

**Equestrian History of the
19th & 20th Centuries**

May 1, 2024 - TBA

June 5, 2024 - TBA

Membership Meetings at the museum fall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are free and open to the whole community!

Welcome New Members

Joyce A. Brown

Laurie and Dennis Harlin

Sean Kilkenny

Windows on the Lake

Our New Website

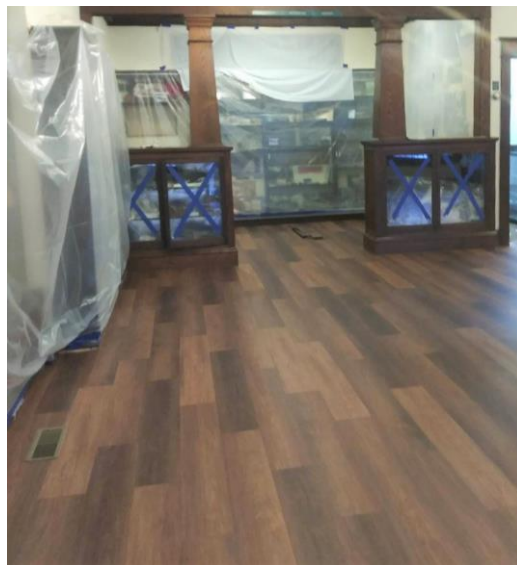
www.lakerhs.org

A big thanks to Eric Slone for redesigning, monitoring, and updating our website. Without The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation grant we received, we would not have Eric's help.

Sprucing Things up this Winter

Thanks to our Landlord, the museum received new flooring!

On Saturday, January 27, an amazing group of volunteers helped pack up and safely store museum artifacts and displays in preparation for the new floor installation. Protective covering was placed over permanent shelving and displays. While the work was a bit strenuous, the team had a blast over “the long and short of it”!



Richard Joseph Berlinghof
Former Board Member



Elise Laine Cornell
Society Member / Volunteer



HOLIDAY PARTY



Join us at our April 3, 2024 Membership Meeting

A look back at the rich equestrian history of
Long Island in the 19th and 20th century



*Jerry and Rita Trapani, lifelong equestrians have created a look at the rich equestrian history on Long Island. Let's go on a trip back through time and see the racetracks, estates, parks and shows that have made Long Island one of the most important equestrian venues in the world. We'll also see how many celebrities and Olympic equestrians started right here on our small island. We'll look at polo and foxhunting and how they have changed over the years
Hop on the time machine and hold on tight.*

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Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Donation \$ _____

Individual Membership ... \$20

Family Membership \$30
Additional Family Names

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Become a New Member

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by check made payable to the Lake Ronkonkoma Historical Society.

Mail payment to:

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