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“Painters of the LI’s North Fork” Set For Sunday, March 27

The Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society will conclude its 2011 Winter Lecture Series on Sunday, March 27, at 2 pm when Geoffrey K. Fleming presents "Painters of Long Island's North Fork". The program will be held in the Board Room of Farmingdale's historic Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale.

Artists have lived and worked on the North Fork since the 18th century. The "Peconic colony" included such artists as Benjamin Fitz, Edward Bell, Irving Wiles, Henry and Edith Prellwitz, as well as others.

The speaker, Geoffrey Fleming, is the co-author of the widely acclaimed book, A SHARED AESTHETIC: PAINTERS OF LONG ISLAND'S NORTH FORK. As Amei Wallach concluded in her Foreword to the book, the landscapes and other paintings of these artists celebrate "a place, a history, and a way of living and making art." Learn about their paintings in this illustrated presentation which is free and open to the public.

Information on the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society and this program is available by visiting www.fbhsli.org or by calling 516-249-3099 .

Geoffrey K. Fleming, Historian and Author, to Speak **March 27**

Geoffrey Fleming, who will speak at the FBHS meeting on Sunday, March 27, at Farmingdale's Village Hall, is director of the Southold Historical Society on Long Island's North Fork. He specializes in art and history of Long Island, and the books, catalogs, and articles he has written reflect this. Among his work is a volume on a North Shore community, entitled ST. JAMES in the Images of America series by Arcadia Press.

Eric Marten, “The Long Island Fiddler,” to Play for April 12 **Dinner**

Eric Marten, "The Long Island Fiddler," will be with us at the Founders' Day Dinner on Tuesday, April 12. Mr. Marten is well known throughout Long Island from his many presentations at Old Bethpage Village Restoration.

As April 12 is not only the 47th anniversary of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society, but also the beginning of the 150th anniversary commemoration of the Civil War, Mr. Marten will present "Music of the Civil War" that evening. This is a most appropriate theme in view of the Society's planned dedication of the Civil War Memorial on Memorial Day, May 30, 2011 on Farmingdale's Village Green.

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- The 47th Annual
- Founders’ Day
- Dinner is Tuesday,
- April 12, 2011.
- Please be sure to
- RSVP by April 7th!

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“First Ladies” Program Attracts Overflow Crowd

The presentation by Elizabeth Kahn Kaplan of "America's Nine First Ladies From New York State" on Sunday, February 27 drew a "standing room only" crowd to Farmingdale's Village Hall. The attendance was estimated at about 140. At the program, which was co-sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities and the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society, the large number of attendees enjoyed the informative and entertaining presentation.

Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen welcomed the throng to Village Hall and discussed the planned Veterans' Memorial Walkway project planned for the Village Green. The walkway area will include the Civil War Memorial provided by the FBHS. Dedication will be Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2011.

Jim McCullagh, Society Vice-President, presided at the meeting, at which FBHS Trustee Pierre Lehmuller introduced the speaker.

Trustee Eric Goldschrafe set up the Board Room for the program, and delivered an appeal for the Civil War Memorial Fund. Trustee and Hospitality Chair JoAnne Bihary was well prepared with a refreshment table amply stocked. She also conducted the drawing for the traditional Presidents' Week cherry pie, provided by Trustee Lehmuller and won by Elaine Ezzo, FBHS retired trustee, and a jar of Lincoln pennies, won by Elaine Boeggeman of Hicksville. FBHS member Bob Deignan once again assisted with the hospitality time.

In Memoriam: Dr. Philip J. Acinapuro

Dr. Philip Acinapuro, a longtime member of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society, passed away on February 27, 2011. He devoted 60 years of service to the Farmingdale Public Schools as an administrator and Board of Education trustee. In the community, he was an active member of the Farmingdale Rotary Club, a member of the Republic Airport Commission, and a leader in Farmingdale AARP. "Dr. A" as he was fondly known, also enjoyed the programs, day-trips, and dinners of this Society in the company of his wife Ellen and many friends.

The Society extends deepest sympathy to Ellen, daughter Sue Ellen, and son Philip R., and the four grandchildren on their great loss.

Executive Board Meetings

The next meeting of the officers and trustees of the Society will be on Thursday, April 7 at 7pm, at the Farmingdale Public Library. The meetings will follow the traditional first, non-holiday Thursday of the month schedule. Subsequent meeting dates will be: May 5 and June 2, 2011. 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.

There's Still Time!

If you wish to contribute to the FBHS towards the Civil War monument, there's still plenty of time! Donations for the monument, to be dedicated on Memorial Day, can be made payable to the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society and mailed to P.O. Box 500, Farmingdale, NY 11735. This permanent monument will be erected in the Farmingdale Village Green and will honor those men from the Farmingdale area who served during these critical years of our country's formation.

Any level of support is greatly appreciated! And since the FBHS is organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Thank you!



**FARMINGDALE-BETHPAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
47th ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY DINNER
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011**

You are invited to be part of the 47th Annual Founders' Day Dinner of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society, which will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at Palmer's American Grille, 123 Fulton Street, Farmingdale.

Eric Marten, "The Long Island Fiddler," will be presenting a special program of "Music of the Civil War."

The dinner, for a total of \$40 (forty dollars) per person, will include garden salad, choice of three entrees, dessert of apple crisp with coffee or tea, and unlimited soda on the tables; cash bar.

Nancy White, a Society trustee, is chairing the dinner. She requests that she receive your registration by Thursday, April 7, 2010. Please note that if your registration is postmarked after April 7, the price of the dinner will be \$45 (forty-five dollars) per person. Please be sure to indicate your choice of entrée on the registration form.

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 \$40 each (\$45 if postmarked after April 7) for a total of \$_____ payable to the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society for the 47th Annual Founders' Day Dinner at Palmer's American Grille, 123 Fulton Street, Farmingdale, on Tuesday, April 12, at 6pm.

Please indicate entrée selections:

___ **Chicken Palmer** (Boneless chicken breast dipped in batter, layered with prosciutto, spinach and fresh mozzarella, finished with a merlot demiglace. Served with mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables.)

___ **Tilapia Oreganata** (White fillet broiled with lemon, white wine , garlic, compound butter and topped with seasoned bread crumbs & sliced plum tomatoes. Served with mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables.)

___ **Penne a la Vodka**

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

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