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## **FBHS Nominating Committee Presents Slate**

A Nominating Committee has been formed to develop a slate of nominees for those Society offices with terms expiring on October 31, 2011. The By-Laws call for this committee to be composed of three persons from the executive board and two from general membership.

The Nominating Committee of the Society has adopted a proposed slate of candidates for officers and trustees whose terms expire on October 31, 2011.

The committee, named by President Mildred Johnston and chaired by Vice-President James McCullagh, consisted of Trustees JoAnne Bihary and Joseph Carosella, and FBHS members Bill Brochu and Gladys McCullagh.

Recording Secretary Gail Goldschrafe and Corresponding Secretary Madeline Bondietti were renominated to continue in their respective offices. Trustee William Johnston was also renominated to continue in his role. Trustee Seymour Weinstein declined renomination. Bill Brochu was selected as a Trustee by the Nominating Committee.

The slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 5. The names of others may be placed in nomination from the floor at that time. FBHS officers' terms are for two years, and trustees', three years. Those elected at the Annual Meeting will be inducted at the annual Installation Dinner in late October.

Those Society members interested in volunteering for a leadership role are encouraged to speak to a member of the Nominating Committee promptly.

## **Band Concert, "Strawberry Festival" Set for Sunday, June 5**

The Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society invites the community to a late spring event at the Farmingdale Village Green on Sunday afternoon, June 5, at 2 pm. The program will be in cooperation with the South Shore Brass Ensemble, which will be celebrating its 25th anniversary as a performance group. The SSBE has played at Farmingdale's holiday lighting of the Tricentennial Tree since that event began in 1989, sponsored throughout all 22 years by the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce. The afternoon program on June 5 is being held to raise awareness of the role of the historical society in the community, and also to serve as a thank-you to the donors to the Civil War Memorial Fund of the FBHS. The names of the donors will be carried in the printed program for the event.

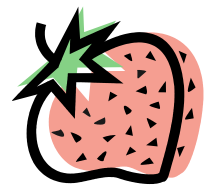
Two graduating seniors of the Class of 2011 at Farmingdale High School will also be introduced as awardees of FBHS college grants at the program. .

The afternoon will also feature the "Strawberry Festival," the society's traditional late spring dessert of ice cream and strawberries.

Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair for each person in their party.

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## **Early Spring Events Note Role of Long Island's Art and Music**

The first two Society events of the spring noted aspects of art and music in Long Island history. On March 27 Geoffrey Fleming, director of the Southold Historical Society, spoke on "Painters of Long Island's North Fork." At this meeting held in the Board Room of Farmingdale's Village Hall, Mr. Fleming traced the development of "the Peconic group" of artists from its struggling start to the present as a thriving cultural force on Long Island.

Hospitality chair JoAnne Bihary coordinated the social time, and the "house committee," which set up the meeting room, functioned efficiently as usual. This group, which served during all four meetings of the "Winter Lecture Series" at Village Hall, included Don Christiansen, Joe Carosella, Bob Deignan, Eric Goldschrafe, and Pierre Lehmmuller.

On April 12 the Society's 47th annual Founders' Day Dinner was held at Palmer's American Grille in Farmingdale with Nancy White as chairperson. Bob and Vida Nostrand, members of the Society since the founding on April 12, 1964, were in attendance, as were Village of Farmingdale Mayor George "Butch" Starkie, Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen, and Village Trustees Ralph Ekstrand and Cheryl Parisi.

At the dinner, Nassau County Legislator Joseph Belisi officially presented the Society with a grant, the first major award in the organization's history.

Eric Marten, the "Long Island fiddler" from Old Bethpage Village Restoration, concluded the evening with an entertaining and comprehensive program on "Music of the Civil War Era."

Trustee Eric Goldschrafe designed an attractive and informative dinner program which encapsulated highlights of the Society's 47-year history. A copy was placed at each attendee's setting.

## **Annual Memorial Day Parade and Program on Monday, May 30; Civil War Memorial to be Dedicated on Village Green**

In a tradition spanning more than a century, the Farmingdale Village Fire Department will sponsor the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2011. The parade will begin at 10 am from Thomas Powell Boulevard and Bethpage Road, advancing to Northside School, where it will turn onto Main Street, and proceed to the Village Green where traditional Memorial Day rites will be conducted by the local posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Members of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society are urged to participate in the parade and remain for the memorial exercises. Members of a regional Civil War re-enactor unit are considering being part of the FBHS contingent in light of the dedication of the Civil War Memorial following the traditional veterans' exercises.

A modified dress code for FBHS members in the line of march was adopted some years ago. This includes a white shirt/blouse, red tie/scarf, a navy blue jacket/blazer, and dark slacks/skirt.

The Civil War Memorial will be presented and dedicated by the FBHS at the new Veterans' Memorial Walkway on the Village Green at the conclusion of the program. The memorial roll of honor includes 35 names of young men from this area who served in the American Civil War of 1861-1865.

Members of the Society who have not already registered to participate in the parade with the FBHS contingent are urged to volunteer by calling Mildred Johnston, president of the Society, at 516-249-3099.

## **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**

**Presents**

## ***Four Leaders Who Shaped Farmingdale State College***

**By Frank J. Cavaoli, Ph.D.  
Emeritus Professor**

**Albert A. Johnson, 1913-1923: Laid the foundation of the College**

**Halsey B. Knapp, 1923-1956: Saved the School**

**Charles W. Laffin, Jr., 1961-1976: A transitional leader**

**Frank A. Cipriani, 1978-2000: Transformed the College**

From a small agricultural school created in 1912 for New York City high school boys and girls, Farmingdale State College has grown through a century of mission changes. Today it is a full-fledged college offering academic programs that include baccalaureate and associate degrees. It has mirrored the Island's development.

This presentation will focus on the daunting challenges each of these four leaders faced, and how they overcame those challenges. It will be a preview for the College's Centennial celebration in 2012.

**Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 7:30pm**

**Farmingdale Village Hall  
361 Main St., Farmingdale**

This presentation is open to the public, and there is no admission fee or pre-registration required.

Visit [www.fbhsl.org](http://www.fbhsl.org) for additional information



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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
- James McCullagh - Vice President
- Gail Goldschrafe - Recording Secretary
- Madeline Bondiotti - Corresponding Secretary
- Frank Bondiotti - Treasurer; Collections Committee
- JoAnne Bihary - Trustee; Hospitality; Collections Committee
- Serena Brochu - Trustee; Newsletter Editor; Collections Committee
- Joseph Carosella, Sr. - Trustee
- Eric Goldschrafe - Trustee
- Harrison Hunt - Trustee
- William J. Johnston - Trustee
- JoAnn Krapp - Trustee; Exhibits Coordinator
- Pierre Lehmuller - Trustee
- Seymour Weinstein - Trustee; Website
- Nancy White - Trustee
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