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## “An Afternoon in the Park” on Sunday, June 6 Features Annual Meeting, Concert, and Strawberries

The program of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society on Sunday afternoon, June 6, will consist of several segments. It will be held at Farmingdale's Village Hall and adjacent Village Green, beginning at 1:15 pm with the Society's Annual Meeting in the Board Room of Village Hall. This segment will include the report of the Nominating Committee and election or re-election of officers and trustees whose terms expire October 31, 2010. This portion of the program will conclude by 1:45 pm.

At 2:00, the outdoor phase will begin, with a welcome from Mildred Johnston, the Society's president, and Village officials. JoAnne Bihary, Society trustee, will present the Third Annual FBHS Award to a graduating Farmingdale High School senior. This year's award is being made as a memorial to the late Fred and Dorothy Dyson, charter members and longtime officers of the Society.

The South Shore Brass Ensemble will entertain for two segments of the afternoon, with an intermission at which the traditional late spring dessert of ice cream, shortcake, and strawberries will be served by Hospitality Chair JoAnne Bihary and her committee. There will also be cookies available for sale at the lemonade stand.

Attendees are asked to bring folding lawn chairs for the outdoor session. These may be placed in the Village Hall lobby during the Annual Meeting, or left in cars until the outdoor session begins.

### The South Shore Brass Ensemble

The South Shore Brass Ensemble, a group of highly talented professional musicians, are quite familiar to those who have attended the Holiday Lighting of the Tricentennial Tree on Farmingdale's Village Green since that annual program began in 1989. The ensemble has been sponsored each December at this event by the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce. The Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society is pleased to sponsor the first warm weather concert by the group locally, as they present "An Afternoon in the Park" on the Village Green.

### Please Donate to Help Fund the June 6th Program

The officers and trustees of the Society encourage you to make a generous donation to offset the significant expense of "A Musical Afternoon in the Park" to be held Sunday afternoon, June 6. In addition to the cost of having professional musicians provide the musical entertainment, the Society bears the cost of the dessert as well as the supplies necessary for serving it. Your tax-deductible gift will be greatly appreciated!

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## **Nominating Committee Presents Slate For Annual Meeting**

The Nominating Committee of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society, chaired by Pierre Lehmuller, has announced the slate of officers and trustees for terms ending on October 31, 2010. The other members of the committee are Serena Brochu, Anne Carter, Donald Christiansen, and Gail Goldschrafe.

Under the Society's By-Laws, officers are elected to two year terms, and trustees to three year terms. The slate to be presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 6 at 1:15 pm in the Board Room of Farmingdale's Village Hall is:

President, Mildred Johnston (2010-2012)

Vice-President, James McCullagh (2012-2012)

Treasurer, Frank Bondiotti (2010-2012)

Trustees, Serena Brochu, Eric Goldschrafe, Harrison Hunt, Pierre Lehmuller, and Nancy White (2010-2013)

Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Those elected will be formally inducted at the annual Installation Dinner in late October.

## **Dr. Frank Cavaioli Presents Early History of Farmingdale State College**

Dr. Frank J. Cavaioli, professor emeritus at Farmingdale State College, presented a lecture on "The Foundation Years of Farmingdale State College" at Farmingdale's Village Hall on Tuesday evening, May 4.

The audience was composed chiefly of past and present members of the college faculty, FSC alumni, and members of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society. Dr. Cavaioli, who is preparing the official history of the college for publication in the FSC centennial year of 2012, spoke primarily on the political background which led to the college's formation, as well as the administrations of the first two directors, Albert Johnson (1913-1923) and Halsey Knapp (1923-1956).

Village Trustee Cheryl Parisi welcomed those in attendance to Farmingdale's historic Village Hall. The officers and trustees of the FBHS express sincere thanks to Dr. Cavaioli for his scholarly and informative presentation, and also gratitude to Village Mayor George Starkie and the Village Board for permission to hold this meeting in Village Hall.

## **ASCHS Hold Spring Meeting in Bridgehampton**

The Association of Suffolk County Historical Societies (ASCHS) held its spring meeting on April 24, hosted by the Bridgehampton Historical Society. Illustrated talks were given on the area's agricultural heritage and the history of Bridgehampton through postcards, followed by a walking tour of Main Street.

Barbara Post, Adrian Post, and Mildred and Bill Johnston represented the FBHS, one of eighteen historical societies in attendance. The summer meeting of ASCHS will be hosted by the Oysterponds Historical Society in Orient in late July.



## **Founders Day Dinner Attracts Large Gathering**

The Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society celebrated its 46th anniversary on Monday, April 12, with a dinner at Bella Napoli Restaurant, Farmingdale, filling the reserved dining room almost to capacity. Society trustee Nancy White once again, as so often in the past, made meticulous plans for a most pleasant evening. The dinner commemorated the exact date in 1964 on which the organizational meeting of the Society took place at historic Powell House.

Harrison Hunt, Society trustee and former president, reflected briefly on the formative days of the Society, focusing especially on Orrin Dow, one of the early presidents of the FBHS. John E. Hammond, historian of the Town of Oyster Bay, gave the main address, speaking on "Researching and Writing Local History". Mr. Hammond, author of five books on Oyster Bay history, spoke of the pleasure and satisfaction of researching information on people and events from the past, but also the awkwardness and even hostility occasionally encountered when specific details, upon publication, contradicted what had been passed down orally in some families. Mr. Hammond's recommendation was not to dismiss oral history, but also to verify it from other sources.

## **Third Annual "Art in the Park" Set for September 25**

The Third Annual "Art in the Park" Outdoor Art Show and Sale will be held Saturday, September 25 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on the Village Green, Farmingdale. The rain date is Sunday, September 26. Artists in all media are encouraged to apply and display their work; ribbons will be awarded. Applications may be downloaded at [www.farmingdalevillage.com](http://www.farmingdalevillage.com) and clicking on the Community Events tab. Questions may be directed to Dolores Cianciabella at 631-694-5145, Veronica Jones-516-391-0946, or Catherine Bongiorno-516-694-3187.



## **Long Island History Journal Now Online**

THE LONG ISLAND HISTORICAL JOURNAL, published by Stony Brook University for the past twenty years, has ceased publication in print form. It has been succeeded by the online LONG ISLAND HISTORY JOURNAL (note slight name change). The first issue (Volume 21, Number 1, dated Fall 2009) carries an article by Dr. Frank J. Cavaoli, who spoke to the FBHS on May 4, on "Chartering the New York State School of Agriculture on Long Island".



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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
- Nancy Cinque - 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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