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HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Greetings Friends & Neighbors,

2026 has certainly been a busy year at the Historical Society. In addition to our great America's 250th Anniversary exhibit (which will be on display until the end of the year), many 250th-themed lectures were offered. We are especially pleased to unveil our Cadman Frederick exhibit. We encourage everyone to stop in and learn about the man who had such a great and lasting impact on our village.

As 2026 draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to remind our visitors and members that much of what we do at the Museum and the Conklin House would not be possible without our generous members. Memberships and donations are vital and help support our many programs and exhibits. We thank each and every one of you who have either purchased a lifetime or annual membership. All who have up-to-date memberships are invited to our annual membership meeting and cocktail party on November 22nd at which time memberships can be purchased or renewed. Applications can also be found inside this newsletter. We have lots in store for you!

Lastly, please visit the Historical Society on Sunday, December 6th for our annual wassail bowl. Join us for a cup of holiday cheer immediately following the tree lighting ceremony at Argyle Park.

On behalf of the Village of Babylon Historical & Preservation Society, I wish everyone a peaceful and prosperous holiday season,

Judy Skillen
President

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We Love Our Volunteers!

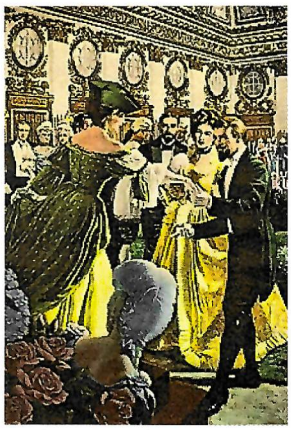
Are you interested in the history of Babylon Village? Would you like to learn more about it while meeting others who share your interest? If so, volunteering at the Museum or the Conklin House might just be for you.

Give us a call at 631-669-1756 and we can help you get started.

EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Did you miss out on any of our events? Join our email notification list and never miss out again! Send your email address to babylonvillagehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com and stay up to date.

Sunday Speaker Series: Once Upon a Time in Bay Shore... A Gilded Age Story and a Wall Street Scandal



On Sunday, October 25th the audience was treated to the little known story of the gilded age ball that sparked a scandal for a Bay Shore millionaire's estate.

Before it was the Southward Ho Country Club, the property was owned by the Hyde family.

Presented by Marsha Collock, the story of the Hyde family and their estate known as the Oaks shined a light on not only the lavish lifestyle of the Hyde family, but the behind the scenes machinations of the life insurance industry scandal that lead to a Wall Street scandal and a family's downfall.

The Cadman Frederick Exhibit is Here!

The Historical Society is proud to offer this unique and very Babylon Village - themed exhibit.

Cadman Frederick: The Immigrant, The Entrpreneur, The Mayor

Cadman Frederick was the man responsible for, among other things, our Village pool, Frederick Shores, The Suffolk Country Federal Saving Bank, had a stint as Village mayor and much more.

Emigrating from the Caribbean island of St. Vincent to New York City, Frederick was quick to see the potential of real estate on Long Island's south shore. He quickly began to build a real estate empire with the goal of helping the average person attain home ownership, stating that "*the ownership of a home means more than freedom from the payment of rent. It means better citizenship, independence for families. That is why I ask you to bring your children to the South Shore of Long Island where I will do my full share in helping them to become Americans of a better sort.*" For Frederick, an immigrant, the American dream was an acheivement he hoped to help his fellow citizens attain.

Many thanks to trustee George Pozderec for assembing and creating this memorable exhibit.

Membership Helps Us Grow!

Annual and Lifetime members are eligible for the following benefits:

- Free or discounted admission for programs and events
- First choice for trips and tours when space is limited
- An invitation to the annual membership meeting and reception
- You will also receive an annual or lifetime membership card in the mail depending on the level of membership you choose.

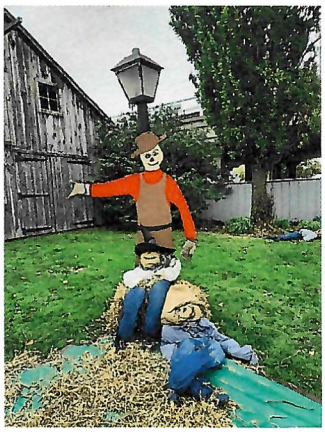
Become a member now by either purchasing your membership online or by completing the enclosed application and paying via check.

Online memberships can be paid on our website. Simply scan the QR code to the left or visit us at https://babylonvillagehistoricalsociety.org/memberships/

The Village of Babylon Historical and Preservation Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

Conklin House News

The Nathaniel Conklin House shines in autumn!



Friendly scarecrows keep watch

Shawn and Allyson Uttendorfer proudly disply artwork by Shawn

It was family fun time at the October 17th Apples and Arts Festival at the Nathaniel Conklin House. Pumpkins, scarecrows and seasonal art were on full display and a good time was had by all.

Upcoming Conklin House events:
Santa Paws: November 14th
Picture Perfect: November 15th
Cookie Contest: December 3rd
Open House: December 4th

The Conklin House is open every third Saturday afternoon for tours . Please call 669-8164 or email conklinhouse@yahoo.com in advance.

Make sure to keep updated on the events by checking the Facebook page for the Nathaniel Conklin House.

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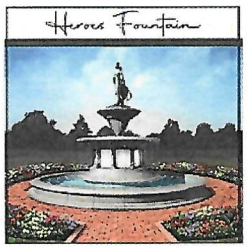
The Heroes Fountain

The Heroes Fountain at Hawley's Pond will stand as a lasting tribute to the essential workers who support and sustain the Babylon community.

Through initiatives and support like the tribute bricks, all are welcome to become a permanent part of Babylon's history.

Heroes Fountain Tribute Brick Fundraiser:
- Honor a hero
- Legacy stones – family name
- Promote your business



Brick Dedications:
4" x 8" brick: $250
8" x 8" brick: $500
12" x 12" brick: $1,000

Applications may be obtained on our website at:

https://babylonvillagehistoricalsociety.org/heroes-fountain-at-hawleys-pond/ or by scanning the QR code below, or by visiting the Historical Society Museum.

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BABYLON VILLAGE MUSEUM

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NATHANIEL CONKLIN HOUSE

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please check the category you prefer:

- ☐ Individual $25.00
- ☐ Family $30.00
- ☐ Patron $40.00
- ☐ Commercial $50.00
- ☐ Life Membership $250.00

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State & Zip _____

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Checks payable to: Village of Babylon Historical Society

Return Check and Application to: P.O. Box 484, Babylon, NY 11702

*** memberships may be also renewed or purchased online at www.babylonvillagehistoricalsociety.org ****

Donations from individuals and businesses are vital and help support the Historical Society's exhibits and programs.

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Upcoming Events at the Historical Society - Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, November 22, 2026 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Annual Membership Meeting and Cocktail Reception at the Historical Society
This meeting is open to all current annual and lifetime members

Sunday, December 6, 2026 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
WASSAIL BOWL & TREE LIGHTING
Free and open to all
Come join us for a hot cup of wassail after the annual lighting of the Babylon Village Christmas Tree!

Sunday, January 24, 2027 @ 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
CATO IN THE REVOLUTION: SPIES, SLAVERY, CHURCH AND CHOCOLATE – CLAIRE BELLERJEAU
Free for members, $5 for non-members
Join historian and author Claire Bellerjeau as she shares her exciting new discoveries about Cato, an enslaved Black man who aided the Patriot spy and tailor Hercules Mulligan during the Revolutionary War. Cato's story, once mere legend, comes to life with details of an assassination plot against Washington, enslavement in the powerful Schuyler family, Cato's religious life at St. Paul's Chapel, and the intersection of colonial chocolate making and slavery. Showing great bravery, agency, skill, and faith, Cato represents other unknown and often "invisible" people of color who helped shape the course of the Revolution—and the history of the United States.

Sunday, February 28, 2027 @ 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
LONG VANISHED PEOPLE AND PLACES – RICHARD PANCHYK
Free for members, $5 for non-members
Shedding light on the vanished landmarks and legacies of the region.

For any updated or further information, please check our Facebook page