



# *The Franklin Square Historical Society* NEWSLETTER

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## **Annual Holiday Tree Lighting And Museum Open House**

The weather cooperated and our Winter Festival, held in cooperation with the Civic Association, was well attended. Welcomes from Frosty and photos with Santa were accompanied by refreshments and visits to view our traditional tree, Victorian parlor with stockings hung for Santa, the elaborate creche and winter village with its circulating train. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the event.



## **Pull Out Your New 2024 Calendar to Add These Important Historical Society Events**

**Sunday, January 7—2:00-4:00 p.m.— Open House** -at the Museum

**Wednesday, February 28—7:00 p.m.—Membership Meeting**

at the Franklin Square Public Library—  
details in our January Newsletter.

**Friday, April 26—6:30 p.m.—Historical Society Annual Dinner—**

at the Plattduetsche Park Restaurant. We will be honoring our local Veterans. The Boy Scout Troop 93, which is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, will receive the Society's Trustees Award. Cost for dinner tickets will be \$70.

## It's Time to Renew Your Annual Membership—Use This Form

FRANKLIN SQUARE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP ((RENEWAL) to December 2024

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Town, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please indicate your choice of Membership Category

### Individual

- ☐ Regular—\$25  
☐ Contributing—\$30  
☐ Supporting—\$50  
☐ Patron—\$100

### Couple—Famiy

- ☐ Regular—\$35  
☐ Contributing—\$40  
☐ Supporting—\$60  
☐ Patron—\$110

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Can you help with an additional \$10 donation to help us create raffle baskets for our dinner?  
Please check the box at the left and add the \$10 to your regular membership fee.

Checks should be made out to the Franklin Square Historical Society  
and mailed to PO Box 45, Franklin Square, NY 11010

## Last Chance to Join in the 50-50 Raffle

### 50/50 RAFFLE – \$2 each / or 3 for \$5

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You've got to be in it to win it, so we're enclosing four tickets (be sure to fill in your name and phone number so we can contact our winner). If you want additional tickets, just make extra copies. Tickets must be received by January 31, 2024. The winning ticket will be drawn at our February meeting.

Send your completed tickets with your payment to the

Franklin Square Historical Society,  
P.O. Box 45, Franklin Square, NY 11010.

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## **An End of the Year Wrap Up to Our Amazing Supporters and Friends!** *from Historical Society President, Nancy Youngfert*



What seemed like it might be impossible several years ago – the opening of the Franklin Square Museum, has now become a reality – a beautiful reality – thanks in great part to the overwhelming and continued support of the Franklin Square community! Whether you have lived here all your life or just recently joined our community we, the Board of Trustees, want to thank you for donating, supporting by visiting, or if you have moved away, becoming a member so you can continue to stay in touch with your hometown! **We appreciate your support more than we can say.**

The Museum belongs to the community, has been funded by the community and contains important objects and documents related to the history of Franklin Square. Thanks to the foresight of our historian Dr. Paul van Wie, we have tangible objects that would have been lost without his careful documentation of their historic value.

### **Let's look at some of the many accomplishments within the last pre- and post-Covid years:**

- Our trained docents have planned and presented programs for all of the Franklin Square district 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes. This coming year will be the third year for this program.
- We are now open the first Sunday of every month from 2– 4 pm for anyone to visit the museum and have a tour.
- We have held Fall Festivals, giving an outlet to our talented community members to sell their products and to enjoy a day on the grounds of the museum.
- Our Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting was held this year bringing the Civic Association and the Fire Department along with our members for a joyous kick-off to the holiday season.
- We have received and gratefully accepted many donations from Community members once they visited and we can discuss what items we would like to acquire for our collection.
- Dr. Paul van Wie has delivered programs of interest to the community at the library, at the museum, at various social events and dinners, and at the Plattduetsche Park Restaurant.
- Last, but not least, we held our capstone gala dinner, honoring outstanding community members. In April we will be honoring our Veterans for their service and sacrifice for our country.



**So, what are our plans for the future? Well, we are dreaming big, and with your continued support, 2024-25 will be historic!** Our dream is an addition to the rear of the museum, that will house a large multi-purpose classroom area and a room to add some badly needed storage. Just like most museums we are out of space to store many of our items when they are not on display! Remember, this is not just a “locked in time” museum! We are a living, growing, integral part of the community and your child's education! We need space to be able to invite junior and senior high school students to the museum to do first-person research. The anticipated use of the room for our school groups including teachers who want to research our collection, enhanced with new technology, will bring history alive. We anticipate a museum legacy that will inform a generation to come. Find this dream exciting? We hope you'll join in supporting it.





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