



# *The Franklin Square* *Historical Society & Museum* **NEWSLETTER**

P.O. Box 45, Franklin Square, NY

October 2024

Volume XLV No. 1

## **Community Meeting** **at the Plattduetsche Park Restaurant** **in the Ballroom** **October 17, 2024—7:00 p.m.**

Residents are invited to join in a discussion of issues of importance to our Franklin Square Community. This meeting is an opportunity to plan activities to address matters of concern to all who live in the community. Topics to be discussed include:

Saving our Franklin Square Theatre  
Establishing a Historic District in our community – how and why  
Solutions for making our voices heard by our local elected officials  
Introduction of committees and invitation to join those committees

### **Please come to this meeting!**

There is a growing sentiment that we need to get the help of our elected officials help to move  
***Franklin Square Forward!***

Let's work together to make our village the best it can be!

At the conclusion of the meeting there will be break-out sessions for:

- Discussion of articles from Newsday that identify the communities that have received New York State funding.
- Discussion of New York Forward - Grant information. A committee could work on understand the next steps we will have to take as a community to apply for that funding.
- A small group to talk about the Franklin Square Theatre — to research who reopened the Patchogue Theater and find out how they went about doing it.—maybe see what the numbers are, what kinds of shows the theater books?
- Discussion of Landmarking ordinances in other Nassau County towns and villages, compare to the Town of Hempstead ordinance, with a view to presenting a “beefed up” ordinance to the Hempstead Town Board.

If you plan to attend our meeting on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>,  
please RSVP so we will have a large enough room to accommodate everyone.  
RSVP to Bill Youngfert at 516-775-7260 or e-mail at [BYoungfert@aol.com](mailto:BYoungfert@aol.com).

## Exciting Tupperware Fundraiser Planned

**When: Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

**Where: Franklin Square Museum,  
861 Naple Ave, Franklin Square**



Members are invited to join us at our next Building Fundraiser. A Tupperware Party is planned for October 29, from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Join us for an evening of fun . . . games, prizes and great shopping! Our Tupperware Consultant, Kenna Vetter, has generously offered to donate 10% of her sales to our Building Fund! You may shop in advance on her website using this link:

<https://www.tupperware.com/?twclid=US-80000726073&twpld=4101692849>

The preferred method of payment is Venmo, cash or check. Products can be purchased online with a credit card using the party link above. All credit cards will be accepted except AMEX.

**There is no fee to attend the event, but seats are limited! Please RSVP by October 25 to Bill Youngfert to reserve your seat to: 516-775-7260 or send e-mail to [BYoungfert@aol.com](mailto:BYoungfert@aol.com).**

Please join us for a fun evening in support of our latest fundraising effort!

## Virginia Lane

(1916-2024)

The Society is saddened to hear of the passing of our beloved member, Virginia Lane. Virginia joined the Historical Society nearly forty years ago. When we started the Building Campaign for our Museum in 1993, Virginia immediately became active in the effort. She worked at the Annual Raffle, the giant garage sales, and became editor of this publication, the Newsletter. She was a tireless worker, and always a good friend and booster of Franklin Square. Virginia and her husband Bill contributed a great deal to Franklin Square over the years. They moved to the Morton Homes development off Dogwood Avenue in 1951, and were the original owners of their home. Virginia often recounted how her husband would walk from the Malverne train station to the construction site to check on the progress of the new home. Virginia and Bill raised their family in their new home. Bill was a veteran of World War II, and the Lanes were active in the veterans organizations here in Franklin Square. They were active parishioners at St. Catherine's, where Virginia remained a member of Christian Mothers for decades. She had many close friends in this organization as well.

We will always remember Virginia as a truly active person, with a positive attitude: she always remained young at heart. Virginia moved to the Arbors at Hauppauge in recent years, though she remained in touch with the Society and attended the dedication of the Museum at age 100, an achievement which brought her great joy. Virginia reached the age of 107, which is a record among our membership. We are grateful for her friendship and the example of a life well-lived.

*by Paul van Wie*





## Fall Festival Thank You's to Businesses Supporting the Society

Great weather, a celebration of our refurbished gazebo, good food and enticing raffles — all-in-all a wonderful way to spend a Saturday at our 2024 Fall Festival. We want to thank the following businesses that made donations that contributed to the success of this year's event:

**McDonald's, on Franklin Ave., Fr. Sq.** who donated 3 coolers filled with ice

**Holiday Farms** who donated 2 cases of Water and 2 cases of CokeCola

**Plattduetsche Park Restaurant** who donated Bratwurst, Sauerkraut  
and a \$100 Dinner Gift Certificate

**Croxley's Ale House** who donated a \$25 Gift Card

**The Flower Shoppe** who donated a \$50 Gift Certificate

**Baskin & Robbins**

who donated a \$10 Gift Card

**Panera Bread, Mineola** who donated a  
Gift Certificate for Lunch  
or Dinner for Two

**A & S Bagels** who donated  
5 Gift Certificates for a Dozen Bagels

**Jordan's Lobster Farms**  
for donating a \$25 Gift Certificate







## Helping Our Neighbors

Good neighbors help each other out, so when the Garden City Historical Society was planning its forthcoming program on “Fashion Through the Ages” and were in need of mannequins on which to display their array of garments they contacted to us requesting assistance. We were happy to lend them our four mannequins to use in their upcoming event. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Penny Hinderstein and her husband visited the F.S. Museum to pick up the mannequins. They took a brief tour of our museum and expressed their appreciation for our assistance in helping them mount their exhibit.



## Announcing a Holiday 50-50 Raffle!

Long-time Historical Society member and supporter, Frank Perunko was the latest 50-50 raffle winner, receiving \$200 when his ticket was drawn at our Fall Festival. There’s another opportunity for you to support the Society by participating in the upcoming holiday raffle. Tickets cost \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Be sure to fill in your name and phone number so we can contact our winner. Tickets must be received by December 1, 2024, for the prize drawing at our Winter Festival on December 7. Send your completed tickets with your payment to the Franklin Square Historical Society, P.O. Box 45, Franklin Square, NY 11010.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



## Gazebo Dedication

By Paul van Wie

On Saturday, September 21, the Society rededicated the Franklin Square Victorian Gazebo, which had originally been dedicated on May 21, 1978. The Gazebo had recently undergone a much-needed restoration. The Town of Hempstead repainted the wood trim, installed a new cedar shingle roof, and installed a new weathervane which had been donated by the Historical Society. The results were wonderful, and we are grateful to Supervisor Donald Clavin and Councilman Thomas Muscarella for their



roles in bringing the project to completion. In fact, the Gazebo looks as good as when it was first built by our group in 1978 as a lasting reminder of the Bicentennial. In addition, the Victorian Gazebo has been declared the newest Town of Hempstead landmark, so we are glad that it will be preserved for the future.



At the rededication ceremony on September 21 (the day of the Fall Fest) we displayed photos from the 1978 construction and Dedication. We also welcomed public officials including Councilman Muscarella, County Comptroller Elaine Phillips representing Nassau County, Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, and Legislator John Guiffre. Our Historian, Paul van Wie, spoke briefly on how the Gazebo was built, and introduced Edward Detweiler who along with William Capozziello and Al Fam led the construction efforts. William Bartholdus, who had grown up in Franklin Square in the early 1900s, was the architect of the Gazebo







*At Krauss we can customize arrangements to fit your needs. Including delay before visiting for family traveling. Our directors will guide you through the process to create a funeral that is meaningful to your family.*

- Many options for Funeral Services
- Cremation
- Shipping
- Memorial Services
- Preneed/Prefinancing Arrangements



- We have the largest newly renovated Chapels and Lounge in the area
- Multiple Chapels ranging in size to fit each Family's needs
- Spacious parking lot
- Quality funerals at affordable prices



Stephen Graziano  
Licensed Funeral Director  
and Manager

kraussfuneralhome.com  
krauss1097@yahoo.com  
(516) 352-2080



1097 Hempstead Turnpike  
Franklin Square, NY 11010

**Family Owned and Operated Since 1910**  
**The Graziano family serving your family as one of our own**