



Port Chester Historical Society Newsletter

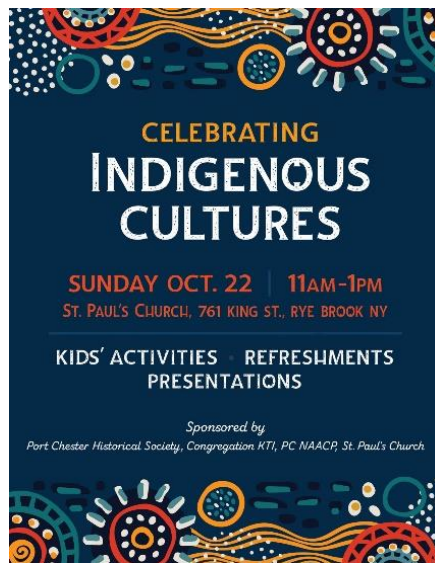
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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY EVENT 2023 A FREE EVENT

On Sunday, **October 22, 2023, at 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**, we are co-hosting a Celebration of Indigenous Cultures at St. Paul's Church, 761 King Street. There will be kids' activities, refreshments, and informative presentations, among others. Come see some Aztec dancing, learn about El Dia do Los Muertos, try some delicious refreshments, and try your hand at a craft highlighting the skills of indigenous farmers. We hope to see you at this wonderful event!



GARDEN CLEAN UP OCTOBER 15

The Port Chester Historical Society is excited to announce a Colonial Garden Clean-Up Event on Sunday, **October 15, 2023**, from **1:00 to 3:00 PM**, at the Bush-Lyon Homestead. All are invited to attend and volunteer!

REMINDER!

It's time to renew your membership! We've made it easier than ever with a "donate button" on the Historical Society website (Port Chester Historical Society). You can also send a check to PO BOX 1511, Port Chester, NY, 10573. Please consider making an additional donation to support all the activities we are engaged in; a future researcher or history enthusiast will thank you!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Our meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Thursday of the month via Zoom at 7:30 PM. The 2023 upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

November 2nd and November 30th (please note the date change)

The information on how to attend will be included in an email before the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings! Contact us to receive the link to our next Zoom meeting at...

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PORT CHESTER-RYE NAACP RECOGNIZES KIKKI SHORT

The Port Chester Historical Society is excited to announce that on Sunday, October 22, 2023, from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, at the Port Chester Senior Center, Kikki Short, a Director of the Port Chester Historical Society (and the energy behind many historical society projects) and four others will be recognized by the Port Chester/Rye NAACP for her work with the Port Chester Historical Society and work organizing the annual Juneteenth event. The recognition is part of the Annual Robert S. Brown/M. Paul Redd Freedom Fund Luncheon of the Port Chester/Rye NAACP. ***Congratulations, Kikki!***

GREATER HUDSON HERITATE NETWORK GRANTS

We were the lucky recipients of two grants from the Greater Hudson Heritage Network, one for purchasing conservation materials and another for a site assessment. Thank you, GHHN!

Kathy Craughwell-Varda, from Varda Consulting, performed a site assessment of the Bush-Lyon Homestead on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. She will write a report that will help us understand a bit better how to protect and manage our resources, use our spaces, serve the community, and create a sustainable path forward. We are very excited to have this assistance and we look forward to implementing a solid plan of action in the future.



PORT CHESTER DAY 2023

On Saturday, August 26, 2023, the Village of Port Chester held its annual Port Chester Day event at Lyon Park.



The Port Chester Historical Society was in attendance with a table inviting attendees to learn more about Port Chester history and all the excellent work of the Port Chester Historical Society. We had a special outreach to teachers so we can help all our students learn about local history. We held a mini museum in the Homestead, featuring exhibits on United Hospital, the Russell, Burdsall, & Ward factory (which lasted from 1845-1974!), local churches and synagogues, a spectacular quilt from Summerfield Methodist Church in 1913 that has over 1,000 names of people who worked on it, a small display of newspapers in our possession, and - perhaps the source of



the greatest laughs - yearbooks from Port Chester High School! More than one person could look up a relative and see what amazing hair and clothing styles were popular in the 1970s!

We raffled off a print from a glass slide. Because the original is a glass slide and not a photograph negative, the detail on the print is incredible. The framed print showed North Main Street circa 1904. Visitors to our booth got to peruse it with a magnifying glass - one could even make out the harness on a horse in the distance! We were especially pleased that the winner was a member of the Port Chester Volunteer Fire Department who was so excited about the print that he bought 25 tickets. A deserving winner! See you next year!



SCAN OF THE BUSH-LYON HOMESTEAD PRESENTED AT HISTORY CONFERENCE

The digital scan of the Bush Lyon Homestead which was completed in June (available here: <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=egpjeEPBoj>), is now entering its next phase. The first part was to create a “digital twin” of the Homestead that is accessible to anyone with an internet



connection. Now we are moving on to the next phase - creating and placing digital “tags” throughout the scan. People doing a virtual tour will be able to click on items and spaces and then be taken to all kinds of



resources, including additional photographs, video links, other websites with more information, newspapers, articles, and books. Clearly this phase will take a LONG time, but after all ... we are a historical society, so time is our friend.

The Rex2 company representatives Matthew Wilkes and Clayton Leibig will be doing a presentation of the scan at the Greater Hudson Heritage Network conference at Boscobel on October 24th. If you are going to that event, make sure you stop by their booth to see the results of our labors. There is even a possibility that people would be able to do a virtual reality tour right on the spot. WOW!

Thank you to Rex2 for all of the great work in making the Bush-Lyon Homestead accessible to others!

SAVE THE DATE – WINTERFEST 2023



The Port Chester Historical Society is excited to announce its annual WinterFest event at the Bush-Lyon Homestead on Saturday, **December 9, 2023**, at 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. There will be music, tours, food, crafts, and more for all who attend. Last year was especially well-attended. We hope to have another amazing event this year. More information to be announced soon!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED? WE NEED YOU!

We are inviting volunteers who are interested in Port Chester local history and making a difference in the community - WE NEED YOU! If you care about preserving and educating people about Port Chester local history, you will fit right in. All people are welcome and encouraged to volunteer with us; we have many different projects and there is definitely a place for your skills in our organization. Email us at portchesterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com today!

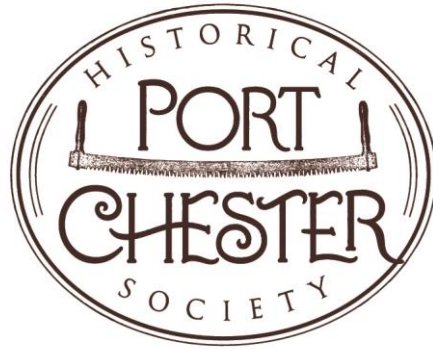
PORT CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAGNETS



As a fundraiser, we are selling magnets with the logo of the Port Chester Historical Society. They are \$5 each - buy some now for friends and family! Show everyone how much you value our local history and help us raise funds at the same time. Contact us at portchesterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com to order one today!

FOLLOW THE PORT CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ONLINE

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 - Join us on Zoom at one of our monthly meetings
 - Like us on Facebook [@PortChesterHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/PortChesterHistoricalSociety)
 - ...and on Instagram [@PCNYHistory](https://www.instagram.com/PCNYHistory)
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Annual Membership

- Individual \$20.00
- Family (Household) \$30.00
- Senior (Over Age 62) \$10.00
- Student (Enrolled in HS/MS) \$0.00
- Commercial/Business Sponsor \$500.00

Lifetime Memberships

- Single Lifetime.....\$200.00
- Family Lifetime\$300.00

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and return with your check (made out to *The Port Chester Historical Society*) to:

The Port Chester Historical Society, P.O. Box 1511, Port Chester, NY 10573

or sign up at **www.pcnhistory.org**

Member Name: _____

Member Address: _____

Member Phone: _____

Member Email: _____

Member Benefits

Your membership to The Port Chester Historical Society entitles you to participate in the love of local history, all newsletters and mailings, advance invitations to public and member-only events and tours, and programs as we develop them. Commercial or business sponsors are eligible for recognition in our newsletter and other printed material, as well as acknowledgment at public events and gatherings.