



# Port Chester Historical Society Newsletter

Spring 2023

[portchesterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:portchesterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)



## HISTORICAL SOCIETY T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

**Hurry! This promotion is only until July 2nd!**

You can purchase your T-Shirt and show your support for the Port Chester Historical Society at this link: [Port Chester Historical Society T-Shirts](#). **Hurry! These T-Shirts are only available through July 2nd!**




Show your support for the Port Chester Historical Society with T-Shirts, Hoodies & Long Sleeve T-shirts too!

Order until July 2, 2023  
All orders ship around July 10th directly to you!

Premium Cotton Tee	127
Premium Long Sleeve Tee	136
Women's Slim Fit Tee	127
Hoodie (Unisex)	146
Cardigan (Unisex)	136
Yankee Tee	123





Show your support for the Port Chester Historical Society with T-Shirts, Hoodies & Long Sleeve T-shirts too!

Order until July 2, 2023  
All orders ship around July 10th directly to you!

Premium Cotton Tee	127
Premium Long Sleeve Tee	136
Women's Slim Fit Tee	127
Hoodie (Unisex)	146
Cardigan (Unisex)	136
Yankee Tee	123



## JUNETEENTH 2023



On Monday, June 19, 2023, the Port Chester Historical Society, along with local religious leaders, the Port Chester-Rye NAACP and the Read, Talk, Act book club held its annual Juneteenth event at the Bush-Lyon Homestead at Lyon Park. Trustee Joan Grangenio-Thomas, Historical Society Director Kikki Short, Theresa Vega and Fred Griffin gave presentations. Prayers were offered by Pastor Jim O'Hanlon and Rabbi Ben Goldberg. The event was extremely successful with approximately 130 attendees.



Everyone who attended was able to partake in music by Deonna Page, crafts, and food from King's Southern Delight in Mount Vernon.

The Port Chester Historical Society is proud to be a grantee of ArtsWestchester with funding made possible by Westchester County Government. Let us know if you'd like to be a part of making this a successful event next year.



If you have a subscription, click here: [Westmore News Juneteenth Article](#) to see photos from coverage by The Westmore News.







---

## SCAN OF THE BUSH-LYON HOMESTEAD

---



We are VERY excited to announce the Bush-Lyon Homestead was scanned on Saturday, June 10th to create a 360-degree rendering of the Homestead! This scan will allow the public to “walk through” the Homestead and learn more about its configuration and current condition.



One of the many bonuses from this will be accurate measurements of the spaces. In addition, this will increase our accessibility; anyone



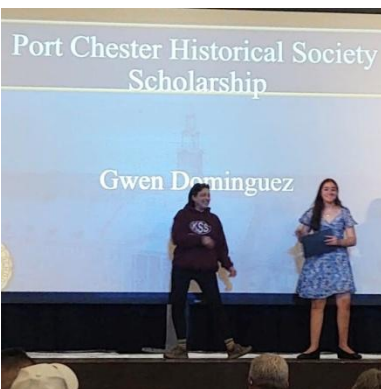
around the world with an internet connection will be able to learn from our historic building. We will be reaching out to the schools to see how we can help them integrate it into their lesson plans. Thank you so much to Matthew Wilkes and Clayton Leibig from Rex2 for all of the great work in making the Bush-Lyon Homestead accessible to others! Thanks also go to our Port Chester High School helpers. Here is a link to the phase one version of the scan: [Bush Homestead Scan](#). As we add to it, the scan will only get more specific, more detailed, and more useful!

We are not the only ones excited about the scan - the Westmore News did a front page story on it! If you have a Westmore News subscription, click here [Westmore News Bush Homestead Scan](#).

---

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

---



On Thursday, May 18, 2023, at Port Chester High School Senior Awards Night, President Jordan Allen presented its scholarship award to Gwen Dominguez. The Port Chester Historical Society congratulates Gwen Dominguez for winning its \$500.00 scholarship for a graduating senior of Port Chester High School Class of 2023. In an effort to diversify the scholarship assignment options and recognize other skills besides essay writing, this year's scholarship contest involved interviewing a person over the age of 60 about their life



in or outside of Port Chester. Also, the students were required to ask the interviewee their own created questions. You can read Gwen's excellent submission on the former locations of Port Chester at this link: [Latest News: Port Chester Historical Society](#). Congratulations, Gwen Dominguez!

---

## 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

**Port Chester Historical Society Newsletter**

**Spring 2023**

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](mailto: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](mailto:portchesterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) to order one today!

---

## GRANTS

---

The Port Chester Historical Society is excited to announce that it was the recipient of recent grants from ArtsWestchester for its annual Juneteenth event. In addition, the Port Chester Historical Society is applying for other grants as well. These grants include a Site Assessment Grant and a Historic Preservation Materials Grant for the Bush-Lyon Homestead through the Greater Hudson Heritage Network (GHHN). More information to be announced soon!

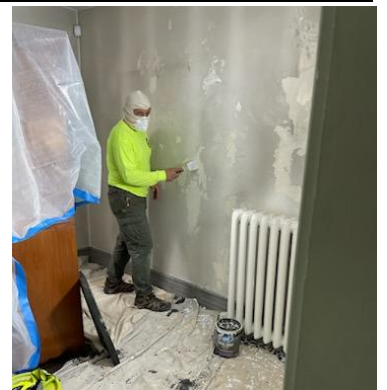
---

## VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER DPW DAY

---



On Saturday, May 27, 2023, the Village of Port Chester celebrated the Department of Public Works (DPW) on DPW Day. DPW has been instrumental in making the Bush-Lyon Homestead look better than it ever has in the past. We presented DPW with a large THANK YOU! card showcasing the “before and after” for rooms DPW has cleaned up and painted in the Homestead. We are sincerely grateful for all of your work, DPW!



---

## RFP

---

The Port Chester Historical Society is looking forward to the results of a recent Request for Proposals (RFP) from the Village of Port Chester for the Bush-Lyon Homestead. More specifically, the RFP is related to maintenance and repairs affecting the Bush-Lyon Homestead. Proposals were due on or before April 14, 2023. More information to be announced soon!



---

## VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER 155<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

---

**Happy 155<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Port Chester!**



On Monday, May 15, 2023, President Jordan Allen and Director Brian Kerr, presented before the Village of Port Chester Board of Trustees regarding the 155th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Port Chester. President Jordan Allen even brought treats from Cassone's Bakery for the Board of Trustees, staff, and attendees. Happy Birthday, Port Chester!

---

### REMINDER!

---

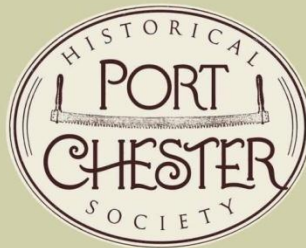
It's time to renew your membership! We've made it easier than ever with a "donate button" on the Historical Society website ([Port Chester Historical Society](#)). You can also send a check to PO BOX 1511, Port Chester, NY, 10573. Please consider making an additional donation to support all the activities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

---

### FOLLOW THE PORT CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ONLINE

---

- Visit our web page at [Port Chester Historical Society](#)
- Join us on Zoom at one of our monthly meetings
- Like us on Facebook [@PortChesterHistoricalSociety](#)
- ...and on Instagram [@PCNYHistory](#)
- ...tag your photos with [#PCNYHistory](#)
- Contact us/subscribe to our newsletter at [portchesterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:portchesterhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

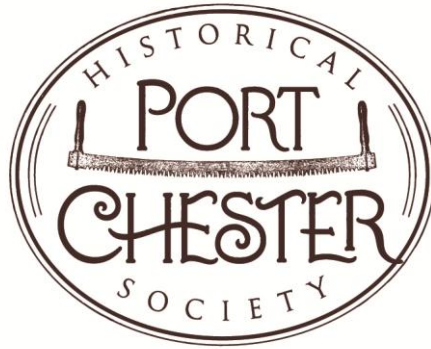


The members of the Port Chester Historical Society are residents of Port Chester and the Town of Rye or other interested parties who aim to preserve the history as well as the historic places and personalities of their community. The Society is committed to the protection and preservation of historic sites in the village and plans educational and community-based activities and events for all age groups. Members are committed to increasing the understanding of local history in all its complexity. The motto of the Society is

***Uncover, Share, Celebrate.***

We work to promote and foster original historical research, and to share a greater knowledge of the society's geographical area of interest and the relationship of Port Chester to that area. We are committed to examining the lives of people who once lived here. We aim to display and make available for the widest public study possible all the historic sites, structures, artifacts and relics we manage and to mark places of historic interest within Port Chester itself. Last but not least, we strive to stir the imagination of local students, educate people of all ages, and inspire a love of learning about local history.

For more info: [PortChesterHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:PortChesterHistoricalSociety@gmail.com)



## Join The Port Chester Historical Society TODAY!

### 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

Please check the appropriate box  
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](http://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.