



Mark Your Calendar

- **November 1, 2003**
Homecoming Street Fair
Seventh Street, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
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- **November 2, 2003**
Lecture and Tour at the
Cradle of Aviation Museum
- ~
- **December 1, 2003**
Place your orders for
holiday gifts and membership
subscriptions!

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Peek Behind the Fences At Our Village Treasure

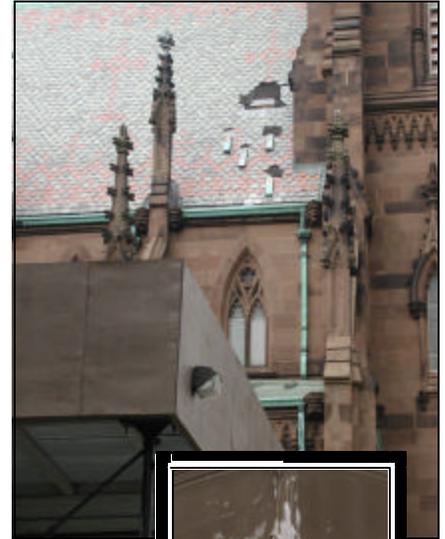
The Cathedral of the Incarnation, a monument built by a grieving widow, Cornelia Clinch Stewart, upon the death of her husband Alexander, is notable in its distinction as the only cathedral in the U.S. known to be built by a single donor. It stands in memory of our Village founder, and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1985. Nature has been both kind and unkind to the Cathedral, since construction began in 1876, when Garden City's population teetered on 500 people. Recently, a small group of Society members toured the cathedral with its volunteer guide Will Gamper and discussed the structure's survival and restoration work.

Passers-by undoubtedly notice the protective structures surrounding the east side of the church. The cautionary measures are in place because a severe 1998 rain and wind storm caused a 700-pound pinnacle on the west side of the tower to fall to the roof (see damage in photo top right). The impact of the pinnacle dislodged a 200-pound plaster ornamental piece from the ceiling of the nave inside the Cathedral (above), leaving its scar. And, during the same storm, a second pinnacle fell from the roof of the sanctuary into the moat around the circular apse at the Cathedral's west end (see center, photo below).

An engineer's inspection of the roof damage found loose stone, requiring

the protective structures until repairs can be made. Although the Episcopal Diocese officially came out of bankruptcy in January 2003 — a bankruptcy necessitated to protect the Cathedral's designated endowment assets following the closures of St. Mary's and St. Paul's Schools — raising funds for repairs will be a challenge. Those repairs are estimated at about \$2 million.

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A Message from the President

“Garden City Historical Society Museum
 Set to Open”

This is the local newspaper headline that I’m looking forward to reading next year!



If you haven’t heard yet, finishing the renovation of our 1872 Apostle House is the main reason I joined the Historical Society. My priority is to obtain the funds necessary, and complete the work required to open the first floor for use as our museum, exhibition space, and gift shop, and to complete work begun years ago in the lower level for the Society’s offices, storage and mechanical rooms, and meeting space. The second and third floors will be closed until monies are available for renovations. Recently, we completed a state-of-the-art fire sprinkler system and fire and smoke alarm system, and repaired and serviced the boilers to provide basic heating. Shortly, we will start renovating the two lower level bathrooms and construct two new bathrooms on the first floor.

To oversee this work, I’m assisted by two enthusiastic and knowledgeable board members who join me on the House Committee, George Bowen and Bill Eckel. We’re thankful to our architect Angelo Francis Corva, who also heads the Town of Hempstead Landmarks Preservation Commission, for donating his professional services, and to local developer Anthony Albanese and his assistant Alex of the Albanese Organization for their insight and guidance. I ask our membership to help by spreading the news to the community that work is progressing, that we have a sound plan, and that we need financial support.

On another note, I’m pleased to announce the development of our website: www.gardencityhistoricalsociety.org. Board member and publicity/education committee chairperson Maureen Traxler, along with her daughter Diane, have designed and created a wonderful site. This is a tremendous asset, as it will make accessible to the public many of the vast resources of the Historical Society, and will allow the public to communicate with us.

Another exciting project is our effort to revive the Society’s library. Recently, board member and cataloging chairperson Betsy Patterson and I began the process of reviewing the numerous books that have been donated to the Society, and creating a database that will be on our website in the near future. We have quite a collection with varied subject matter ranging from architecture and the arts, to Victoriana and early wallpaper studies. We welcome more book donations, and shortly, the present collection will be ready, for viewing purposes only.

Lastly, I look forward to meeting you at two upcoming events: Homecoming on Saturday, November 1 at our display table on Seventh Street, and on November 2 at The Cradle of Aviation Museum, for a lecture and tour in what promises to be a spectacular, exciting and fun event for the entire family.

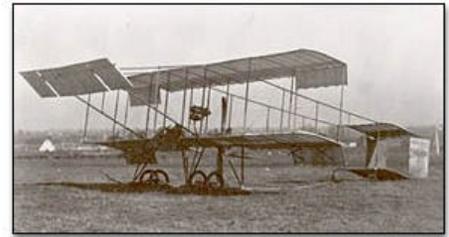
Brian A. Pinnola

Upcoming Event: Lecture and Tour at the Cradle of Aviation Museum



Date: Sunday, November 2
Time: 1 p.m. sharp
Place: Cradle of Aviation Museum, Uniondale Mitchel Room, Second Floor
Admission: \$17.50 adults; \$15 children includes general admission ticket, brief lecture and tour, and light refreshments
Reservations: Deadline to make reservations October 24
Contact: Maureen Traxler, 516-354-6190 or www.gardencityhistoricalsociety.org

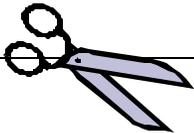
As the 100th anniversary of manned flight approaches in December marking the daring flight of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk in 1903, come experience a trip to the Cradle of Aviation Museum and learn more about the fascinating contributions to the aviation industry that began right here on Long Island and in our community of *Garden City*.



Nassau County Historian Ed Smits will address our guests about the museum and its collection. Mr. Smits served as curator of the Nassau County Historical Museum from 1955-71 and the County’s Division of Museum Services from 1971-92. In 1994, he assumed the position of planning coordinator for the Museums at Mitchel Field planning group. He is a museum and historic preservation consultant, and he has served pro bono as the official County Historian since 1960. The author of three books and numerous articles for professional museum and historical periodicals, popular and scholarly press, Mr. Smits earned a bachelor’s degree in history from Hofstra University and his master’s in American civilization from Columbia University.

Highlights:

- ...Hear how historians partnered with aviation industry employees to create the Cradle of Aviation Museum
- ...Tour the museum’s exceptional exhibits, from hot air ballooning to space exploration
- ...While you’re there, for a small additional cost, upgrade your admission at the ticket booth to include a show at the IMAX Theater or the Journey to Mars



Reservation for Ticket Request To the Cradle of Aviation Museum Tour

Number of reservations at \$17.50 adults _____ and \$15 children _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Phone for confirmation _____

Request by:
Name _____

Address _____

Please send check payable to “Garden City Historical Society”
P.O. Box 179, Garden City, New York 11530

Village Treasure: The Cathedral of the Incarnation (continued from page 1)

Other than damages from the 1998 storm, most of the magnificent structure has escaped the wear and tear of age. Inside the Cathedral, the only noticeable deterioration of artifacts can be seen on a large urn in the lower level crypt chapel. Its inscription has been obscured by the effects of humidity.

The chapel, renovated and fitted with glass doors in 1965, contains the prettiest stained glass windows in the Cathedral, which tell the story of the Resurrection. The altar is a solid block of Vermont marble, and the marble used to make the columns in the chapel come from one of Alexander Stewart's numerous fine arts collections.



Urn in the crypt chapel is surrounded by black, rose, and variegated marble columns made from Alexander Stewart's private marble collection.



The Cathedral's exterior remains in excellent condition, considering the porous nature of its Belleville brownstone. Some weathering has taken place, as seen in this stairway.

Inside the immense, 1,000-pound detailed Cathedral doors, little deterioration has taken place. The extraordinary interior of Berea, Ohio, stone is painted with red and gold highlights and is beautifully adorned with Mexican mahogany wood. Shiny trumpets protrude into the nave from the tower organ room, high above the marble floor. The tower contains 12 bells cast for the 1876 national centennial in Philadelphia. A thirteenth bell, added to commemorate the 13 original states, had been cast for a steamship, but today, calls the Garden City congregation to worship. The high altar of white marble is carved with the story of the Redemption, and is surrounded by stained glass windows that show



Cast iron spiral staircase connecting the sanctuary with the lower level and the crypt chapel

the Incarnation. The Cathedral's original 72 stained glass windows depicting Biblical themes were designed by the English firm Clayton, Bell and Co.

A chapel, built in 1950 as a memorial to men and women who served in World War I and II, was relocated in 1999 to the former baptistry. There, intricate carvings on the walls reflect aquatic plants and animals symbolizing life springing from water. The room includes sculptures of the Good Shepherd and Madonna and child, and the windows depict Noah and the ark, Moses and the passage in the Red Sea, and John the Baptist and the baptism of the Lord.

The Cathedral of the Incarnation has unique features, including two cast iron spiral staircases: one leading from the sanctuary to the lower crypt chapel, and another ascending the tower. Around the main church area original gas lighting outlets can be seen. And visitors with a keen eye will notice the "star" floor designs at the entrance to the nave and two transept entrances are missing their fifth point. Originally, the church was designed to be longer and wider; however in the interests of economy, Judge Henry Hilton drew a line on the plans, cutting short the star designs.

Significant Dates in the Cathedral's History

- 1876 Construction begun
- 1877 Cornerstone laid
- 1885 First service
- 1924 First rebuilding of the main organ
- 1948-50 Restoration of exterior and interior
- 1959 Inception of Endowment Fund
- 1962-3 Second rebuilding of the main organ
- 1964-5 Redesigning and refurbishing of the Chapel of the Resurrection in undercroft
- 1969-70 Exterior repointing and waterproofing
- 1984-5 New Casavant Freres organ installed
- 1985-6 Centennial year celebrated

Apostle House Moves to Eleventh Street ... 15 Years Ago!

In July 1988, Garden City residents saw a sight to behold — the moving of an entire house from Fifth Street and Cathedral Avenue to Eleventh Street, just off Cherry Valley Road. The house crossed railroad tracks and had to maneuver past overhead power lines. In 1977, the Episcopal Diocese had donated the home it used for St. Mary's faculty to the newly formed Garden City Historical Society. The Society cared for the home and grew beautiful gardens on the Fifth Street site, and in 1988, thanks to the generosity of the Village of Garden City, the Society was able to move the home to a permanent location on Eleventh Street, where the Village had donated land. Several years later, the Village increased the residential plot to include land to the north and east, so that the Society could expand its interests to include a circular driveway off the main street. Today, the Society's home is under repair and restoration, and the board of directors is moving forward with plans to open the site as the Garden City Historical Society Museum.

Historical Society Museum Library

During September, members of the board of directors sat down amidst the collection of books stored at the Society's Apostle House and documented and catalogued a great many of the books in the Society's collection. To date, about 160 books have been catalogued, about 60% of the Society's entire collection. Each book is affixed with a bookplate to note the generous donor. The catalogued books are stored in a bookcase at the Society's headquarters on Eleventh Street, and are available for viewing purposes as research sources, upon request of the Society. A full listing of the titles, authors and subject areas in the museum collection will be available soon on our website at www.gardencityhistoricalsociety.org.



Where in the World...

Garden City has unique aspects about its architecture and landscape of interest to advocates for our Village's historic preservation. Many of us drive by — or bicycle by — treasures, so to speak, every day and fail to reflect on the whys and wherefores that brought them to our Village-scape.



Let's take a closer look and become familiar with the beautiful and the functional aspects of our town that bring rise to a study of life in our Village.

Where in the Garden City world is this manhole cover, circa 1904? (Answer in next newsletter) Can you find one that is older?

Historic Places and Events in Our Own Backyard

Looking for something to do that has entertainment, as well as educational, value. As a history enthusiast, you might want to experience some local fare:

Old Westbury Gardens

71 Old Westbury Road,
Old Westbury
516-333-0048

www.oldwestburygardens.org

Sunday, October 19, 3 p.m.

Classical Concert, free admission, seating limited.

Saturday, October 25, 11-4

Dog-Day, take your dog for an invigorating walk along the pathways

Raynham Hall Museum

20 West Main Street, Oyster Bay
516-922-6808; www.raynhamhallmuseum.org

"Who Haunts Raynham Hall,"

The most haunted house on Long Island

October 21-November 2

Self-guided tours, Tues-Sun., 1-5 p.m., Admission fee

October 29-31, 5:30-8 p.m.

Tours by "Ghost Host," fee

Saturday, December 6

Holiday Open House. 1-5 p.m.
Historic Townsend home decorated for the holidays. Free

Huntington Historical Society

209 Main Street, Huntington
516-427-7045; www.huntingtonhistoricalsociety.org

Friday, October 30, 2:15 p.m.

Tide Mill Tour

Saturday, December 13

Exhibit opening at Kissam Barn:
Bobsled Races of Yesteryear

Historical Society Celebrates A.T. Stewart's Birthday

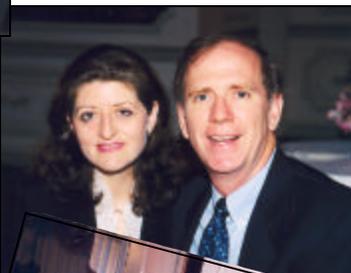
On May 17, the Society held its third annual fete, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of our Village founder Alexander Turney Stewart.



From left, president-elect Brian Pinnola, past presidents Joe Giacinto and Bill Eckel, and outgoing president Joanne Adams paid tribute to all of the Society's past presidents.



Joanne Adams and Brian Pinnola welcome Hempstead Town Supervisor Kate Murray, center, to A.T. Stewart's birthday gala.



Guests danced to the "sounds of the decades" performed by Alex Donner and his renowned orchestra.



John Rhein and Joanne Adams blow out the candle wishing the Historical Society future success.



Holiday Gift Giving ...

Delighting Friends and Family and Benefiting the Garden City Historical Society Can Go Hand in Hand

The Garden City Historical Society has several gift items for sale that bring loving reminders of the historic past of our Village of Garden City. Each purchase helps to bring the Society closer to the realization of restoration of the A.T. Stewart-era Apostle House, the Home of the Garden City Historical Society Museum. To order call Christine Meyer at 328-7534.



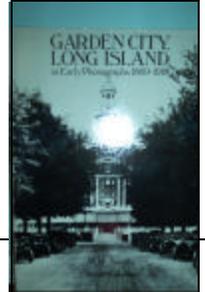
Garden City Landmark Afghans
 Outlines of 7 historic buildings built during early village days
 Burgundy or Green
 100% cotton
\$50



Commemorative Bricks

Placed in the pathway encircling the Historical Society Museum
 4" x 8" Brick, 14 Characters Per Line, 3 Lines
\$75 (larger sizes available)
 For information, please call Kris Harder, 747-1774

Pictorial Garden City History Book
\$10



Christmas Ornaments
\$25 each
 (\$5 of every purchase donated to Society's Apostle House restoration)



St. Paul's School



"A.T. Stewart-era Apostle House"

Membership categories:

Senior Citizen.....	\$10	Business,	
Individual.....	\$20	Institutional or	
Family.....	\$25	Professional.....	\$30
Contributing.....	\$30	Sustaining.....	\$50
		Life.....	\$250

Please check:

- ? New member ? Renewal
- ? Please call me about joining a committee
- ? My company has a matching funds policy. Please contact me.
- ? I would be interested in donating goods or services to the A.T. Stewart-era Apostle House restoration project.

Title: M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr. (Circle one)

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Tel. # _____

E-mail address _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Check payable to "Garden City Historical Society." Memberships are tax deductible.

A gift of membership in the Garden City Historical Society is a wonderful gesture at holiday time for those special people you know who appreciate the jewel of a community we call home. Give a gift membership by filling out the information to the right. We will notify the recipient of your generosity. A subscription to the Society's newsletter, "Historical Notes," is included with each gift membership.

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The Garden City Historical Society Has a New Address: www.gardencityhistoricalsociety.org

The Garden City Historical Society now has a new address — in cyberspace — that everyone can locate and visit to find out what's new and old (historic) about the Society. The website offers many options, including our "Home Page," which highlights something new or upcoming — whether that's an event, such as our November 2 lecture and tour at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, or a new donation to our museum collection. Our website features include:

"About Us" — a brief history, current officers and meeting schedule for the board of directors

"Events" — reviewing and previewing educational events

"House" — up-to-date information on renovations/restorations at the Society's headquarters and museum site

"Membership" — information on renewal and new memberships

"Newsletter" — ability to view our latest newsletter (*under construction*)

"Store" — gift items available for purchase as Village keepsakes or as gifts for family and friends

"Artifacts" — read about our museum collection of furniture, books and varied period pieces that have been donated by gracious residents, former and present (*under construction*)

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While on our site, if you have any questions or comments, please use our convenient email at info@gardencityhistoricalsociety.org to get in touch with us. Thanks to many volunteer hours, we are pleased to have this new vehicle to continue a community dialogue and keep our Village history alive and active for the next generation. Don't forget to check it out!



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