

# HERITAGE NEWS

*The Historical Society of East Rockaway & Lynbrook*

## THE BRISTOL MEXICO RECOGNITION

Art Mattson is in the process of completing the application for recognition of the Bristol Mexico monument and the Rockville Cemetery. The cemetery will be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Then Art Mattson and Andrew Healy will begin the work of fund raising to put the icing on the cake of this endeavor.

It is our understanding

that the NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation will meet in September to finalize this application. We are very optimistic. Art has put a great deal of effort into this and we have high hopes that it will be successful.

We will have a 175<sup>th</sup> commemoration on **October 24<sup>th</sup>** at the cemetery. We trust that HSERL members will put this on their calendar and

Join us in this momentous event.

Down the road there is no doubt that we will develop a Lynbrook Walking Trail as we have done for East Rockaway and this cemetery will have its proper place in the historical record of Lynbrook, East Rockaway and Rockville Centre. Art Mattson's **Water and Ice** recounts the tragedies of the ship wrecks.



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*We will renew our spirit,  
our work and our  
EVENTS*

*Check out:*

*Facebook.com/HSERL*

*Should he see the  
dentist?*



The signature historic event of our year has been the annual Retrospective.

For several reasons we are going to examine this event. We think it is valuable because it introduces history to young people. AND it is history which they can actually see and feel.

Our first difficulty is staffing. We schedule this in June. That works best for our audience - 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are experiencing difficulty

getting volunteers to work with us. This year it was actually 300+ students within 4 days and 2 weeks. There were two people who volunteered over and above - Pat Hickey and Frank Torre. We were lucky. Last year we had Peter Rosenthal who worked with us every day. What do they receive in return? Fun and lunch.

The second problem is that we must make it more student involved. That means that we have to have things for the youngsters to physically

touch..

One young boy picked up the scythe and pretended he was cutting hay. As Bob Sympson said, "He'll remember that." They'll remember grave rubbings because they were able to do it.

Some of the stations will be eliminated. All will be reworked but it must be addressed, if we are going to continue.

We can do the latter but the former problem is more difficult to bring to fruition.

## A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT...

We are truly fortunate. Sometimes we grouse because we have to do something that really doesn't bite us or isn't timely for the moment. Every year we participate in the Huckleberry Frolic. Last year we didn't have tomatoes for sale but we had some East Rockaway pictures to share with the community.

A young man came to our booth and indicated he was very interested in history and would like to join HSERL. Were we not lucky?

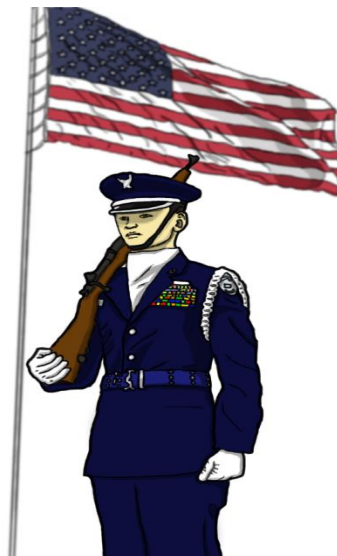
Frank Torre has joined and he puts himself into every project he touches. What has he done besides working on a sign grant with Bob Sympton? He has developed a Facebook for HSERL. It is interesting, exciting and it makes people "Like" and "Comment" on its content. Frank has deftly selected pictures from our past and present and has made the site sensational and attention grabbing. It is wonderful. It is just another aspect of networking and keeping us in the forefront of social media. Kudos are most deserved. Take a look-note address below. You will enjoy it and it lets people connect and reconnect. We are just thrilled!

[Facebook.com/HSERL1](https://www.facebook.com/HSERL1)

## EUREKA...

## A LYNBROOK HERITAGE SCHOLAR

We have a Lynbrook Heritage Scholar, **Jeremy Tierney**. He is interested in history and will be working with us. Jeremy is particularly interested in military history. While we are in an exploratory mode, it is possible he will look into Americans who have served in American wars buried in the Rockville Cemetery. Art Mattson has indicated that there are over forty veterans prior to 1960 who are buried there. Jeremy will meet with him to begin his search for the graves of these people. He will seek from Robert Guerriero the names of those who are after 1960 and try to locate all the graves. We will print up all the information and it will be available for anyone and everyone who is interested. Each year it has been a practice of the Boy Scouts and/or veterans on Memorial Day to place flags on the graves of those who have served our country. Stay tuned. We have some great plans for this young man and his project.



## HEARD OVER THE LINES...



Bob Simpson was recognized by the Hewlett School District for his work with them in developing their Community Garden across the street from the Hewlett High School on East Rockaway Road.

Congratulations to Andrea Baum who has an exhibit of her photography at the Freeport Recreation Center until the end of the month. You are familiar with her pictures. In the last few years she has donated a picture to be raffled at our annual winter tea.

The particulars are as follows: each weekday from 10:30 AM 'til 3 PM. Just to be sure, and/or to make a special appointment call 516 223-2522 ex 14, or \*14. Andrea's pictures are truly spectacular!

Jacklyn Cook's LHS Career Development Program youngsters helped prepare wheat packets for students in the Retro.

We were disappointed that Bud Robinson could not keep his *rendezvous* with several HSERL members. He was an important part of all our adventures and we miss his participation. Dave Penzo and John Williams planned to bring him down from Connecticut for lunch at Wolfson's Accounting. They got the kibosh. Bud couldn't make it. Maybe there will be another surprise visit.

We could not resist this picture of Caroline Krendel, Heritage Scholar 2014. The teeth just jumped out of the picture thanks to Facebook. She is pictured with American Muscle aka Titan checking out the merits of the horse for her future stable.



**CAN'T THINK OF A HEADLINE FOR THE NEXT STORY BUT IS DOES HOLD SOME INTERESTING BODIES, NO? JUST TURN THE PAGE...**



The most of the following pictures are from the Key West Historic Cemetery. Mary Colway was down there for a short visit. Her pictures are fantastic. It is just unfortunate that the editor has so much difficulty securing pictures from the computer. There is no reason to complain because it is a problem which persists so one must grin and bear it and close the windows when working on the **News**.

However, the first picture is not from Mary. It is from Bob Symson who is dogged in his research when he gets turned on to it. Bob is in focus to concentrate on Henri Charpentier and he and Frank Torre submitted a request for a grant for a sign to be placed on Scranton Avenue where his Original Henri's Restaurant entertained the well to do and famous of the early 1900s. To authenticate some of the information needed, Bob went to Greenfield Cemetery and traced the grave of Filomene Charpentier, Henri's wife and he found an interesting tombstone. So let's dig in...

On the left is the marker on the back of the one on the right. It commemorates Anthony Ray a waiter who worked for Henri Charpentier and died just before the Armistice ending World War I. He was without family so Henri had him buried in his plot.. At the foot of his grave it says **"Maudit sois les Boches" Cursed be the Germans** . Filomene Charpentier on the right is unsullied in her resting place. Note the American flag placed at Ray's grave. He was a veteran.



The following grave stones from the Key West Cemetery are unique. One could make a conjecture that if one made a practice of visiting cemeteries and burying grounds one would find similar remarkable grave stones. Perhaps you have been to Père Lachaise in Paris. Père Lachaise was the confessor of King Louis XIV. That, too, is quite splendid. This is a way to stand out and reiterate a point in death that you failed to get across in life.



Gloria was **“Just resting her eyes.”**



This departed soul **was enjoying a book**





This grave stone at 3 o'clock is a double bed with three pet graves stones to the left. There is a faun deer at the foot of the bed, a favorite of Key West.



B.P. Roberts lamented **“I told you I was sick”**

## **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...**

Membership is very important. Your financial support is critical. Last year due to unforeseen circumstances we did not follow up and dun people for their dues. In fact, just having you send in you money is the preferred way of doing business.

**HOWEVER, MONEY IS NOT THE ONLY ASPECT OF MEMBERSHIP.** In order for us to continue and accomplish "Making History Come Alive" we need **YOU**. We need you to come to meetings, participate in the Retrospective, give us your input, brainstorm with us, critique us so that we can do more and do it better and then some. Oh, yes, we need your stuff for the Garage Sale aka Treasure Trove. Call 887-9094 in September for pick up or delivery time.

You may not even read our newsletter, visit the Web or follow us on Facebook. That is unfortunate because without your financial and physical support we cannot survive and succeed. It is likely that the next news will be delivered via e-mail to those who have it. I must admit I prefer a hard copy.

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Elaine Kiernan has prepared an Advertisement for the Herald.  
These are our calendar dates:

Friday	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	>592 Scranton Ave Lynbrook 10-4	Treasure Trove Yard Sale
Saturday	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	>592 Scranton Ave Lynbrook 10-3	Treasure Trove Yard Sale
Wednesday	October 14 <sup>th</sup>	>Lynbrook Library 7:15 PM	Art Mattson Talk on the ultimate significance of the Wrecks of the <i>Bristol</i> and <i>Mexico</i> .
Saturday	October 24 <sup>th</sup>	>Rockville Cemetery 11 AM	Ceremony commemorating the 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the <i>Bristol</i> and <i>Mexico</i> Shipwrecks
Sunday	January 31, 2016	>Lynbrook Library	The Winter Tea
TBA			Dedication of a Plaque in recognition of the Denton House Cited on the National Register of Historic Places

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**JOIN US in 2015-2016**

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**We invite you to help us make a difference and welcome you to join a committee:**

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