

Town of Washington/Village of Millbrook Historical Society

P.O. Box 135 Millbrook NY 12545



Thursday May 19, 2016

7:30 p.m.



Lyall Memorial Federated Church

Helen Stafford Thorne: The Garden Club of America and the Millbrook Chapter

With Ginna Sermier

Helen Stafford Thorne, often referred to as “the First Lady of Millbrook”, was an instrumental member and leader in these two garden clubs. In 1889 Oakleigh Thorne married Helen Stafford of St. Louis, MO. It is under her direction that the estate was gradually transformed with extensive gardens “unrivaled in the county for their topiary work”. And still further, it was Helen’s vision and that of the Millbrook Garden Club that gives us the Tribute Gardens, a park of meticulously planted trees honoring those who served in the armed forces.

Please join us as Ginna Sermier, member of Millbrook Garden Club, provides insight into the history of these two organizations, both of which have now celebrated their Centennials. And learn the supporting role of Helen Stafford Thorne and the Millbrook Garden Club to the Garden Club of America.

Greetings from your President:

Once again, we had a great meeting last month .Thank you all for coming out to hear **Tom Lake** tell us about his adventure uncovering the **Hyde Park Mastodon**. If you missed the evening program, look for the video on “The Town of Washington/ Village of Millbrook Historical Society” Face Book. Also, you may look at Facebook for upcoming meetings and posting of events from other historical societies.

Again this year, we are planning to march in the **Memorial Day Parade**. Please come out and join us!

We are so saddened to hear of the passing of three very important members of our community: John Foreman, Stanley Benham and Shirley Benham. They each contributed substantially to our community and to the programs that have built our Historical Society and will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families.

Dianne McNeil, President

Next Program:

June 16th: 7 pm. at the Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club. An evening of history and great stories. An announcement will be sent.

*******Membership*******

Membership: Dues are \$25.00/individual or \$30/family. Businesses may also support our organization by contributing \$25/year as a business membership.

Donations for the Millbrook High School Award are always welcome. Please note the donation on your check.

Make checks payable to The Town of Washington Historical Society. Thank you!



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