



**Sunday, Dec. 8  
at 2:00 PM  
Free Admission**

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# The Farmingdale Village Cultural Arts Committee presents

## **Starting from Paumanok: A Celebration of Walt Whitman, 1819-2019**

***A free talk and reading by Karen Karbiener***

**2:00 PM on Sunday, Dec. 8 at Village Hall**

*PAUMANOK, by Walt Whitman*

*Sea-beauty! stretch'd and basking!*

*One side thy inland ocean laving, broad, with copious commerce,  
steamers, sails,*

*And one the Atlantic's wind caressing, fierce or gentle — mighty  
hulls dark-gliding in the distance.*

*Isle of sweet brooks of drinking-water — healthy air and soil!*

*Isle of the salty shore and breeze and brine!*

**Paumanok** was a name given to Long Island by Native Americans, and used by the poet Walt Whitman for the place of his birth 200 years ago, on May 31, 1819. The Cultural Arts Committee of the Village of Farmingdale is pleased to host a presentation and reading by Whitman scholar Karen Karbiener to celebrate the **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of Whitman's birth.

Dr. Karbiener will speak about the poet, his connection to **Farmingdale**, and her new book. The event is **free**, but reservations are appreciated to ensure adequate seating. To RSVP, contact Ann Rodenburg at 516-249-0093, x204 or [arodenburg@farmingdalevillage.com](mailto:arodenburg@farmingdalevillage.com).

**Karen Karbiener** is a Whitman scholar and teaches at NYU. Winner of the Kluge Fellowship at the Library of Congress and a Fulbright recipient, she has published widely on Whitman, including an edition of *Leaves of Grass*, two audiobooks on Whitman's life and influence, a book introducing Whitman's poetry to children, and a collaboration with illustrator Brian Selznick on *Live Oak, with Moss*.

**The Cultural Arts Committee of the Village of Farmingdale** sponsors artistic, cultural, historical and literary events throughout the year, including on the Village Green and in the adjoining Village Hall.