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Long Island Archives

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The 11th Annual Archives Week Leadership Conference was held on October 6, 2006 at the Thatched Cottage, Centerport, New York.

This year's conference title was: "Bridges from the Past-Spanning Long Island's History Through Generations of Women."

The sixty attendees at the Conference were pleased with the beautiful venue, great food, and the excellent speakers.

Many thanks to the keynote speaker, Natalie Naylor, Professor Emerita –Retired from Hofstra University, who spoke about "Searching for the Women in Long Island's History." Although women played a large part in the history of Long Island and the Country, they were often neglected in recorded history.

We also wish to thank guest speakers, Louisa T. Hargrave, co-founder of Hargrave Vineyards, who spoke about her role in founding the first successful commercial vineyard on Long Island, and Antonia Petrash, Director of Glen Cove Public Library, who spoke about famous women who lived on Long Island. Among the many who contributed to Long Island history were Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, Emily Warren Roebling, and Deborah Dunch Moody.

LILRC and the Documentary Heritage Program Advisory Committee would like to thank the contributors to the Conference: The Nassau County Library Association, the Suffolk County Library Association, and the Huntington Town Clerk's Archives for printing the invitations.

Documentary Heritage Program

The Documentary Heritage Program is looking to document the women in New York State history, and to that end the Central New York Library Resource Council has created an interactive website on their homepage.

If you have any material pertaining to Long Island's women in history, please contact the Regional Archivist, to learn how you may add it to the website. The website may be accessed by visiting: CLRC.ORG and clicking on Word on Women.

Grants deadline changed

A reminder that the deadline for submitting a grant application under the Documentary Heritage Program is February 1, 2007.

A grant writing session will be given on November 30, 2006 at the Half Hollow Hills Community Library-Dix Hills. Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Presenter: Antonia Mattheou, Archivist for the Huntington Town Clerk's Archives and a member of the Documentary Heritage Program Advisory Committee. To learn more about the DHP and the grants visit: <http://www.archives.nysed.gov>.

A complete listing of the DHP programs planned for the Spring and Summer will be in the next issue of this newsletter.

History Corner

The East Islip Historical Society in Partnership with The East Islip Public Library

The East Islip Historical Society was one of the first historical societies to join the Long Island Library Resources Council after the LILRC Board of Trustees opened membership to historical repositories. The East Islip Historical Society then become a part of the Regional Digitization Program. A society member attended the digitization training classes and proceeded to digitize some of the history of East Islip. These materials will soon become a part of the "*Long Island Memories*" digitization program.

The East Islip Historical Society was looking for a home and found one at the East Islip Library.

East Islip Library Director, Guy Edwards, and the East Islip Historical Society recently announced the dedication and opening of the new Local History Room on the lower level of the newly renovated East Islip Public Library. Among the features of the new Local History Room is the comprehensive Bob Mueller collection of Long Island Lighthouse materials on display and available for research. The East Islip Public Libraries' formidable collection of books, microfiche, newspapers, magazines and other materials covering East Islip, the surrounding areas, and Long Island are available in the Local History Room for research as well. In addition, the East Islip Historical Society now houses its collection of photos, historical objects, oral histories and much more, in the room at the library. The Society offers a bi-monthly rotating historical display in three beautiful glass and wood display cases, situated in a comfortable lounge area with a rug, and a table and chairs to sit and browse. The Historical Society's ever growing archives will soon be available in the Local History Room for research and browsing. Volunteers from the Society will be staffing the room to help towards this end. There is also a large conference table, microfiche machines, and a copy machine to assist with research. The room also features a dedicated computer terminal programmed to access the East Islip Historical Society website, and many other local history themed websites to aid in additional research.

This is a step forward in Long Island History. Good luck to this new partnership.

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