

Port Jefferson, New York

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Port Jefferson Historical Society President Nick Acampora announced today that the Society has been awarded grant from the Robert David Loin Gardiner Foundation. Mr. Acampora extended his and the Board's thanks to the Foundation for this generous grant and praised the Foundation for their unflagging support of Long Island's historical and cultural institutions. The grant provides funding to the Society to purchase materials, equipment and supplies to properly care for the Museum collections.

The RDL Gardiner Foundation, founded in 1987, has been supporting many of Long Island's historic and cultural entities with many types of grants

"Without this type of support, Long Island's Historical Societies would not be able to continue their work in preserving, protecting and exhibiting Long Island history to the public. We are grateful for the Foundations past and continued support of our Society's mission" said Mr. Acampora.

This grant is earmarked to purchase materials, equipment and supplies for the Society's extensive historic collections. Curator Laura Warren stated "The grant will provide much-needed archival materials to properly house and exhibit our collections, especially our textile collection. We will be able to better serve the public in both exhibitions and in research with the material purchased from the grant."

Grant-writer Anthony Butera stated the grant application was a joint effort of the Society's Board members, all of whom contributed information, data and ideas. He was very pleased with the amounts and type of help that the Foundation staff provided. "Everyone on the Board worked very hard to get all the application information together to help us take care of our buildings and collections - it was a great job by all our people."

The Society's museum complex, located at 115 Prospect Street Port Jefferson, has 11 building containing exhibits about Long Island and Port Jefferson History. The exhibits include Long Island's premier clock collection of over 200 time pieces, the historic Mather House, a prominent shipbuilders furnished home with permanent and rotating exhibits, plus an extensive collection of 18th and 19th Century tools, a Post Office, Barber Shop, Country Store and the Marine Barn that details Long Island's colorful history of ship building.

The Museum complex is open Wednesday through Sundays from May to October 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and there is no charge for admission.

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