



Newsletter

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New Gardiner Foundation Grants and Guidelines

The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, established in 1987, primarily supports the study of Long Island history, with an emphasis on Suffolk County. The Gardiner Foundation has updated funding guidelines and application forms. We are currently accepting proposals for Higher Education, Community Education, Primary/Secondary Education, Outreach Programs, Research (including archeology), Exhibition, Community Activities, Capacity Building, Cataloging & Digital Imaging, Conservation of Objects, Collections Care, Acquisitions, Cultural Resource/Historic Landscape Survey, Historic Structure Report/Condition Assessment, Structural Stabilization/Restoration, and Adaptive Reuse.

The Gardiner Foundation provides support for projects that we believe will make the greatest possible impact for promoting the appreciation of Suffolk County heritage and for preserving local historical collections and structures. To that end, our grant programs are **highly competitive**.

We invest in projects that will have a long-term, **sustainable** influence in the preservation of local heritage and also upon the ability of relevant organizations to carry out their missions.

We will now have two funding cycles with proposals due in April and October.

Start preparing your applications now!

Please visit www.rdlgfoundation.org for details and contact us at the Foundation at 631-594-3990 or email gardiner@rdlgfoundation.org.

Grantee In the Spotlight: Sylvester Manor and Educational Farm

In addition to a robust revival of farming at the site, sharing the narratives of the three cultures who lived and worked the land is central to the Manor's: the Manhasset tribe, whose homeland was all of Shelter Island before European arrival; some of the earliest enslaved Africans in this region, first brought to the island in 1653; and the Anglo-Dutch Sylvester family, whose heirs went on to make significant contributions in the fields of agriculture, the patriotic cause, nutritional science, and the arts.

Join Sylvester Manor on Saturday, February 28th, 11:00 a.m. at their annual remembrance of the indentured and enslaved laborers who have worked the property since 1651. African and Native American drumming, spiritual song, a reading by local students of a Jupiter Hammon poem, and blessings by area clergy. For more information please call the Manor at (631) 749-0626, or visit their website

at www.sylvestermanor.org



Sylvester Manor house.
Photo by W.W.Burford

Looking in the Mirror: Assessing the Strengths, Challenges, and Future of Our Suffolk County Historical Societies

The Suffolk County Historical Society has partnered with the Center for Nonprofit Leadership at Adelphi University and the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation to build the capacity of Suffolk County historical organizations and to help ensure their sustainability as stewards of Long Island history.

We are reaching out to all Suffolk County historical organizations to complete a brief survey and participate in a series of focus groups. This survey will help us all better understand the organizations' needs, strengths, and challenges as they strive to fulfill their mission. It will also help the Robert D.L. Gardiner Foundation develop funding guidelines that address critical areas, ensuring the continuity of the important work that our county's historical organizations accomplish. Upon completion of the research, we will hold a networking event where outcomes of this study will be shared publicly.

It is our hope that this needs assessment and its findings will enable local history organizations to receive the resources they require to accomplish their important missions.

We would love your participation! To contribute your thoughts to this needs assessment, please contact Kathryn Curran at 631-727-2881 x 101 or director@schs-museum.org.

Grantee In the Spotlight: Terry- Ketcham Inn

The Ketcham Inn Foundation, Inc. interprets over 300 years of history in Center Moriches. Founded in 1989, their mission is to restore the **Terry-Ketcham Inn**, former stage coach stop and tavern during the 18th century. Bert Seides, the Foundation President has worked tirelessly to restore this important structure with a meticulous eye to its original form. We look forward to completion of this impressive project and to an upcoming grand opening slated for this summer! Visit www.ketchaminn.org for more information about the property and their programs.



Terry-Ketcham Inn, photo taken 1903; Bert Seides conducting youth educational lecture.



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