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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008.

The Long Island Library Resources Council wishes to thank the Documentary Heritage Program Advisory Committee for helping to present so many successful events and workshops in 2007. Committee members are:

IRMGARD CARRAS, VILLAGE OF SANDS POINT HISTORIAN---HELENE CERKY, RETIRED ARCHIVIST, MAMIE ENG, HENRY WALDINGER MEMORIAL LIBRARY---GEOFF FLEMING, SOUTHOLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY---PATRICIA FLOOD, BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY---GREGORY S. HUNTER, PALMER SCHOOL OF LIU- C. W. POST CAMPUS---ANTONIA MATTHEOU, HUNTINGTON TOWN CLERK'S ARCHIVES---KRISTEN NYITRAY, STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES-SPECIAL COLLECTIONS---SHARON PULLEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY HISTORIC DOCUMENTS LIBRARY---JEAN WASSONG, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE DIOCESAN ARCHIVES---CYNTHIA W. SCIACCA, LONGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY---CORENE WOOD, BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY.

We wish to thank Corene Wood for her eleven years of service to the Committee. Corene will be leaving the Committee when her term ends in December 2007.

Looking back at the 12th Annual Archives Leadership Conference held on October 26, 2007 at beautiful Old Westbury Gardens.

We wish to thank the presenters: Gene Horton, Keynote Speaker, Susan Olsen, Dr. Rhoda Miller, John Hewlett, and Karen Buxton for their excellent presentations. You may view pictures of the conference on YouTube at: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=VeaQFKTJB1c>. Special thanks to Old Westbury Gardens Board of Trustees and staff for their hospitality.



Attendees and DHP Committee members at the 12th Annual Archives Leadership Conference.

Preserve America's Historical Record Bill (PAHR)

What does the "Preserve America's Historical Record (PAHR)" Bill mean for New York?

New York would receive over \$2.8 million dollars from a total of \$50 million dollars appropriated nationally.

Competitive grants would be available to over 3000 local archives, historical societies, libraries, and historical organizations as well as 4300 local governments.

The PAHR legislation will be introduced into the House of Representatives by co-sponsors Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) in December 2007.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Please contact your Congressmen and Senators either by phone, e-mail or preferably by faxing letters of support for the legislation which will help to save America's history. We have placed a sample letter on the last page of this newsletter which you may submit to your elected representatives in Washington, D.C. Please add whatever you feel would aid us in helping to move this legislation through Congress. For further information about the PAHR legislation, please contact the Regional Archivist, Virginia D. Antonucci-Gibbons.

Genealogy Pre-conference at Philadelphia Midwinter 2008

Are you going to ALA in Philadelphia in January? It's not too late to register for the genealogy pre-conference, to be held at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania on Friday, January 11. It is going to be a very interesting and informative day. Find out about registration and prices at:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/midwinter/2008/otherevents.htm>

Or contact Janice Schultz, Genealogy Librarian, jschultz@mcpl.lib.mo.us

Long Island Memories Regional Digitization Program

Have you visited "Long Island Memories" lately?

The LILRC Regional Digitization Program has grown to include photos, books, documents, and oral histories.

If you have materials pertaining to Long Island history, why not join the program?

Please visit the "Long Island Memories" webpage at <http://209.139.1.182/> and the LILRC webpage at www.lilrc.org for additional information on the Regional Digitization Program.



LILRC CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Committee is looking to expand. If you are trained and experienced in library and archival conservation and would like to join the committee, please contact the Regional Archivist.

LILRC would like to thank the Conservation/Preservation Committee members for their service to the Committee in 2007, they are: THOMAS SALTZMAN, CHAIR, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD--- RICHARD FEINBERG, STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY---REGINA MC ENEANEY, SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY--- MICHAEL O'CONNOR, HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY-SPECIAL COLLECTIONS---MYRNA SLOAM, BRYANT LIBRARY---GERI SOLOMON, HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES--- SU TERRY, DOWLING COLLEGE LIBRARY--- JEAN WALSH, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE-ARCHIVES--- JANICE WEINMAN, PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HISTORY CORNER:

Grandfather Lived Here: The Transformation of Bridgehampton, New York, 1870–1970, by Ann Sandford, is a new book on Bridgehampton.

In *Grandfather Lived Here*, Bridgehampton locals bring detail and wit to tales about shipwrecks and whales, Klansmen and rumrunners. The reader enters Main Street's gathering places, experiences growing up in a multiethnic rural community, and learns about the farmland's many transformations.

Weaving personal stories into a historical narrative, Ann Sandford describes her Long Island village as it experienced a century of change, influenced by the ready markets and growing wealth of New York City, just one hundred miles to the west. Richly illustrated with period photographs, this book rests on the extensive use of interviews, original sources, and earlier studies.

Documentary Heritage Program workshops for 2008

All workshops will be listed in the six month continuing education calendar to be mailed out in early January 2008.

Workshops:

Basics of Archives

Scrapbook Preservation

Arrangement and Description of Archival Materials

Preservation on a Shoestring

Grant Writing Session

Sample letter

The Honorable [Full Name]
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear [member of congress]

I am writing to urge your support as an original co-sponsor of the *Preserve America's Historical Record Act (PAHR)*. Our nation has recognized the importance of preserving federal documents, archives and our history by its support of national institutions like the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the Smithsonian Institution. However, this support does not address the other vital archives being held in state and local governments, historical societies, and library history collections. It is essential that more resources be directed to states and localities to ensure that documents and archival records can be readily used for a host of purposes by the people of this nation.

When archival documents are preserved in our states and communities, we protect the evidence of ownership of land, the rights and privileges of individual citizens, the right to know about the workings of government, the genealogy of our families, and the cultural heritage of our nation.

The organizations managing this essential evidence face many challenges, from fire and hurricanes to mold and mildew; from decaying materials to ensuring the recovery of outdated electronic media. This part of the American record needs attention now to ensure that the documents, records, and collections we need and treasure are cared for and available to all Americans for generations to come.

[INSERT HOW FUNDING WILL HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION]

The PAHR bill will be introduced shortly by Representative Maurice Hinchey to address this issue. When enacted, the proceeds will bring critical support to the state of New York through a formula-based distribution of funds. If the full request of \$50 million is approved, New York will receive \$2.8 million. This would have major impact on our ability to ensure that your constituents have access to irreplaceable archival records throughout our state and in our communities.

I urge you to become an original co-sponsor for this legislation. I will be following up this letter with a request to meet with you in Washington or during a congressional work period at your district office. For more information on becoming an original co-sponsor you may contact Anne Georges in Representative Hinchey's office (202/225-6335). I look forward to your support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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