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LILRC & DHP WORKSHOPS

SPRING 2008

Title: Copyright Issues for Digitization

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2008 **Time:** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

This is one of the required workshops for participation in the LILRC Regional Digitization Program

Presenter: June M. Besek, Esq., Executive Director, Kernochan Center for Law, Media and the Arts
Columbia University-Law School

Place: Merrick Library ~ 2279 Merrick Ave. ~ Merrick, New York 11566

Title: Scrapbook Preservation

Date: Monday, May 19, 2008 **Time:** 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Presenter: Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer, Archivist of the Culinary Institute of America

Place: Farmingdale Public Library ~ 116 Merritts Road ~ Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735

Scrapbooks can be difficult to preserve. This workshop will give you helpful hints on the care and preservation of scrapbooks such as how to store them, problems with leather covers that have "red rot," interleaving, loose pages, and much more.

FALL 2008

Title: Coping with Mold: Prevention and Remediation

Date: Friday, September 26, 2008 **Time:** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Presenter: Michele Brown, Book Conservator, Department of Preservation and Collection Maintenance
Olin Library, Cornell University

Place: Jericho Public Library ~ 1 Merry Lane ~ Jericho, N.Y. 11753

Topics to be covered:

- What are mold and mildew?
- Life cycle of mold, types of mold, effects of mold, preventing mold growth, and eliminating mold.
- Recognizing and coping with a mold outbreak.

HOLD THE DATE

Friday, October 24, 2008

13TH ANNUAL ARCHIVES LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Subject: Documentation of Gold Coast Mansions

Place: Village Club of Sands Point

Thayer Lane

Sands Point, New York (LIE exit #36)

Correction-Not at the Sands Point Preserve as stated in the last newsletter.

Tour of nearby "Gold Coast Mansions" will be included. Invitations will be sent out to those on our mailing list in August 2008. All are welcome.

HELP SAVE A PIECE OF LONG ISLAND HISTORY

We are proud to announce that the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame has agreed to work with LILRC to digitize historic materials in the Roosevelt Raceway Collection. This is an important piece of Long Island history that will be included in the “Long Island Memories” Regional Digitization Program.

The Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame in Goshen, New York has a large collection of Roosevelt Raceway memories. A plan has been launched to examine, identify, categorize, maintain, store, and digitize more than 8,000 photographs, more than 3,500 press information files as well as a significant number of video tape recordings, posters, programs and other memorabilia attesting to the preeminence of Roosevelt Raceway. Plans also call for the installation of an exhibit and the publication of a book that celebrates Roosevelt’s great times.

In 1988, following the closure of Roosevelt Raceway, one of New York State's finest harness racing venues, the property and all its contents lay deteriorating. The loss of this important racing facility was grave but the loss of the historic records and artifacts that tell its amazing stories would have been devastating.

Seven years later, with demolition imminent, The Harness Racing Museum was asked by the track's owners to retrieve what they could for the institution’s archives. The treasure trove of Roosevelt memories included a fine oil painting of track founder and president, George Morton Levy and six filing cabinets from the track's publicity office, containing a wealth of photographs and press releases. A multitude of boxes containing video tapes, books, movies and other archival materials were also rescued. A closer look at these precious memories reveals images of exuberant fans, elegant social events and superb racing that brought excitement and drama to the 20,000 people who nightly crowded the grandstand.

PROJECT FUNDING -- The NYS Council on the Arts, a state agency, although it fully supports the museum’s plans, can only provide a portion of the \$157,000 that will be required to accomplish the goals of the project. Additional funding is therefore eagerly invited. Harness racing fans, the children of fans, and all those associated with Roosevelt Raceway and the sport of harness racing as well as Long Islanders who proudly protect their heritage, are invited to join in ensuring that the track’s great history and its unique legacy, that has made an important impact on so many, is never forgotten.

*With your help these fantastic times will not be forgotten.
They will be protected, remembered and celebrated.*

FOR INFORMATION ON SUPPORTING THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE PLEASE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR, THE HARNESS RACING MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME, (845) 294-6330 • WWW.HARNESSMUSEUM.COM • E-MAIL HRMDIR@FRONTIERNET.NET. YOU MAY ALSO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION UNDER “WHAT’S NEW” ON THE LILRC WEBSITE AT: WWW.LILRC.ORG.

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