



Photo Exhibit Offers New Look at Historic House



The William Floyd Estate through the lens of local artist Xiomaro

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Fire Island National Seashore, New York – A close-up view of a Founding Father's rifle and sword are among the images presented by local artist Xiomaro in his collection "William Floyd's House of Revolution," a collection of photographs featured at "The William Floyd Estate Comes to Patchogue" exhibit opening July 4 at the Patchogue Watch Hill Ferry Terminal on West Avenue in Patchogue. The exhibit is open weekends from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and runs through August 17, 2014. The artist's reception will take place at the ferry terminal on Sunday, July 20 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The exhibit features "Old Mastic House," home to General William Floyd, an American revolutionary and signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the grounds of the William Floyd Estate, a unit of Fire Island National Seashore. Eight generations of the Floyd family lived at the Estate until they donated it to the National Park Service (NPS) in 1976.

The photographs were commissioned by the National Park Service and present an insider look at William Floyd through his personal items and of the Estate, silent witness to three centuries of change in the United States. A selection of the artist's favorite images will be on display along with artifacts from the Old Mastic House.

Xiomaro is a nationally exhibited artist from Long Island who uses photography to breathe life into iconic American figures and historical sites. His work has been covered by *The New York Times*, *The Huffington Post*, *Fine Art Connoisseur* and *News 12 Long Island*. He began as a NPS Artist-in-Residence at Weir Farm National Historic Site in Connecticut. In addition to the William Floyd Estate, he has photographed Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Weir Farm National Historic Site, and Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area. Xiomaro's work can be seen on display at Harvard University and at Stony Brook's Long Island Museum. For more information and for a free eBook, please visit www.xiomaro.com.

Visitors can enjoy the William Floyd Estate Fridays through Sundays on free guided tours of the 25-room Old Mastic House and explore the Estate's sprawling 613 acres of forest, fields, marsh, and trails. The Estate provides a lens into the nation's social, economic, and political evolution during the family's occupancy there, as reflected in the varied architecture, furniture styles, artifacts, and land use patterns.

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 401 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov.