

William Floyd's House of Revolution



The William Floyd Estate. Photo by Elaine Kiesling Whitehouse

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. A date for the artist's reception, which will be open to the public, is forthcoming.

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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 [HYPERLINK “http://www.xiomaro.com” www.xiomaro.com](http://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.