



North Country Garden Club Honored by OBHS

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OBHS Koenig Center proves a perfect venue for upcoming events with the TRA and SHNHP

The members of the North Country Garden Club (NCGC) were honored by the Oyster Bay Historical Society (OBHS) on June 10, for their work over the years in maintaining the colonial garden of the Earle-Wightman House, the headquarters of the society.

North Country Garden Club Thanked

As the business part of the meeting ended, Philip Blocklyn, OBHS executive director turned to the members of the NCGC to thank them for all the day, even in winter," said Mr. Blocklyn. He presented them with a plaque which will be mounted in the colonial garden. It contains a quote from "wonders." Mr. Blocklyn shared, "It was my mother's favorite quote." North Country Garden Club members Mary Beth Donohue and Ann also thanked them for their donation of a miniature of the North Room at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site (SHNHS). (Please see story on page 8.) The NCGC members in 1975. For many years it was displayed at the NPS TR Inaugural Site in Buffalo and was returned to the club in October 2002. "We are very grateful to the NCGC for their husband made the box that contains the room. She and several NCGC members chatted about the different elements in the room and the work of the details come alive. The NSGC is very proud of the work they have done at the Earle-Wightman House colonial garden as well as the garden is built around the herbs used during Victorian times.

Looking Back At The Year

The Koenig Center construction is finished and it is completely funded, said OBHS Board President Frank Theodore Roosevelt Association (TRA), said OBHS Executive Director Philip Blocklyn. Additionally, NCGC members also thanked them for their Wightman House materials. She added, "There is room for more objects." Mr. Blocklyn reminded the boxes and shelves to accommodate them. And every exhibition is different so it is a continual process.

New Trustees Elected

President Leone thanked the hardworking outgoing trustees, "who have done a wonderful job of conditioning, is all paid for — 100 percent. He said, "The 57-year old society has never been in

Trustee Election

OBHS board member John Hammond announced the new trustees, Class of 2013: John H. Warwick Robinson, Terry Strauss, Stefanie Leone, and Martin Murray, Esq. Mr. Hammond is Secretary Terry Strauss and Membership Coordinator Stefanie Leone.

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In his role as Oyster Bay Town Historian, John Hammond announced that the OBHS was said. Ms. Menchise gave the highlights of her work this past year as curator and librarian. the past year they have had various donations including: paintings, an Elizabeth Roosevelt Wightman House was recently re-furnished to reflect the 18th- and 19th-century interior. members a copy of his report listing the many workshops, exhibits and lectures. That included lavender biscuits with honey butter, and fruit kebabs. Mr. Blocklyn do have an open violin case," Mr. Blocklyn hinted. Mr. Blocklyn thanked Elizabeth Roosevelt who was a trustee and no

Coming Next

On July 15, an exhibit will be on view. It is a collaboration between the OBHS and SHNHS. The photographer, Xiomáro (who is addressed as "CO") is currently the 2012 Visiting Artist at the Weir Farm National Historic Site. He took photographs of Sagamore Hill after everything was removed from the house as it was being readied for its restoration. Those pictures, of the empty rooms, will be on exhibit in the spring. They include close-up photographs of the incredible woodwork motifs in the house that illustrate the rich details in the building.

In the fall, the OBHS will be hosting a Theodore Roosevelt Association exhibit, "TR in '12" on Theodore Roosevelt and the Bull Moose Party. The exhibit opened on June 15 and runs through Sept. 9, at the NPS TR Birthplace Site at 28 East 20th Street, between Broadway and Park in Manhattan and will be at the Koenig Center in the fall. Items in the exhibit include the eyeglass case that saved TR's life from the assassination attempt, the pistol that did the deed, and the bullet-holed shirt he wore that day. While bleeding, TR gave an impromptu speech. His notes had a hole in them, and he gave his famous quote, "it takes more than that to stop a Bull Moose!"

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Mr. Xiomáro is currently exhibiting at Weir Farm National Historic Site at the Burlingham House Visitor Center in Wilton, Connecticut. The exhibit is called "Weir Was Here: Secret Rooms, Doors and Windows."

Membership Discount

Mr. Blocklyn announced a special discount for new members living in the 11771 zip code. They will pay \$20 dues, as opposed to \$35 for those outside the zip code. The afternoon ended as guests returned to the collection and ceramics from their recent show. It all made for a charming interior. One of the recent projects of the OBHS is a brochure on the quilts in its collection. The afternoon ended as guests returned to the collection and ceramics from their recent show. "It was a wonderful occasion," said Ethel Woolverton.