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### **Oysterponds Historical Society Receives Generous Grant from Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation of New York**

Oysterponds Historical Society (OHS) is pleased to announce that it is a recipient of a Digital Tapestry grant of \$125,000 from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation (RDLG). OHS will join several other Long Island historical societies on the 1776AR Trail, including Shelter Island Historical Society and the Raynham Hall Museum in Oyster Bay, among others.

The grant will support an Augmented Reality Experience that will explore the dynamic and complicated history of the American Revolutionary War on Long Island's North Fork. It will be designed by the US-based 360XR, a company with deep experience in bringing technology, history, and education together.

Alison Field Ventura, Executive Director, OHS: "We are grateful to the Gardiner Foundation for giving us the opportunity to create an exciting new educational experience for our visitors and community. The story of Oysterponds during the Revolutionary War is a fascinating one and we can't wait to share it through the 21st Century magic of augmented reality."

"It is the mission of the RDLGF to advance the study of Long Island's history and its role in the American experience. The Gardiner Foundation's augmented reality offering, Digital Tapestry, is innovative in that it links historical societies across Long Island by specific themes. This grant, awarded to the Oysterponds Historical Society, allows them to join a total of 8 historic sites across all of Long Island from Brooklyn to Orient, focusing on each community's roles in the American Revolution. Digital Tapestry brings these sites to life through technology. This ingenious creation offers the public unprecedented history learning moments which will also promote tourism. Digital Tapestry is limitless in thematic scope and potential for the sustainability of our historic stewards." said Kathryn M. Curran, Executive Director of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.

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#### **About Oysterponds Historical Society (OHS)**

Founded in 1944, the Oysterponds Historical Society (OHS) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that celebrates the culture and heritage of the North Fork of Long Island, NY. OHS's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and share—through education, exhibitions, and scholarship—the history of the hamlets of Orient and East Marion. OHS maintains a campus of seven historically-significant buildings located in the heart of Orient's landmark historic district. The OHS collections include over 60,000 artifacts, works of art, and archival objects dating from early Native American times up to the present day. Every year OHS offers myriad compelling exhibitions of contemporary or historical significance, lectures, webinars, and other community events and activities open to the public. Additionally, three of OHS's historic buildings are open to the public on a regular basis during the summer

## About the Robert David Lion Gardiner (RDLG) Foundation



ROBERT DAVID LION GARDINER  
FOUNDATION

The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, established in 1987, primarily supports the study of Long Island history and its role in the American experience. Robert David Lion Gardiner was, until his death in August 2004, the 16th Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island, NY. The Gardiner family and their descendants have owned Gardiner's Island since 1639, obtained as part of a royal grant from King Charles I of England. The Foundation is inspired by Robert David Lion Gardiner's personal passion for New York history.

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