



Oysterponds
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**OYSTERPONDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARDED GRANT TO SUPPORT
COLLECTIONS CARE AND PRESERVATION**

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Oysterponds Historical Society is pleased to announce that have been awarded a grant for conservation supplies, from the NYSCA/GHHN Conservation Grant Program, a partnership between the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the Greater Hudson Heritage Network (GHHN) to support collections care and preservation in New York State.

The NYSCA/GHHN Conservation Grant Program: Preservation Supply and Site Assessment Grants are made possible with public funds from NYSCA, with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

Additional funding from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation supports projects from Long Island and New York City, and funding from the Coby Foundation supports dedicated textile projects.

Alison Ventura, Executive Director of OHS, says, *"Oysterponds Historical Society is honored to protect and share the history of the Orient and East Marion communities, and we are deeply grateful for the financial support of the New York State Council on the Arts, the Greater Hudson Heritage Network, and the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation."*

About Oysterponds Historical Society (OHS)

Local residents created Oysterponds Historical Society (OHS) in 1944 in order to bring people together to share and celebrate the unique history and culture of the North Fork, Long Island hamlets of Orient and East Marion. By presenting shared experiences from the past, we connect our rich heritage to the present and pass it on to future generations.

Today, OHS maintains seven historically-significant buildings located in the heart of Orient, New York's landmark historic district; cares for 8½ acres of grounds, including Poquatuck Park, a cherished community gathering spot; and actively manages a collection of over 60,000 items, including historic artifacts, documents, diaries, works of art, and archival objects dating from pre-colonial times all the way through to the present.

OHS offers myriad compelling exhibitions of contemporary or historical significance, lectures, webinars, and other community events and activities open to the public, as well as resources for genealogical and archival research. Several of OHS's historic buildings are open to the public on a regular basis during the summer months: Village House is period-furnished with noteworthy pieces from the OHS collection and shown as a late 19th-century boarding house, demonstrating a significant chapter in its history. The 18th-century Webb House is also period-furnished and contains a permanent Maritime exhibition. The 19th-century Red Barn boasts a multi-media exhibition comprised of pictures, tools, equipment, and artifacts of farming and fishing as well as winter activities and early transportation.

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