

Oyster Bay Railroad Museum Receives \$100,000 Grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation

The Oyster Bay Railroad Museum has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation to support the restoration of the historic landmark station.

This project brings another venue to the period circa 1902 when Theodore Roosevelt was president. It was a time when he travelled to and from his home at Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay, to New York City, Washington D.C. and beyond, by train. When completed, the station will become the permanent home of the Museum, a venue which will facilitate its fundamental mission, which is to inspire and educate students and others through the exploration of static displays, exhibits and artifacts, in an historic learning environment.

"The Oyster Bay Railroad Museum will be a key site for all those interested in experiencing Teddy Roosevelt's days on Long Island. At the entrance to the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park, the Museum will add another layer to the President's story which includes Sagamore Hill, the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audahn Center, President's final resting place at Young's Memorial Cemetery" says Kathryn M. Curran Executive Director of the Robert David Lion Gardner Foundation.

Established in 1937, the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation primarily supports the study of New York State history. Robert David Lion Gardiner was until his death in August 2004, the 15th Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island. The Gardiner family and their descendants have owned Gardiner's Island since 1539, obtained as part of a royal grant from King Charles of England. The Foundation is inspired by Robert David Lion Gardiner's personal passion for New York history. For more information regarding the Foundation visit www.rdigfoundation.org

The Oyster Bay Railroad Museum is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization, fully accredited with the New York State Education Department, visit the Museum at www.obrm.org.