New Gardiner Foundation Grants and Guidelines

The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, established in 1987, primarily supports the study of Long Island history, with an emphasis on Suffolk County. The Gardiner Foundation has updated funding guidelines and application forms. We are currently accepting proposals for Higher Education, Community Education, Primary/Secondary Education, Outreach Programs, Research (including archeology), Exhibition, Community Activities, Capacity Building, Cataloging & Digital Imaging, Conservation of Objects, Collections Care, Acquisitions, Cultural Resource/Historic Landscape Survey, Historic Structure Report/Condition Assessment, Structural Stabilization/Restoration, and Adaptive Reuse.

The Gardiner Foundation provides support for projects that we believe will make the greatest possible impact for promoting the appreciation of Suffolk County heritage and for preserving local historical collections and structures. To that end, our grant programs are highly competitive.

We invest in projects that will have a long-term, sustainable influence in the preservation of local heritage and also upon the ability of relevant organizations to carry out their missions.

We will now have two funding cycles with proposals due in April and October. Start preparing your applications now!

Please visit www.rdlgfoundation.org for details and contact us at the Foundation at 631-594-3990 or email gardiner@rdlgfoundation.org.

2015 Grant Awardees

Bayard Cutting Arboretum
Bohemia Historical Society
Carmen's River Maritime Center
Cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church Southold
Columbia University
Cutchogue-New Suffolk H. S.
Eastville Community Suffolk H. S.
Friends of Connetquot
Friends of Science Tesla Museum
Gen. Mac Arthur Memorial Fund
Hallockville Farm Museum
H. S. Of Greater Port Jefferson
Islip Arts Council
L. I Maritime Museum
Mashomack Nature Conservancy
Mastic Peninsula Hist. Soc.
New York University
Oysterponds East Marion H.S.
Parrish Art Museum
Shelter Island Historical Society
Southampton Town Anniversary
Stony Brook Foundation
S. C. Archeological Society
Suffolk County Historical Society
Vanderbilt Museum
Smithtown 350 Foundation
Rocky Point Historical Society
ROBERT D.L. GARDINER FOUNDATION GIVES $3 MILLION TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Gift Will Establish Chair in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

The Robert D.L. Gardiner Foundation has generously donated $3 million to the Columbia University Faculty of Arts and Sciences to establish the Robert Gardiner Professorship in the history department. The new chair focuses on teaching New York history, and is the first gift of its kind from the Foundation to a university.

"Robert Gardiner '32CC was a proud Columbia alumnus and lover of New York. He would have been exceptionally proud of this gift," said Joseph R. Attonito, President of the Robert D. L. Gardiner Foundation.

The new chair also honors Kenneth T. Jackson, who has served Columbia with distinction for nearly fifty years. After his future retirement, the chair will be renamed The Robert Gardiner-Kenneth T. Jackson Professorship. Currently, Jackson is the director of the Herbert H. Lehman Center for the Study of American History and the Jacques Barzun Professor History and Social Sciences. He is the recipient of numerous fellowships and honorary degrees, and has written notable books on American history including Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of the United States and the landmark Encyclopedia of New York City.

"We are extremely grateful to the Gardiner Foundation for having the vision to ensure the legacy of both its namesake, Robert David Lion Gardiner and beloved Columbia professor Kenneth T. Jackson, by endowing this chair," said David Madigan, Executive Vice President and Dean of Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The Foundation's investment ensures that Columbia will continue to be home to the finest scholarship and teaching on New York for decades to come.

"Having dedicated my entire professional life to the study of cities and, in particular, New York, it is a singular honor to have this chair established in my name, and to share it with Robert Gardiner, another proud New Yorker—and Columbian," said Professor Jackson. "It is a real source of pride to know that Columbia will maintain its storied tradition of teaching and studying about the great city and state that we call home."

Seated Joseph R. Attonito, Lynne Nowick, Dr. Kenneth Jackson, Kathryn Curran, The Honorable Peter Fox Cohalan, Dr. Jennifer Attonito, Robert Watkins, Dr. Valery Paley, Shalini Mamini