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Special Summer Programs at Fire Island National Seashore's William Floyd Estate

Patchogue, NY— What would your house look like more than 280 years from now? If you lived in 1782, how would you build a house and what tools would you use? Is it a Chippendale or a Hepplewhite? Could you research your family tree in a cemetery? The William Floyd Estate will be answering all these questions and many more this summer.

From Saturday May 26, 2007 through Monday October 8, 2007, the William Floyd Estate will be offering a host of interpretive programs. The 283- year- old “Old Mastic House” will be open for free guided tours Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p.m. Visitors are treated to a unique view of the house that was used by a single family from 1724 to 1977. The furniture, the wallpapers, the dishes, the sheets, the rugs, the paintings and pictures are the stuff of real history. Take an hour tour of 280 years of our local history; stroll the grounds that were part of a 4,400 acre plantation; see eight generations of Floyds in the family cemetery.

Special programs are limited in size and are by reservation only. Starting May 25, call 631- 399- 2030 on Fridays and Saturdays, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to make your reservations. For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/fiis. You can learn more about the [William Floyd Estate](#), guided tours and other activities, and the park's natural and cultural resources.

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The Park's Collections is an insider's look at the park's museum collections. Over 15,000 objects are cataloged and stored in the curatorial storage facility. Visitors will see christening dresses, 18th century ceramics, Native American indentures, cartes de visite, and much more.

Program offered on Friday June 1, Friday June 22 and Sunday June 24, 2007 starting at 1 p.m.
Call 631- 399- 2030 on Fridays and Saturdays, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to make your reservations.

Trees, Wood and Tools: The Colonial Uses of Wood is a unique introduction to the trees, tools and woods of the colonial period in New York. The Floyd family used the pristine forests to build their beloved "Old Mastic House" and all their barns and outbuildings. Samples of wood and tools used by the Floyds and their carpenters will be shown and explained. Weather permitting, a walk will be conducted to view specific types of trees that were used for various purposes by the Floyd family.

Program offered on Saturday June 2 starting at 10 a.m. by reservation only.
Call 631- 399- 2030 on Fridays and Saturdays, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to make your reservations.

Three Centuries of Floyd Furniture is an introduction to styles and characteristics of the large variety of furniture on exhibit in the "Old Mastic House." See William Floyd's mid- 18th century Chippendale secretary and learn the characteristics of Hepplewhite furniture and what a "crest rail" is on a sofa. The "Old Mastic House" furniture dates from the late 1600s to the 1950s and nearly every period furniture style is represented.

Program offered on Sunday June 3 and Saturday June 30 starting at 10 a.m. by reservation only.
Call 631- 399- 2030 on Fridays and Saturdays, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to make your reservations.

"Old Mastic House:" A Simple Architectural Study introduces visitors to a simple architectural review of the Old Mastic House. Colonial, Victorian and Greek Revival architecture, among other styles, are all represented here and each will be seen and explained. Eighteenth century doors, post and beam framing and 12 over 12 windows are just some of the details to be examined.

Program offered on Saturday June 16 starting at 10 a.m. by reservation only.
Call 631- 399- 2030 on Fridays and Saturdays, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to make your reservations.

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Cradle to Grave: The Life and Times of John G. Floyd, Jr. is the story of real people living in the Old Mastic. John G. Floyd, Jr. was a publisher, a lawyer, a Civil War veteran, a father, a widower, and a European traveler. Follow his life through the Old Mastic House and finish in the family cemetery with a grave stone rubbing.

Program offered on Sunday June 17 starting at 10 a.m. by reservation only.
Call 631- 399- 2030 on Fridays and Saturdays, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to make your reservations.

Documents in Stone is a unique introduction to genealogical research. Visitors are shown a variety of ways to learn about grave markers, from the material they were made of, to foot stones, to kinship, to burial characteristics. Learn about the origins of the “Deaths Head” and take a grave stone rubbing home.

Program offered on Sunday July 1 starting at 10 a.m. by reservation only.
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