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Docent Positions Available This Summer at William Floyd Estate Volunteer Recruitment Programs Planned for March 8 and March 12

Patchogue, NY— Fire Island National Seashore is looking for additional volunteer docents to help share the stories and the significance of the William Floyd Estate in Mastic Beach. If you enjoy talking with people and sharing stories, if you appreciate old houses, barns, antiques, and cemeteries, or if you are fascinated by genealogy, you may be interested in becoming a “Volunteer In Parks” (VIP) at the William Floyd Estate. As a park VIP, some community residents make the William Floyd Estate as very special place by conducting tours through the Old Mastic House.

The William Floyd Estate will be hosting two new Volunteer in Park (VIP) recruitments at the Mastic- Moriches- Shirley Library on Saturday morning, March 8, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and on Wednesday evening, March 12, 2008 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Mastic- Moriches- Shirley Public Library is located at 407 William Floyd Parkway, Shirley, New York 11967.

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The William Floyd Estate is the home of William Floyd, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. In 1976 his descendants donated the house, its contents and 613 acres of property with outbuildings and a family cemetery to the National Park Service. The themes of “The Land, The House and The Family,” spanning over 250 years, are interpreted as an example of how a single family adapted their lives, life- styles and land to a continually changing world. Volunteers can conduct guided tours of the historic house, assist the staff during special programs and help in the gift shop. Volunteers are a very important component of visitor services provided by the National Park Service.

To learn more about these opportunities we hope you will join us on either of the dates of March 8th or March 12th. For more information please call (631) 399- 2030.

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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