

# William Floyd Estate Summer Programs 2007

Fire Island  
National Seashore



## William Floyd Estate

May 26 - October 8, 2007

Friday - Sunday & Holidays

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

(Wednesday July 4: 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**631-399-2030**

*Free self-guiding pamphlets for the outbuilding area and family cemetery are available at the Old Mastic House until 4:30 p.m.*

Plan to spend at least 2 hours at the William Floyd Estate to see the house, grounds and family cemetery.

## Ranger-Conducted Programs

### Old Mastic House Tour

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Visit the historic home of William Floyd and be guided through multiple generations of change from the 1720s to the 1970s. This free 1 hour guided tour of the furnished 25-room house is offered every half-hour. Last tour leaves at 4:30 p.m.

*Starting May 25, 2007 call 631-399-2030 on Fridays and Saturdays, between 11:00am and 1:00pm to make your reservations for any special programs.*

### The Park's Collections

June 1, 22, 24, July 13, 22, August 5, 10 1:00pm

Reservations required.

Take an inside 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.

### Trees, Wood and Tools:

#### The Colonial Uses of Wood

June 2, July 29 10:00am Reservations required.

This 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 of 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.



"Old Mastic House" as seen across the pignale in summer.

### Three Centuries of Floyd Furniture

June 3 & 30, July 15, Aug 26 10:00am

Reservations required.

An introduction to the 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 about other pieces. The Old Mastic House furniture dates from the late 1600s to the 1950s and nearly every period furniture style is represented.

### Old Mastic House: A Simple Architectural Study

June 16, July 14, August 11 10:00am Reservations required.

Visitors will be given 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.

### Cradle to Grave:

#### The Life and Times of John G. Floyd, Jr.

June 17, July 28, August 25 10:00am Reservations required.

John G. Floyd, Jr. — a story of real people living in the Old Mastic House. He 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.

### Documents in Stone

July 1, August 12 10:00am Reservations required.

It's a unique introduction to genealogical research. Visitors are shown a variety of ways to learn about grave markers from the materials 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.