

William Floyd Estate
Summer Programs 2008

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May 23 - October 26, 2008
Friday - Sunday & Holidays
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
631-399-2030

Old Mastic House Tours
May 23 - October 26, 2007
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday - Sunday & Holidays

Visit the historic home of William Floyd and be 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 begins at 4:00 p.m.

Free self-guiding pamphlets for the outbuilding area and family cemetery are available at the Old Mastic House.

Plan to spend 2 hours at the William Floyd Estate to learn about the Land, the House and the Family.



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Reservations are required for these programs.
Please call 631-399-2030 to make reservations.

Documents in Stone

September 27 @ 10:00 am

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 do a gravestone rubbing.

Old Mastic House:

A Simple Architectural Tour

July 19, and October 25 @ 10:00am

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. 18th Century doors, post and beam framing and 12 over 12 windows are just some of the details to be examined.

Trees, Wood and Tools:

The Colonial Use of Wood

September 20 @ 10:00 am

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.

The Old West Lane Walk

August 9 and October 11 @ 10:00 am

This leisurely nature stroll along the Old West Lane will point out trees, shrubs, flowers and birds along the road. The road basically follows one of the early entrance roads into the Estate.

Cultural Landscape Walking Tour

June 7 @ 10:00 am

What's a cultural landscape all about? On this Estate it's about how the Floyd family manipulated, changed and adapted their land for their multiple uses. It's the history of the land changed through human use. It went from plantation and working farm to a summer estate and hunting preserve. There is all evidence of past use and on this walking tour we will look for that evidence.

The Park's Collections

July 12, August 16, September 13 and October 4
@ 10:00 am

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 Textiles, ceramics, Native American Indentures, Carte-de-visites and much more.

Cradle to Grave:

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

July 5 and August 23 @ 10:00 am

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 widow and a European traveler. Follow his life through the Old Mastic House and finish in the family cemetery with a grave stone rubbing.

Three Centuries of Floyd Furniture

July 26, August 30 and October 18 @ 10:00 am

This introduces the styles and characteristics of the furnishings on exhibit in the "Old Mastic House". See William Floyd's mid-18th century Chippendale Secretary and learn about many other pieces. The Old Mastic House furniture dates from the late 1600s to the 1950s and nearly every period furniture style is represented.