

# Local History Contacts & Some Key Websites A Checklist

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## Patchogue-Medford Area

### GENERAL

- **The Patchogue-Medford Library. Celia M. Hastings Local History Room (CMHLHR):** Contact: *Mark Rothenberg, Local History Liaison*; tel.: (631) 654-4700, ext. 240; Email: [mrothenberg@pmlib.org](mailto:mrothenberg@pmlib.org). PML Local History Website: <http://history.pmlib.org/>. Note: The website's 6 basic "History Pages" (in the *left-hand column*) tend to expand. They range geographically, *from the NYS to village history* (including many points in between), *as you proceed down the column*. They include *many full-text classics and collections of documents*, usually *searchable & downloadable*. A "Resources" section follows (below that), offering some *handy reference works and links to searchable local historical newspapers*. **Patchogue-Medford Library is the State-designated Central Library for Suffolk County, N.Y.** The Library maintains non-circulating *L.I. REF and N.Y. REF book collections* (including historical and genealogical material), *Long Island and Patchogue Vertical Files* (arranged by subject, generally well-subdivided); as well as *Archival, Digital, Audiovisual* (including *photographic, postcard, map and atlas collections*, and occasionally *changing displays*).

### MEDFORD, NY – GENERAL

- **Medford Chamber of Commerce:** *Michael Gorton, Jr., President; Tom Kelly, Vice President; Wayne Neumann, Treasurer; Valerie Caiazza, Secretary*; tel.: (631) 475-3374; Website: <http://www.medfordchamberny.org/index.html>

### MEDFORD, NY – HISTORY

- **Medford Music House:** *Mary and Jim Gubitosi, Proprietors* (P.O. Box 926) 1761 Route 112, Medford, NY 11763; tel. (631) 654-8449; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4WhimgpkGY>; were members of the Board of Directors of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, have created an incipient *Medford Historical Society* that meets one Thursday a month at the Medford Fire House. The Gubitosi's are effectively *de facto Medford Village Historians*, and are gathering material for a museum. Medford Music House, Mary's place of business, is probably the best place to reach them.

### MEDFORD, NY – NEWSPAPERS

- *Medford News* @ <http://www.topix.com/city/medford-ny>
- *Medford Newswire* @ <http://www.topix.com/wire/city/medford-ny>
- *Medford Patch* @ <http://medford-ny.patch.com/>

### PATCHOGUE, NY – GENERAL

- **Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce:** 2012-2013 Executive Board: *Jacqueline DuPre Hensley, President; Dawn Turnbull, Melissa Kuehnle, & Lou Commisso, Vice Presidents; Kathleen Quinn, Secretary; Jason R.*

*Volini, Treasurer; Lorice Fiala, Past President*, 15 North Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772; tel.: 1(631) 207-1000; Website: <http://www.patchogue.com/>

## PATCHOGUE, NY – CEMETERIES

- **Cedar Grove Cemetery Association**, P.O. Box 212, (80 Jennings Avenue), Patchogue, NY 11772; tel.: 1(631) 447-1971
- **Incorporated Village of Patchogue, N.Y. Cemetery Restoration Committee**, Contact: *Steven C. Gill, Chairman & Civic Member*; P.O. Box 719 (14 Baker Street), Patchogue, NY 11772; tel.: 1(631) 645-1517  
Established in 2006, prime movers in the major Lakeview Cemetery restoration, actually 5-cemeteries in one.
- **Patchogue Hebrew Cemetery**, Buckley Road, Holbrook, NY; tel.: 1(631) 475-0310; affiliated with Temple Beth-El of Patchogue, 45 Oak Street, Patchogue, NY 11772; tel.: 1(631) 475-1882
- **St. Francis de Sales Cemetery**, East 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Patchogue, NY 11772; affiliated with St. Francis de Sales Church, 7 Amity Street, Patchogue, NY; tel: 1(631) 475-0161

## PATCHOGUE – VILLAGE HISTORIAN & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- **Greater Patchogue Historical Society**, P.O. Box 102, Patchogue, NY 11772; Contacts: *Jim Roselle, President; Alyson Roselle, Vice President; Steve Lucas, Secretary; Sandra Marshak, Treasurer; Rosemary Lucas, Corresponding Secretary; Peter Berman, Historian/Curator*  
Website: <http://www.greaterpatchoguelhistoricalsociety.com/index.php?id=52>
- **Patchogue Village Historian** (Incorporated Village of Patchogue, NY.): Contact: *Hans Henke*, 78 North Prospect Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772; Tel.: 1(631) 289-1062 (home); Email: [hiam52@yahoo.com](mailto:hiam52@yahoo.com) (copies of *Patchogue: The Early Years* and *Patchogue: The Twentieth Century* are available directly through Mr. Henke, their author, each priced @ \$26.00).

## PATCHOGUE, NY – NEWSPAPERS

- **Long Island Advance** [formerly *Patchogue Advance*], 1872-Present. Contacts: *John H. Tuthill, III, Publisher; Terry Tuthill, IV, Assistant. Publisher/Display Advertising Sales /Manager; Linda Leuzzi, Editor*; tel.: 1(631) 475-1000; website: <http://www.longislandadvance.net/>; Staff Roster: <http://www.longislandadvance.net/staff-roster.aspx>.  
*See also Suffolk Historic Newspapers* (pm Live-brary.com): <http://www.live-brary.com/historic-newspapers>, which, courtesy of the Long Island Advance, includes a *searchable, digital version* of the *Patchogue Advance, 1926-1969*.
- **Patchogue Patch** @ <http://patchogue.patch.com/> Contact: *Michael Sorrentino, Local Editor*

## **Wider-Ranging, Related Contacts, Collections, Websites**

### BROOKHAVEN (N.Y. : TOWN) – HISTORY

- **Brookhaven (N.Y. Town). Historian:** *Barbara Russell, Brookhaven Town Historian*; Brookhaven Town Hall,

One Independence Hill, Historian's Office, Farmingville, NY 11738; tel.: 1(631) **451-8038**; Fax: 1(631) **451-8039**; web page: <http://www.brookhaven.org/History/BrookhavenTownHistory.aspx>

## SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY – ARCHEOLOGY

- **Suffolk County Archeological Association:** P.O. Box 1542, Stony Brook, NY 11790; Officers: *Douglas DeRenzo*, President; *Dave Thompson*, Vice President; *Elena Eritta*, VP Marine Archaeology; *Laurie Billadello*, Corresponding Secretary; *Gaynell Stone*, Ph.D., Recording Secretary, Museum Director, & Editor, *Readings in Long Island Archaeology and Ethnohistory* (8-vol. series, so far); <http://www.scaa-ny.org/publications>; *Randi Vogt*, Treasurer & Web Master; tel.: 1(631) **929-8725**; fax: 1(631) 929-6967; website: <http://www.scaa-ny.org/>

## SUFFOLK COUNTY, N.Y. – HISTORY

- **East Hampton Library. The Morton Pennypacker Long Island Collection,** Tel.: Contacts: *Gina Piastuck*, Department Head; *Steve Boerner*, Librarian / Archivist; *Suzanne Setter*, Librarian; 159 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937; Department tel.: 1(631) **324-0222, ext. 4**; web page: <http://www.easthamptonlibrary.org/history/index.html>
- **Smithtown Library. Richard H. Handley Collection of Long Island Americana:** Contacts: *Cathy Ball & Caryn Zatyk*, Long Island Room Librarians; 1 North Country Road, Smithtown, NY 11787; tel.: 1(631) **360-2480**, ext. 197; web page: <http://www.smithlib.org/long-island-room.html>; Email: <http://www.smithlib.org/general-information/contact.html>
- **Suffolk County Archivist:** Contact: *Sharon A. Pullen*, C.A., MSLIS, Office of the County Clerk. Historic Documents Library, 310 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901-3392; tel: 1(631) **852-2000, ext. 700**; fax: 1(631) **852-2004**; web pages & directories of particular interest:
  - *Historic Documents Library* @ <http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/CountyClerk/HistoricDocumentsLibrary.aspx>
  - *Suffolk Historical Societies*, comp. by Sharon A. Pullen @ <http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/CountyClerk/HistoricDocumentsLibrary/HistoricalSocieties.aspx>
  - *Archives and Manuscript Repositories in Nassau and Suffolk Counties*, comp. by Sharon A. Pullen @ <http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/CountyClerk/HistoricDocumentsLibrary/RepositoryDirectory.aspx>
- **Suffolk County Clerk:** Contact: *Judith A. Pasquale*, 310 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901; tel.: 1(631) **852-2000**; web page: <http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/departments/countyclerk.aspx> - Note esp. the entry on *Torrens*. The County Clerk's and County Surrogate's Office (in the same building) are prime places to research the history of house ownership in Suffolk County. You will need your Suffolk County Property Tax I.D. number to access online records.
- **Suffolk County Historical Society:** Officers: *Kathryn M. Curran*, Director; *Lynn Egan*, Assistant Director; *Ruth Vosburgh*, Administrative Assistant; *Edward H.L. Smith, III*, Librarian; *Amy Folk*, Collections Manager; *Emma Ballou*, Curator; *Lee G. Thumser*, Gift Shop and Volunteer Coordinator; *Mary Beth Finnegan*, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper 300 West Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901-2894; tel.: 1(631) **727-2881**; fax: 1(631) **727-3467**; Hours: 12:30-4:30 P.M.: Museum: Tu-Sa; Library: W-Sa; The Society maintains a museum, library & archives, conducts educational programs, maintains the Weathervane Gift Shop (located in the museum basement). The latter is one of L.I.'s best-stocked, best-kept open secrets: a fine source of local history material, ranging from children's historically-oriented coloring books and historical fluff & puffery, to local history classics, hard-to-find & out-of-print works, as well as recent publications & new scholarship in local

history, archaeology, and anthropology. S.C.H.S. published *The Register*; and now the *Newsletter of the Suffolk County Historical Society* (online back issues)

- **Main website:** <http://suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org/>
- **Library & Archives** web page: <http://suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org/library.html>
- **Suffolk County Museum** web page: <http://suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org/museum.html>
- **Weathervane Gift Shop** web page: <http://suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org/gifts.html>
- ***The Register*** web page: [http://suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org/the\\_register.html](http://suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org/the_register.html) -- includes recent full-text, downloadable material
- ***Newsletter of the Suffolk County Historical Society*** web page (Media Room): <http://suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org/media.html>

- **Suffolk County Police Historical Society [& Museum]:** The John L. Barry Suffolk County Police Headquarters, (P.O. Box 343), 30 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY 11980; tel.: 1(631) **852-6174**. Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM daily. Contacts: **Police Officer Edward J. Johntry**, *Department Historian*; **Lt. Thomas B. Smith**, *Museum Curator*; **Capt. Douglas Rilling**, *President*. Website: <http://apps.suffolkcountyny.gov/police/historicalsociety.htm>
- **Suffolk Historic Newspapers [1822-2007]** A collaborative project of *Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Participating Member Public Libraries, Local Newspapers, and Historical Societies* (Huntington Historical Society contributed the *Long Islander*). Selected runs of **15 weekly newspapers**, chosen by public libraries, representing nine regions of the County.
  - Website: <http://live-brary.com/historic-newspapers/>

## LONG ISLAND, NY – HISTORY

- **Hofstra University. Special Collections Department. Long Island Studies Institute. Room 032.**  
Contact: **Prof. Geri Solomon**, *Assistant Dean of Special Collections*, tel.: (516) **463-6407**; website: @ [http://www.hofstra.edu/Library/libspc/libspc\\_lisi\\_main.html](http://www.hofstra.edu/Library/libspc/libspc_lisi_main.html). The Institute and Special Collections Department at Hofstra University's Axinn Library (see below) are rich sources of information on both Nassau County and Long Island history, as well as of N.Y.S. and U.S. general and suburban historical studies
- **Hofstra University. Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library. Special Collections Department. Long Island Studies Institute Collections;** website: @ [http://www.hofstra.edu/pdf/Library/libspc\\_lisi\\_collections.pdf](http://www.hofstra.edu/pdf/Library/libspc_lisi_collections.pdf)  
– excellent resource
- **Long Island Library Resources Council. Documentary Heritage Program:**  
Contact: **Virginia D. Antonucci-Gibbons**, *LILRC Regional Archivist*; tel.: 1(631) **675-1570**; fax: 1(631) **675-1573**; Main Web Pages:
  - **Documentary Heritage Program** @ <http://www.lilrc.org/progsvce/dhp.php>
  - **Nassau County Libraries Historic Newspaper Collections** @ <http://www.longislandmemories.org/linews.php>
  - **Regional Digitization Program** @ <http://www.lilrc.org/progsvce/digitization.php>
  - **Long Island Memories Digitization Program** @ <http://www.longislandmemories.org/>
- **Long Island Maritime Museum:** (P.O. Box 184), 86 West Avenue, West Sayville, NY 11796; tel.: (631) HISTORY. Contacts: **Capt. Mike Caldwell**, *Executive Director*; **Michael Eagan**, *Chairman, Board of Trustees*; **Barbara Forde**, *Librarian*; Website: @ <http://limaritime.org/>
- **Long Island Museum Association (LIMA):** (P.O. Box 1063), Huntington, NY 11743; website: @ <http://www.limamuseums.org/index.html>
- **Long Island Radio and TV Historical Society – Preserving Wireless History:** 41 Sayville Boulevard, Sayville, NY 11782; Contact: **Constance Currie**, *President*; website: <http://www.lirtvhs.org/>

- **Long Island Rail Road History Website (Unofficial).** Contact: *Robert W. Andersen, Site Owner.*  
Website: @ <http://www.lirrhistory.com/>
- **Long Island Rail Road, Alphabetical Station Listing and History:** Compiled from data researched by Vincent F. Seyfried, Robert M. Emery, Art Huneke, and Jeff Erlitz Website: @ <http://www.trainsarefun.com/lirrphotos/LIRR%20Station%20History.htm>
- **Long Island Studies Council,** 496 Clarendon Road, Uniondale, NY 11553; Contact: *Dr. Natalie Naylor, Co-President; founder & Director, Emerita, of Hofstra University's Long Island Studies Institute*
- **State University of New York at Stony Brook. Special Collections and University Archives:** Stony Brook University Libraries, Frank Melville, Jr. Memorial Library, Room E-2320 Stony Brook, NY 11794-3323; Contact: *Kristen J. Nyitray, Head, Special Collections & University Archives / University Archivist / Associate Librarian.* Tel.: (631) 632-7119, Email: [Kristen.nyitray@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Kristen.nyitray@stonybrook.edu) ; *Lynn Toscano, Asst. Head, University Archives and Special Collections,* Email: [lynn.toscano@stonybrook.edu](mailto:lynn.toscano@stonybrook.edu)
  - Special Collections and University Archives, Contact Information: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/libspecial/collections/digital.html#lic>
  - Guide to Special Collections, A to Z Listing: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/libspecial/collections/manuscripts/>
  - Long Island Collections (Digital Collections): <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/libspecial/collections/digital.html#lic>
  - Maps and Atlases: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/libspecial/collections/maps.html>
  - University Archives: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/libspecial/collections/archives/index.html>
  - Note: The University Libraries' Archives & Special Collections include excellent L.I.-related resources and a LI / NYS-related map collection, that is the best on L.I., short of NYC. The Map Library is in the Frank Melville, Jr. Memorial Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

## NEW YORK (STATE) – HISTORY

- **APHNYS – Association of Public Historians of New York State**
  - Website: Find an Historian: <http://www.aphnys.org/find-an-historian/> Lets you search for contact information by county, name, or region (some are difficult to find, such as Suffolk Town Historians), also offers a Speaker's Bureau, historical markers links, and an Historians' Manual, among other useful resources.
- **New York State Archives. Region 10 – Metro-Long Island Region** (Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Queens, Richmond, and Suffolk Counties): *Lorraine Hill, Regional Advisory Officer;* Suffolk State Office Building, Room 3A, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-5501; tel.: 1(631) **521-9796**; Email: [lhilcam@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:lhilcam@mail.nysed.gov); Staff Directory, NYS Archives website: [http://www.archives.nysed.gov/a/directories/dir\\_staff.shtml#Advisory](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/a/directories/dir_staff.shtml#Advisory)

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