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The Long Island History Committee of RASD visited the Bayard Cutting Arboretum on Thursday, May 21st. We had two wonderful guides who gave us a tour of the Mansion. On the tour we heard about the lives of the

servants who took care of the family and their mansion. The Cutting family's history was discussed as well as Mr. Cutting's love of nature and his estate. Our guides talked about the Tiffany windows and décor of the house. Included was a discussion on how the house was recently restored by many of the volunteers. For more photographs from the tour please visit our website at <http://lihistoryrasd.wordpress.com/> Afterwards we had High

Tea in the Mansion's library. The committee wishes to thank JoAnn Carhart for arranging the tour and Megan Salas for taking care of the financial arrangements. The next meeting for the Long Island History Committee of RASD is on Thursday, September 24th at the East Northport Public Library.

Please visit our website for more information about this meeting which will be made available at a later date.

Mary Ann Kofert
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Co-Chairs Long Island History
Committee of RASD

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Message from the President:

As my presidency of RASD is coming to the ¾ mark, I have been looking back on the year. It has really run the gamut for libraries, with wonderful articles about how libraries are as busy as ever helping patrons save money and find jobs, and on the opposite side of the paradox are the articles that say libraries are no longer needed in a digital age, and Google will rule the world. But, if we read between the lines, it is the articles about coffee shops no longer allowing free Wi-Fi, the county's inability to bring their countywide Wi-Fi plan to fruition, and newspaper web sites charging for information that was once free that really reveals why libraries are needed more than ever. Now, those are important reasons for libraries to have the resources and technology that will keep patrons coming back.

It is with that attitude that the many committees of RASD design their programming. In fact these are some of the activities that the committees will be presenting this fall.

The Annual RASD dinner was held at the Mill Pond Country Club in Medford, on 9/24/09, from 6-9 p.m. The guest speaker was Nahid Rachlin, author of "Persian Girls". Attendees won a lovely assortment of gifts and prizes.

The annual Health Concerns Breakfast/Meeting/Workshop will be held at SCLS on 10/21/09, starting at 9:00 a.m. The workshop will be on Anxiety and the speakers will be Psychiatrist Julian Herskowitz and Colleen Merlo, Executive Director of the Mental Health Association in Suffolk. Our 2010 slate of officers will be announced at the meeting. All are welcome to attend. Come for breakfast.

Libraries will be involved again this year at the Historic Suffolk County Event celebrating Archives Month. Library and historical society displays will be at the Setauket Neighborhood House, on 10/18/09, from 10-3 p.m.

Look for more information about a program on bias awareness, with speaker Loida Santos that will be presented by MOSAIC.

Get into the habit of viewing and using the great

bibliographies created by the Reader's Advisory Committee, look for their next one on Period Fiction from 1800 and Earlier.

You will find information about RASD and all of its programs on our web page at (scla.net/rasd/mainpg.htm). Join a committee now!

Jo-Ann Carhart, RASD President

This year the L. I. History Committee of RASD sponsored a program entitled, "Long Island's Whalemen in Song and Poetry: A Live Performance" at the Long Island Library Conference. Stephen Sanfilippo fonder of the Long Island Traditional Music Association provided his audience with a view of the whaleman's life through readings of their poetry, diaries, letters as well as songs that he has collected while doing research at Long Island historical libraries. Each reading or song he documented with a brief discussion of the institution's collection. Steve is at home in the music as he plays guitar, harmonica and accordion and sings. Steve and his wife Susan have moved to Maine in their recent retirement, where he is now completing his dissertation (from SUNY Stony Brook) on a topic close to his heart, the sea ballads of Long Island whalemen. The committee would sincerely like to thank Cathy Ball, Smithtown Library who arranged this interesting program which was well received.

Quick Links...

<http://scla.net/rasd/mainpg.htm>

ANXIETY

The Health Concerns Committee of RASD, a Division of SCLA, will hold their Annual Meeting and Breakfast at SCLS on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 9 AM. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 9:30, a short meeting will be conducted from 9:30 to 10, and at 10AM, we will have our speakers discuss the topic for this year, Anxiety.

Our speakers this year will be: Colleen is currently working at the Mental Health Association in Suffolk County, Inc as the Executive Director. She has provided care to persons living with mental illness throughout Suffolk County in a variety of settings, including the community, hospital and educational venues. Dr. Julian Hershkowitz has specialized in the comprehensive treatment of complex anxiety disorders as the Director of the TERRAP Anxiety and Phobia Center. He is a licensed psychologist who has achieved diplomate status with the American Academy of Behavioral Medicine.

At the workshop, each library will receive a complimentary copy of the annotated bibliography, which the committee has compiled. Additional copies, if available, can be purchased for \$5.00 each.

Please RSVP by Friday October 16th, 2009. Longwood Public Library/attn: Cynthia Sciacca or email csciaccia@suffolk.lib.ny.us

_____ Will attend the RASD Breakfast on Wednesday, Oct. 21th at 9:00 AM

_____ Will attend the Pain Management Workshop on Wednesday, Oct 21th at 10:00

_____ Please check here if you require special accommodations because of a disability.

Apologies

This is the first electronic edition of the newsletter. Please forgive any errors that occur. With practice this will improve. Thank you

Rona Dressler

Sincerely,

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