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Staten Island Museum organizes a new Museum Guild

(Staten Island, NY – February 26, 2013) The Staten Island Museum welcomed 18 dedicated women to their History Center in Building H on the Snug Harbor Campus last week for a kick-off meeting to form a Museum Guild which is being designed to help the Museum with specific fundraising goals, event support and volunteerism.

The Museum Guild's first major project is to help raise funding for The Edith & Alfred Susskind Gallery for Decorative Arts & American Crafts which will inhabit the hyphen between Buildings A and B on the Snug Harbor Campus tentatively scheduled to open in late 2014.

Led by Mrs. Connie Lane, the attendees included Museum Trustee Mrs. Nancy Meyers Benbow, Mrs. Marilyn DeSario, Mrs. Maureen DiGiglio, Mrs. Victoria Drumbakis, Mrs. Marylou Hasson, Mrs. Cecelia Kanelba, Mrs. Ann Napolitano, Mrs. **Gloria Nixon, Mrs. Maureen O'Brien**, Mrs. Marguerite Paulo-Heyer, Mrs. Fay Schiff, Mrs. Barbara Sheehan, Ms. Stephanie Turner, Ms. Veronica Vasquez, Mrs. Sharon **Weinstein, Mrs. Elaine Wolchok, and Museum Trustee Ms. Fran D'Atria Romano.**

"The Museum is excited to welcome this dynamic group to the Museum as partners in future development and success. This particular crowd has extensive experience having participated in several charities such as SI Center for Independent Living, the **Visiting Nurse Association, St. Vincent's Hospital (now RUMC), the Red Cross, Mount Manresa's Circle of Friends** and have served as volunteers at past Museum functions," **said Staten Island Museum President & CEO, Elizabeth Egbert.**

"It's always exciting to start off on a new adventure. That's my feeling about the launching of the Staten Island Museum Guild. The Guild's activities will be designed to attract more visitors to the Museum through events that are original or the reinvention of some old favorites. The ever popular '**Pretty Tables**' will re-emerge this autumn as '**Tablescapes**', part of an effort to raise funds for the purchase of a wonderful Charles Knight winterscape. He is the famous artist whose murals are in the Museum of Natural History and the Field Museum in Chicago. The enthusiastic attendees at the organizational meeting are bringing their expertise in fundraising, community service and volunteerism to the Guild. With all this talent and more at hand, the Guild's events are sure to be vibrant. The Guild is poised to become an integral part of **the Museum,**" **said Guild Leader, Connie Lane.**

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About the Staten Island Museum

Founded in 1881 and celebrating its 131st year, the Staten Island Museum, New York City's only general interest museum, engages visitors with interdisciplinary exhibitions and educational programs that explore the dynamic connections between natural science, art and history based on its diverse collections. The Museum welcomes about 80,000 adults and school children to a comprehensive array of programs every year. Located two blocks from the Ferry Terminal, visitors can embark on a voyage through time in the Staten Island Ferry exhibit; see rocks glow in the dark in the Hall of Natural Sciences; and experience the lives of Staten Island's first inhabitants. In Building H on the Snug Harbor Campus, visitors can explore the latest exhibitions in the History Center Gallery, or make a research appointment for the History Archives & Library. Staten Island Museum is owned by the City of New York and benefits from public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. For current exhibitions, visit Statenislandmuseum.org

Visitor Information

Staten Island Museum (St. George)

75 Stuyvesant Place

Hours:

Monday – Friday: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday: 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Universal Accessibility

Recommended Admission

Adults \$5.

Students & Seniors \$3.

Members & Children under 12 FREE

History Center & Archives

1000 Richmond Terrace, Snug Harbor, Bldg H

Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00pm – 4:00pm

By appointment only.

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History Gallery Hours

Tuesday – Friday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

FREE