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Riverhead Historian Among 8 Honored For 'Extraordinary Contributions' On Long Island

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Riverhead Town Historian Georgette Lane Case was among the inaugural class of eight community leaders honored by the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation. (Courtesy Motion Media)

RIVERHEAD, NY — Riverhead, NY—Riverhead Town Historian Georgette Lane Case was among the inaugural class of eight community leaders honored by the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation for her extraordinary contributions to the preservation of Long Island history, representatives of the organization said.

In a ceremony held at the Snapper Inn in Oakdale on August 13, Case received the LIONS Award for her scholarship and stewardship of historic records, including Suffolk County's Revolutionary-era history, which has ensured stories of the

region's people and institutions remain accessible to future generations, organizers of the event said.

Case was introduced by Victoria Berger, executive director of the Suffolk County Historical Society.

"This year's honorees have all made unwavering efforts in promoting Long Island's historic outreach and education," said Kathryn M. Curran, executive director of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation in Riverhead. "Their vision, commitment and groundbreaking research has advanced the understanding of regional history."

In addition to Case, those honored include:

Jane Alcorn: The driving force in saving Wardenclyffe in Shoreham, Nikola Tesla's last remaining laboratory, transforming a once-threatened site into an internationally recognized center for learning and innovation.

Constance Gibson Currie: Distinguished historian, author, librarian and community leader who has advanced the preservation and interpretation of Sayville and Long Island's South Shore history.

Robert Kessler: Longtime president of the Yaphank Historical Society and master builder whose advocacy for historic preservation throughout Suffolk County has left a lasting impact on the region's historical landscape.

Hugh King: East Hampton Town Historian whose decades of leadership have helped document, interpret and preserve the history of Long Island's East End.

Dr. Natalie Naylor: Former president of the Nassau County Historical Society and Professor Emerita of History at Hofstra University who has illuminated the region's rich history through her leadership of the Long Island Studies Institute.

John Remmer: Preservationist, community advocate and longtime steward of Oakdale's historic reserves whose leadership has helped restore and maintain historic structures with the Connetquot River State Park Preserve.

Richard White: Civic leader, preservation advocate and steward of some of Long Island's most significant natural and historic resources including the Montauk Point Lighthouse.

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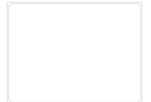
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