Farmingville, NY - On Saturday, May 5th, 2012, Councilwoman Connie Kepert attended the Yaphank Historical Society's toast to the Mary Louise Booth Lilac Garden on Main Street in Yaphank. The restored Mary Louise Booth house (c. 1829) celebrated its official opening on August 20, 2011, hosted by the Yaphank Historical Society Board of Directors, along with the members of the Booth House Committee. Mary Louise Booth was born in Yaphank in 1831 and was a prominent American editor, writer, and translator who worked as the editor of Harpers Bazaar from 1867 until her death in 1889 and translated many great works of French literature into the English language.

"It was a pleasure to be invited to admire the wonderful job the Yaphank Historical Society and the Booth House Committee have done to preserve Yaphank's Historical District. As a high school history teacher, I know that it is extremely important for community groups such as these to exist in order to enhance the knowledge of, and promote interest in, all facets of history."

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