

## Councilwoman Cartright Attends "Selections from our Collections"

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**Farmingville, NY** - Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright (right) attended "Selections from our Collection" hosted by the Three Village Historical Society at Bates House on Sunday, May 18th. Also in attendance were Assemblyman Steve Englebright (center) and Legislator Kara Hahn (left) who were honored for their hard work and assistance to the Historical Society over the years.

"It was educational and enlightening to see all the projects undertaken by the Three Village Historical Society over the past half-century. The dedication of the Society's members is evident in the exhibits, books, tours, and talks that have been shared with the community," said Councilwoman Cartright.

The by-laws state that one goal of the Society is "to seek out and preserve all materials of an historic nature which pertain to the Three Villages" and the show did as much by highlighting 50 years of Setauket's history from the archives of the Three Village Historical Society. The Historical Society was founded to document local Maritime history by Captain Edward Reginald Rhodes in 1964 and later provided funding to the Three Village Bicentennial Committee which produced the Spies Coin and published The Three Village Guidebook in the mid 1970s. In the 1980s, the Society produced a theater program Eel Catching in Setauket and held its first major exhibit, Down the Ways, the Wooden Ship Era in the Three Villages. In 1995, the Society launched the mobile exhibit, The Sailing Circle: 19th Century Seafaring Women from New York, and in 1998 the first Three Village Historical Society headquarters were purchased at 93 North Country Road. In the most recent decade, the Society published several books on Three Village history and acquired a letter written by George Washington with the help of Assemblyman Englebright and Stony Brook University.

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