

2009 - A Year in Review...

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 2009 THE LONG ISLAND ARTS COUNCIL AT FREEPORT...

... was awarded funding from the National Endowment for the Arts to bring **The Big Read** to Long Island. The Arts Council, in partnership with the Freeport Memorial Library, selected Amy Tan's classic *The Joy Luck Club* to read, discuss, and enjoy. In collaboration with numerous organizations we implemented a series of diverse programs throughout Long Island about the book and themes portrayed in the book. Programs included a Kick-Off Celebration, bus trip to Chinatown, Tai Chi class, art exhibits, film screenings, performances, book discussions, lectures, and more. The Finale was held at Roosevelt Field.

... enabled teenagers throughout Long Island to enjoy cultural events for only \$5 per ticket through **High 5 Long Island**. Teens attended performances and exhibits at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, the Nassau County Museum of Art, Landmark on Main Street, Staller Center for the Arts, Heckscher Museum of Art, The Stage Theatre, and more. A *Winter/Spring 2009 Catalog of Events* was published followed by a *2009-2010 Season Catalog of Events* (also on our website) to inform teens about the variety of cultural offerings. Teens also enjoyed special programming, such as a bus trip to see Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts and Friday Night Showcase at Sea Breeze Park in Freeport which offered young musicians a venue to share their talent. Over 1,700 teenagers are registered for High 5 Long Island.

... awarded \$75,200 to 52 individual artists and cultural organizations throughout Nassau County through **Nassau Grants for the Arts**. An Awards Reception was held to recognize the grant recipients and acknowledge them for their contributions to the arts in Nassau County. The Arts Council sponsored five application seminars and two drop-in clinics to assist prospective applicants with their proposals.

... sponsored a **Sunset Concert Series** in partnership with the Village of Freeport. Ten free, outdoor concerts were held every Thursday evening in the summer at Freeport's Nautical Mile Esplanade.

... hosted a **Sunset Fiesta Arts Networking Reception** on Freeport's Nautical Mile offering an end of summer opportunity to socialize with fellow artists and friends.

... started a new concert series entitled **Club Freeport**. We transformed the Senior Lounge of the Freeport Recreation Center into a "club" and sponsored free concerts in October, November, and December.

... held the **29th Annual Juried Photography Show** at the Freeport Memorial Library. Over 200 entries were received. Our judge had the challenging task of selecting 39 photographs for the one-month exhibition. An Awards Reception was held to give the public an opportunity to view the winning photographs and meet the photographers.

... sponsored **Art Classes** for beginner to advanced students using acrylics and water-mixable oils.

... redesigned and updated our **Website** through the generosity of www.LIGiclee.com – our "cyber patron." This significantly improves how we serve the arts community and general public.

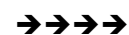
... published one issue of **The Artscene** - a newspaper filled with a culture calendar of events, highlights of Arts Council activities, and news about Affiliate artists and organizations. On Earth Day (April 22) we announced that we were "going green." The Culture Calendar, Opportunities for Artists, and other news items can now be found on our website.

... sponsored the **6th International Musical Composition Contest**. Fifty-nine entries were received from all over the world, including England, Australia, Canada, Italy, Belgium, New Zealand, and the United States. The winning composition will be performed at the Long Island Composers Alliance *Music for Students* program to be held at the Freeport Memorial Library in the spring of 2010.

... showcased paintings, photographs, sculpture, and mixed-media art in **The Art Alcove** and **The Art Alley**, exhibit spaces in the Freeport Recreation Center. Two Meet the Artist Receptions were held to introduce the public to the exhibiting artists.

... was awarded funding to purchase a glass enclosure for **The Art Alcove**. This will ensure the safety of the artwork and provide a more accessible viewing space for the public. This project will be completed in 2010.

... installed a new **Exhibit Space** in the Program Wing of the Freeport Recreation Center.



... was the guest presenter at a meeting of the **Freeport/Merrick Rotary Club**.

... began designing **Walking Trail Markers** for a new Health Walk on Freeport's Nautical Mile. The Markers will feature artwork by students from the Freeport Public Schools.

... collaborated with Parr Ventures on a **Streetscape Banner Program**. Photographs depicting life in Freeport will be displayed on banners throughout the Village. The first set of banners will be on display beginning January 2010.

... received a donation of "new" **Computers** for staff and volunteers. The upgraded technology allows for a significantly more efficient work environment.

... recommended artists for employment and exhibit opportunities through our **Artists for Hire** referral service.

... hired a bus (with the other arts councils on Long Island) to travel to Albany for **Arts Day**. In Albany, we met with numerous elected officials to request an increase in the budget of the New York State Council on the Arts.

... arranged for musical instrument donations to underserved school districts through our **Musical Instrument Marketplace** registry, such as a digital piano and guitar to the Roosevelt School District.

... hosted a **JPMorgan Chase Application Workshop** to encourage individual artists and cultural organizations to apply for funding.

... coordinated an exhibit for **Black History Month** at Citibank in Freeport.

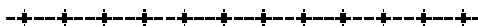
... collaborated with the **Long Island Philharmonic** to offer educational opportunities for teenagers interested in music.

... served as a Community Partner to promote **Summit 2009: The Future of Nonprofits – A Brave and New World** sponsored by the Long Island Center for Nonprofit Leadership.

... sponsored a **Cuban Cigarty** (fundraiser) at the home of a Board member from Rockville Centre and a **Fall Craft Fair** in the Freeport Recreation Center.

... raised funds by offering a **Defensive Driving** class and participating in **Lord & Taylor's Benefit Bash** in Garden City.

... promoted our activities at **Freeport's Nautical Festival** on the Nautical Mile, **Senator Fuschillo's Golden Gathering** at the Freeport Recreation Center, the **Freeport Memorial Day Parade**, the **Merrick Fall Festival**, and the **Gem and Mineral Show** in the Freeport Recreation Center.



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The offices of the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport are located within the Freeport Recreation Center at 130 East Merrick Road in Freeport. For further information or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit www.liacfreeport.org, e-mail infoliac@gmail.com, or call 516-223-2522.