On Saturday, March 20, at 1:30 pm, The Railroad Museum of Long Island will present their Fourth Annual Educational Forum at the Suffolk County Historical Society.

At the educational forum, Sam Berliner, III, will give an illustrated presentation on the Long Island Railroad’s first diesel locomotives, and an overview of all the earliest diesels (oil-electric) and their progeny.

This event is open to the public. Admission is free. (Snow date: March 27, 1:30 pm.)

For additional information, visit the Railroad Museum of Long Island’s website, at www.rmli.us, or email Don Fisher at: dfisher@rmli.us
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SCHS Museum Educator Lee Thunier and SCHS Public Programs & Exhibition Development Coordinator Kathryn Currer with riders at the 2nd Annual September’s “Let’s Make History” fundraising bicycle ride.

September’s “Living History Interpretation” featured Civil War re-enactors in authentic uniforms, weaponry and camp equipment, presented by re-enactors from Company K, 67th NY Volunteers. (L-R): Brian Niezing, Mac Kenny.

Suffolk County officials and veterans at November’s Veteran’s Day ceremony, which was followed by a special breakfast and viewing of the SCHS Civil War exhibit. (L-R): Legislator Edward Romaine, VPW Commander Gene McSherry, Riverhead Town Council members Barbara Bliss, James Wooten.

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Dale Realander, an SCHS volunteer, worked with fellow members of the German Genealogy Group (GGG) to computerize the finding aid for the collection, and it is now available on their website at: www.germangenausalogygroup.com

For more information on this project and other work of the group, please visit the German Genealogy Group’s website. We are grateful to the following members of the GGG for making this project possible: Dale Realander, Don Eckler, Rosie Guenther, Irvin Hitzler, Joan Hitzler, Hank Mahoney, Ray Schrader, and Mark Waldron. It has been wonderful working with the GGG and we look forward to future collaborations.

LAST CHANCE TO VIEW CIVIL WAR AND MALCAH ZELDIS EXHIBITS!

SAT., MAY 8, 10 am - 12 pm
Workshop: Pressed Flower & Herb Bookmarks with Gayle Wagner
Create six unique laminated bookmarks of your own design, using pressed miniature flowers and herbs, and decorative embellishments. Instructor Gayle Wagner has taught flower art on eastern Long Island since 1990. Her award-winning designs have been exhibited locally and nationally. She is a member of the Worldwide Pressed Flower Guild and the National Herb Society. Ages: 7 to adult. Fee: $20. Registration and payment due: May 6.

TUES., MAY 12, 1 pm
Tea & Talk: The Peconic River
Join us for another of our popular Tea & Talks – an educational and social afternoon! Speaker: TRA. Fee: $10. Registration and payment due: May 7.

SAT., MAY 15, 10 am - 2 pm
Canoeing the Peconic River: 8-Mile Guided Tour with Author Mark Gehlke
Paddle the Peconic River, through the Pine Barrens, with the author of “Kayaking Long Island’s Harbors.” For: $59 per canoe, capacity is 3 adults, or 1 adult and 3 children. Advanced reservations: contact SCHS at (631) 727-2881, or visit: www.active.com

SAT., MAY 22, 10 am - 12 pm
Workshop: Pressed Flower Candles with Gayle Wagner

For complete program details, call the Society at (631) 727-2881 or e-mail curranschs@optonline.net
Make checks payable to Suffolk County Historical Society. Mail to: Suffolk County Historical Society, 100 West Main St., Riverhead, NY 11901.

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