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Reflections of a Bygone Era
Mill Neck Manor House Tour and Lecture

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is pleased to welcome back noted Gold Coast historian Orin Finkle, who will present “Reflections of a Bygone Era,” his lecture and slide show featuring the mansions, gardens and people of early 1900s Long Island. The event, taking place on Thursday, May 8, will be held at Mill Neck Manor, a magnificent Tudor Revival mansion. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a docent-led tour of the mansion, followed by Finkle’s presentation at 7:30. The cost is \$30 per person and includes the tour, lecture and light refreshments.

Finkle, who has the largest private archive of period Long Island mansion material in the country, has been compiling his collection for over thirty years. It has been a true labor of love. He says, “Evolving into a Gatsby era writer and historian has been a wonderful experience. I’m an Adelphi University graduate accountant by profession, who seeks an escape from the numbers world of financial statements and corporate income tax returns.”

Finkle’s mission to “keep the memories of our rich Gold Coast heritage alive for future generations to enjoy, cherish and hopefully, pass on,” steers his passion for locating historical photos and information of once prominent estates. This often attracts owners of unique properties to his website, househistorian.com.

Over the years Finkle has lectured at numerous colleges, libraries and historic societies. He has been featured in *Newsday* and has appeared on News 12 Long Island. Finkle himself has written over 200 articles on country estates and high society for numerous publications, including *The New York Times*, *Town & Country*, *North Shore* magazine and *The Leader*, a Locust Valley paper. In addition to articles, he is currently writing a book that will highlight Gatsby-era mansions.

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Proceeds from “Reflections of a Bygone Era” benefit the preservation efforts of Mill Neck Manor House. Reservations are required. Sign language interpreters will be available for guests who are Deaf, provided a request is made in advance. To register, log on to www.millneckmanorhouse.org or call 516-628-4243. Join us and experience the richness of Long Island’s Gold Coast heritage!

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are Deaf, or who have other special needs, through excellence in individually-designed educational, vocational or spiritual programs and services. In addition to Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, founded in 1947 by Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, the Mill Neck Family of Organizations also includes the Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center, Mill Neck Services, Mill Neck Audiology, Mill Neck Interpreter Service and Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry. For more information about our programs and services, please call 516-922-4100 or visit www.millneck.org.

Photo Captions:

- 1.) Orin Finkle.
- 2.) A vintage look at Mill Neck Manor House, formerly known as Sefton Manor.

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