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For Immediate Release:
PRESERVATION LONG ISLAND RECEIVES
DECORATIVE ARTS TRUST CURATORIAL INTERNSHIP GRANT
— *Grant Supports Prominent Fellowship Position for Young Scholar* —

Media, PA — The Decorative Arts Trust is thrilled to announce that **Preservation Long Island** (PLI) is the recipient of the 2025–27 Curatorial Internship Grant.

Headquartered in Cold Spring Harbor, NY, PLI was founded in 1948 as the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities. PLI advances the importance of historic preservation in the region through advocacy, education, and stewardship. Their program areas include interpreting historic sites, collecting art and material culture pertaining to Long Island history, creating publications and exhibitions, and providing direct support and technical assistance to individuals and groups engaged in local preservation efforts.

In 2026, PLI will celebrate the United States Semiquincentennial as well as the 50th anniversary of their landmark furniture publication, *Long Island is My Nation: The Decorative Arts and Craftsmen, 1640–1830*.

PLI's Peggy N. Gerry Curatorial Fellow will collaborate with Chief Curator & Director of Collections **Lauren Brincat** on a series of objectives aimed at cataloging Long Island furniture in public and private collections across the region, reexamining these objects from new perspectives, and enhancing their accessibility to 21st-century researchers and the public. The Fellow will take a leading role in a new initiative building upon previous scholarship towards the creation of a collaborative Long Island furniture digital database, an exhibition, and an accompanying catalogue. Also, the Fellow will coordinate and participate in a Long Island furniture symposium in summer 2025.

PLI will post the Peggy N. Gerry Curatorial Fellow position on their website at preservationlongisland.org in spring 2025. For more information about Curatorial Internship Grants, visit decorativeartstrust.org/cig.

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High chest of drawers, Queens County, New York, 1740–70. Walnut, tulip poplar, pine. Preservation Long Island purchase, 1961.13.1. Image courtesy Preservation Long Island.