Prospect Park Alliance Receives Funding from Greater Hudson Heritage Network
To Restore Historic Painting at Lefferts Historic House

BROOKLYN, Tuesday, June 23, 2015 – The Prospect Park Alliance has received $7,420 in funding from the Greater Hudson Heritage Network to restore a historic oil painting at Lefferts Historic House, the historic farmhouse located in Brooklyn’s Prospect Park. The grant will go toward the conservation of Portrait of Mrs. Lefferts, an oil-on-canvas painting of the house’s original Dutch matriarch. The restoration of the painting, undertaken by conservators Barbara Applebaum and Paul Himmelstein, will restore the work’s original colors and protect it from future damage.

This funding follows a 2014 Heritage Network grant that allowed the Alliance to restore the companion Portrait of Mr. Lefferts. When completed, the restored paintings will return to public display.

Built by the Lefferts family in the 18th-century farming village of Flatbush, Lefferts Historic House features a working garden, historic artifacts, period rooms and exhibits. Visitors are encouraged to play with traditional tools, toys and games, and engage in historic activities such as candle making, sewing and butter churning. The Prospect Park Alliance and the Historic House Trust of New York City jointly operate and preserve this important piece of New York City’s past.

Greater Hudson Heritage Network grants funds to New York State’s museums, historical and cultural organizations to aid in stabilizing, preserving, and making accessible to the public the unique objects in their collections. The Conservation Treatment Grant Program of Greater Hudson Heritage Network is made possible with public funds from the New York State Council for the Arts, a state agency.

The Prospect Park Alliance is a non-profit organization that partners with the City of New York to preserve and maintain Prospect Park, Brooklyn’s flagship park. The Alliance cares for the natural environment, restores historic design, and provides public programs and amenities for the Park, which receives more than 10 million visits each year. Connect with us for the latest news and events from Brooklyn’s backyard, www.prospectpark.org.

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