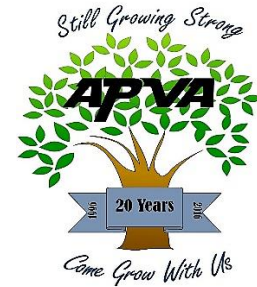


## APVA Member Spotlight

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### **Judith Pockriss, Volunteer Coordinator – Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums**

For almost twenty years I have worked for the Division of Museum Services, part of the Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums. I began as a docent at Old Bethpage Village Restoration, a living history museum, and was asked eventually to become the Volunteer Coordinator for the Long Island Fair. This position expanded to my becoming the Volunteer Coordinator for all Nassau County run museums. Over the years some of the museums privatized, and today Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, Tackapausha Museum and Preserve and Falaise (a “gold coast” mansion) are my beat.



Although these sites are very different from one another -- some concentrate on the natural sciences, others emphasize Long Island history, our goal is always to educate our visitors, stimulate new ways of thinking and make sure they have an enjoyable time. My job is to find the best possible volunteers to ensure visitor satisfaction.

The first time I attended an APVA workshop (somehow a brochure found its way to my desk), I was so impressed with the program and the people responsible for it. At last I had found kindred spirits who had the same problems and concerns that I had! And they had answers, too! It’s been ten years since I went to that APVA workshop in the Garden City Hotel and each one has been just as illuminating.

After serving on the Board for many years, Judith was recently elected Co-President of APVA-LI.

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## **Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums**



The department offers cultural and recreational activities to Nassau County residents. Administers and maintains county parks, museums, and preserves. There are diverse volunteer opportunities available at various locations throughout the County.

### **Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums Volunteer Susan Polowczyk**

Susan Polowczyk has been an Old Bethpage Village Restoration (OBVR) costumed interpreter or docent for more than 18 years and has contributed over 5,000 hours of her time in addition to helping her husband in his medical practice. She is a woman of many parts – a wiz at cooking and baking over a hearth fire in our farmhouse; a weaver of beautiful fabrics; a quilter who



oversees the hand sewn quilt made every year by OBVR volunteers. Her calm demeanor and gentle ways belie the fact that she is indeed one of the prime reasons the Powell Farmhouse is one of the most popular stops for visitors to the historic restoration.