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## APVA Member Spotlight



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## Brianne Musselwhite, Volunteer Coordinator at Long Island Maritime Museum

Before I started working for the Long Island Maritime Museum, I was working towards my Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences. To find out where I wanted to go with my career path I started as a volunteer myself in 2012 at LIMM. In April of 2013, I was offered the position of Administrative Coordinator. Through the years I worked alongside the volunteers and then in early 2016 I became the Volunteer Coordinator.

Thanks to APVA I was able to adjust to my new responsibilities quickly and learned a lot about working with volunteers through their workshops and networking with my fellow volunteer coordinators.

My favorite part about being the volunteer coordinator is meeting many new people from all walks of life. Here at the museum, we have volunteers who are engineers, scientists, media specialists, animal caregivers, electricians, and plumbers to



name a few. I enjoy listening to our volunteers talk about their interests, past jobs, and life experiences.

## **About the Long Island Maritime Museum**

The Long Island Maritime Museum was founded in 1966 and is located on the historic West Sayville waterfront. The Museum grounds, once part of the Meadow Edge estate of Mr. & Mrs. Anson Hard, is now



comprised of fourteen acres and nine historic buildings. The Museum is currently celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The Long Island Maritime Museum is committed to the research, preservation and interpretation of our region's rich nautical heritage and the role of Long Island in our national maritime story. Whether its boat building, shipwrecks, shellfish harvesting or recreational boating that captures your imagination. It's all here under our roofs, in our galleries and at our many events and programs.

## Long Island Maritime Museum Volunteer- Roxane Hesse

Roxane Hesse has been a volunteer with the Long Island Maritime Museum since March 2015. You will find her every Friday at our Visitor Services desk greeting visitors and managing the Gift Shop sales. Aside from her Friday routine, she assists at all of our special events, such as the Pirate Festival, Seafood Festival, Blues Festival, and Boat Burning to name just a few.



As a retiree from the business world, Roxane was always interested in offering her services through volunteering. What brought her to the museum was its proximity and her interest in local history

By volunteering at the Museum Roxane has been able to learn a great deal about the local towns in the West Sayville area. She has taken this new learning opportunity to volunteer as a Docent in the William Rudolph Oyster House during group tours.