

PROJECT FUNDING

It is important to note that the NYS Council on the Arts, a state agency, can only provide a portion of the \$157,000 that will be required to accomplish this project. Additional funding is therefore eagerly invited. Harness racing fans, the children of fans, and all those associated with Roosevelt Raceway and the sport of harness racing are invited to join with us in ensuring that the track's great history is protected and its unique legacy, that has made an important impact on so many, is never forgotten.

**Yes! I want to be part of
The Roosevelt Raceway
Legacy Project.**

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HOW TO SUPPORT
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THE LEGACY PROJECT

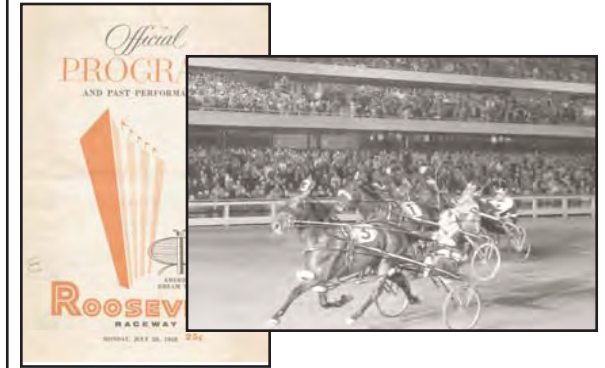
In 1988, following the closure of Roosevelt Raceway, one of New York State's finest harness racing venues, the property and all its contents lay deteriorating. The loss of this important racing facility was grave but the loss of the historic records and artifacts that tell its amazing stories would have been devastating.

In 1995, with demolition imminent, The Harness Racing Museum was asked by the track's owners to retrieve what they could for the institution's archives. The treasure trove of Roosevelt memories included a fine oil painting of track founder and president, George Morton Levy and six filing cabinets from the track's publicity office, containing a wealth of photographs and press releases. A multitude of boxes containing video tapes, books, movies and other archival materials were also rescued. A closer look at these precious memories reveals images of exuberant fans, elegant social events and superb racing that brought excitement and drama to the 20,000 people who nightly crowded the grandstand. With your help these fantastic times will not be forgotten.

*They will be protected,
remembered and celebrated.*



LEGACY PROJECT



**Remember the Crowds?
Remember the Excitement?
Remember the Good Times?
Help us recapture
those great moments!**

**OUR PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP!
PLEASE RESPOND AT YOUR EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE SO THAT OUR WORK
CAN STAY ON SCHEDULE!**

The Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame has a large collection of Roosevelt Raceway memories. A plan has been launched to examine, identify, categorize, maintain, store, and digitize more than 8,000 photographs, more than 3,500 press information files as well as a significant number of video tape recordings, posters, programs and other memorabilia attesting to the preeminence of Roosevelt Raceway. Plans also call for the installation of an exhibit and the publication of a book that celebrates Roosevelt's great times.

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THE ROOSEVELT RACEWAY LEGACY PROJECT

FUNDING LEVELS

#1 THE WESTBURY \$50
provides 1/2 day of project support.

BENEFITS: Recognition in the museum's annual report, one year subscription to the museum's newsletter, project updates and a Roosevelt Raceway Legacy Project pin.

#2 THE INTERNATIONAL \$100
provides 1 day of project support.

BENEFITS: Those listed above and a replica Roosevelt International tote bag.

#3 THE ROOSEVELT \$500
provides 1 week of project support.

BENEFITS: Those listed for the Westbury level and a replica Roosevelt Raceway tote bag.

#4 THE MESSENGER \$1,000
provides 2 weeks of project support.

BENEFITS: Those listed above and VIP recognition on the exhibition's donor plaque.

#5 THE REALIZATION \$5,000
provides 10 weeks of project support.

BENEFITS: Those listed above and a copy of a planned publication celebrating the history of Roosevelt Raceway, with patron listing.

#6 FOUNDER'S PLATE \$5,000
PER YEAR FOR 3 YEARS

The Roosevelt Raceway Founder's Plate was the "ultimate competition for Standardbred race horses." It was awarded to winners of successive years in principal Roosevelt Raceway stakes.

BENEFITS: Those listed for the Realization level PLUS a limited edition decorative plate celebrating the original award.

THE ROOSEVELT RACEWAY LEGACY PROJECT

THREE-PHASE SCHEDULE

Year I: 2008

Commence organization, cataloging and digitization of general photograph files and video tapes.

Year II: 2009

Complete organization, cataloging and digitization of all photo files, videos, and other memorabilia.

Year III: 2010

Develop exhibit of Roosevelt Raceway to include photos and artifacts.

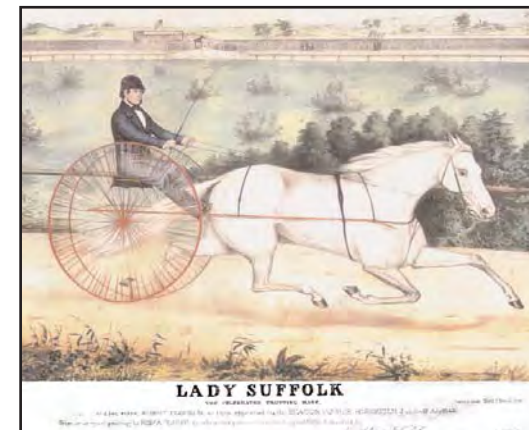
Design a comprehensive pictorial exhibit catalog of the collection.

Year III: 2011

Official opening of the Roosevelt Raceway Exhibit and launch of the commemorative exhibit catalog.



THE LEGACY



The property upon which Roosevelt Raceway stood is unique. The Newmarket Course at Hempstead Plains, established in 1665, was situated close to where Roosevelt Raceway would one day dominate. In the 1920's the nation's first aeronautic club established an airfield on the site to promote flying. In 1927 member Charles Lindbergh used the field to launch his landmark flight across the Atlantic.

By the 1930's the eastern end of the airfield was developed into a venue for auto racing and in 1940 horses retook the land with the founding of Roosevelt Raceway. From that day until the final race on June 15, 1988, Roosevelt Raceway, the "Dream Track," was a point of innovation in the sport of harness racing. Night racing, the mobile starting gate, air-conditioning, and closed circuit television were showcased by the 1957 \$20 million entertainment venue built by Long Island attorney and avid harness racing fan, George Morton Levy.

Since the track's closing, the property has been redeveloped, becoming part of an urban landscape that now hosts a shopping mall and housing developments.