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“Architect Olive Tjaden:

Designing Suburbia in Garden City and Beyond”

Sunday, September 16, 2018: 2 PM at the Garden City Senior Center

Olive Tjaden (1904-1997) began her architectural career at a time when residential architecture was at the nation’s forefront. Graduating from Cornell University’s architecture program in 1925, Tjaden was the only female member of the American Institute of Architects for years. Although she achieved her greatest success as a residential designer, she created buildings for automobile dealerships, beauty salons, and religious organizations. Forming her own firm in the late 1920s in Garden City, Tjaden was able to promote her unique status as a female architect to promote her work and expertise to women, making use of the networks provided by women’s social clubs. Tjaden was a prolific designer, building over 2,000 commissions in the twenty years of her New York office and later in South Florida. Our speakers are the authors of an article on Tjaden in the 2016 *Nassau County Historical Society Journal*. Their illustrated presentation will include additional information from their continuing research. We will celebrate Olive Tjaden’s life and career, with special emphasis on her many Garden City houses, as we uncover one of Long Island’s little-known treasures.

This joint program with the Garden City Historical Society will be held in the Garden City Senior Center, 6 Golf Club Lane off Eleventh Street (across the street from Olive Tjaden’s own house!). After the program, we will go next door to the Garden City Historical Society at 109 Eleventh Street for refreshments and a tour of their “Apostle House” Museum. Park in the large parking field just to the east of the Senior Center.

Guests are welcome to attend this free program; invite your friends.