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Historical Society To Honor Vinny Muldoon

In selecting honorees for its upcoming Gala Benefit, Thursday, May 11, at the Garden City Country Club, The Garden City Historical Society focused on three individuals who have contributed specific and commendable service to advance the Society and its physical property. Along with Former Mayor Nick Episcopia and Society Past President Brian Pinnola, the Historical Society will honor Vinny Muldoon, owner of Old World Quality Corporation — a friend to preservation throughout the Garden City community. Please join us in recognizing Vinny’s extraordinary accomplishments.

There’s no doubt, Vinny has an eye for historic structures. In fact, in 1994, along with his wife Dina, Vinny established Old World Quality Corporation with the founding principle that the company’s specialty would be restoring old homes and, of course, building new ones with all the modern amenities. He is proud to say: “Our motto is very simple: integrity, the highest quality of products possible, and a lifetime of service to the customer.” Vinny and Dina are to be commended for having developed a great team of top quality people and craftsmen in every trade.

Vinny hails from County Galway, Ireland, a detail not lost on the members of the Historical Society Board of Trustees, which notes that Garden City’s founder, Alexander T. Stewart also hailed from Ireland, and had some of the same traits as Vinny—industriousness and vision.

Vinny says he started out doing minor repairs and went on to complete renovations, including exteriors and interiors of hundreds of older homes in town, transforming them with character, class and elegance and in keeping with the village architecture. “I grew up around old architecture, spent time in Boston, and was interested in longer-lasting construction—a minimum of 100 years—not just a 20-year teardown,” he remarks. He has also had a hand in restoring, refurbishing and extending homes in Garden City that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, just like the Historical Society’s 1872 “Apostle” house.

But, it’s the “little touches,” too, that count to Vinny and his team. They came by the Historical Society Museum with paint and brushes to touch up the Society’s sign in front of the museum on Eleventh Street. And, they repaired gutters and leaders that were dislodging with time, rain and snow.

On another level, Vinny is known throughout Garden City for his pro bono work. After superstorm Sandy, Vinny and his team from Old World Quality repaired the clock tower at St. Paul’s School, restoring the clock face as near as possible to its original look. They completed the Village’s 9/11 Memorial, and assisted the Chamber of Commerce in restoring its historic Garden City Toll Lodge office and the pavers surrounding the building.

Vinny is also known for spearheading fundraisers for families in need. Featured on the home improvement show, "George to the Rescue," he and his workers provided a "custom" home renovation to ease the everyday life for a Floral Park elementary school teacher with Multiple Sclerosis.

The Historical Society partnered with Vinny to restore and preserve the exterior of the Society's historic structure. Vinny says this project will take patience, love, passion, and the ability to stretch the available dollars.

"The key is to leave this town and the Historical Society in even better shape," adds Vinny. "The only way to handle this project is as a team. We need a lot of people to help a little. It will be fun and a great thing for this town." He notes the magnificent historic homes in Garden City and the incredible grouping of historic structures on Long Island. "Our historic homes on the National Register are very special to have in this very special town."

The Gala Benefit on May 11 will provide financial support for this capital campaign project. Event sponsorships are available by contacting Albert Intreglia (516-750-3214 during business hours) or Francine Ryan at 917-796-7586. Reservations for the cocktail reception at the Garden City Country Club will be taken until May 4; tickets are \$100 per person (\$125 at the door, limited availability). 50/50 raffle tickets (\$10 or three for \$25) are now on sale at the Society's A.T. Stewart Exchange on the lower level of the Historical Society Museum, or by contacting Mary Jane Caldwell at 516-248-5917 or 516-304-6682. Consignment shop hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

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Old World Quality Corporation owner Vinny Muldoon will be honored at The Garden City Historical Society's Gala Benefit, May 11, at the Garden City Country Club.

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