

Meadowlands Museum to Present Tribute to a Rowing Legacy: Nereid Club 150 Years on the Passaic River



When: August 25, 2018 • 1 to 4PM

Who: Featured Speaker, Mark Hillringhouse
Remarks by Erik King

Where: Meadowlands Museum
91 Crane Avenue, Rutherford, NJ

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Speakers at "Tribute to a Rowing Legacy: Nereid Club, 150 Years on the Passaic River" will include award-winning photographer and writer Mark Hillringhouse and longtime club member Erik King. Hillringhouse will lecture on the Passaic River and its history of rowing activities and rowing clubs. King, a club co-refounder with his wife Cheryl in 1990, will discuss the club's recent history.

The Nereid Boat Club, which is located in Rutherford, traces its legacy to April 17, 1868, the year five rowing enthusiasts succeeded in having the New Jersey Legislature establish the Nereid Boat Club of Newark, New Jersey. The club was active over the years, staging regattas from its former boat house in Belleville. Its present facility was built by Clarence Harding in 1928 according to the design of architect Louis B. Huesmann. In 1992, Willard Reenstra and Ella Fillapone of the Passaic River Coalition joined with Nereid Boat Club members in the successful effort to restore the old boat house.

The celebration, which is being co-sponsored by the Meadowlands Museum and Nereid, will include a display of artifacts from the boat club. The event also highlights the upcoming formal dedication of the Willard and Marjorie Reenstra Riverside Park on September 15. The Reenstras, now deceased, were central to efforts to save and preserve the boat house, a significant historical landmark.



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