



## Girl Scout History Society

### News from Cultural Assets

#### Girl Scout History Institute at Edith Macy Center

80 Girl Scout historians from 57 councils recently joined the Cultural Assets staff for four days of learning, sharing, and networking. We learned about the importance of Accessibility, how to make a phase box for protecting books, listened to inspirational speakers like Stacy Cordery and Ann Robertson, and enjoyed making new friends! The Cultural Assets team is compiling feedback and hopes to run similar events regularly, whether at Macy or in other locations.

Recordings and materials from the event can be found [HERE](#)



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## Updates

Our next virtual meeting will be Tuesday, July 9th at 4pm EST.

To access the Resources web page, click [HERE](#)

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## Collection Highlight



This miniature portrait of William Washington Gordon II was painted around 1875 and is in the south parlor of the Birthplace. In this portrait, William Washington Gordon II is wearing a double-breasted coat, white

collar, and cravat. Miniature portraits came about in European Royal Courts in the 1500s and grew in popularity during Queen Elizabeth I's reign. They were then introduced to colonial America by English settlers. Miniature portraits were often used as gifts, symbols of love, or keepsakes to remember a loved one after their death. Originally, artists would create miniature portraits using watercolor on vellum, a fine parchment originally made from the skin of a calf. The portrait would be attached to a card, usually a playing card, with a starch paste. Since then, artists have used different materials for miniature portraits, including plumbago, ivory, and enamel. Miniature portraits remained popular until photography became increasingly accessible and sought-after, turning miniature portraits into lost art.

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## **News from Members**

### **Girl Scouts of Western New York History Museum Opening**

5000 Cambria Road, Lockport , New York 14094

April 20th, 2024 10:00am - 1:00 pm

RSVP: [kelly.garrow@gswny.org](mailto:kelly.garrow@gswny.org)

The Western NY history committee also has extra Try-its, badges and Interest Project Awards from the "World to Explore" if anyone is in need of them.

Heart of the Hudson council is looking for information about the "**All America Camps**" such as the 1938 event in Camp Cloudrim Park City, Utah. Please contact [Kathy Maxcy](#) if you have knowledge of these events. HoH also has extra Cadette Challenge pins they are willing to share if your collection is in need of them.

### **GS Eastern PA Collector's Meet April 26-27**

Valley Forge, PA

Contact: [historycommittee@hotmail.com](mailto:historycommittee@hotmail.com)

### **NC Collector's Show May 17-18**

Conover, NC

Contact: Becky Burns [GSShow@aol.com](mailto:GSShow@aol.com)

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