

Womens Expo

Starting your own business is a daunting task, and for women it is that much more difficult. In an effort to help Long Island women entrepreneurs, and to help promote economic independence for women, the Long Island Fund for Women & Girls, together with the Middle Country Library Foundation, will present The Fifth Annual Women's Expo on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at the Middle Country Public Library, 101 Eastwood Blvd. in Centereach, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. All proceeds help support the Fund's grantmaking program and the Library's Miller Business Resource Center.

The Expo will provide a marketplace for products created or distributed by Long Island women entrepreneurs, including artisans, importers, designers and distributors of products such as jewelry, clothing, fine art, pottery and wood/metal/leather/glassware, children's items, culturally diverse crafts, fiber art, specialty food items, gift baskets, household accessories, paper products and more.

To become exhibitors at the Expo, each participant must submit an application, along with a \$100 application fee and pictures of their work. The Expo Selection Committee reviews all applications, looking for a representative group that reflects a broad range of products that demonstrate quality, uniqueness, a range of prices and product types, and one that showcases the wonderful diversity that has become part of Long Island. The Committee looks for a diverse group of women as well as a diverse selection of products.

The Expo is sponsored this year by Bank of America, the lead sponsor, as well as Verizon, Astoria Federal Savings, JPMorgan Chase, The Estee Lauder Companies, People's Alliance Federal Credit Union, Suffolk Federal Credit Union, North Fork Bank, LI Development Corp./ LISBAC, Community Development Corporation of LI, Stony Brook Small Business Development Center, Suffolk Community College Foundation, Utopia Home Care, Jefferson's Ferry Lifecare Retirement Community, and Twomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley, Dubin, Reale, and Quartararo, LLP.

So remember to mark your calendar for Thursday, October 6 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm., and come to the Middle Country Library to shop, browse, network, and support the many women entrepreneurs here on Long Island. If you would like more information about The Women's Expo, you can call (631) 585-9393 x296 or x224, or visit www.womensEXPOLi.org.



(L-R) Women's Expo Raffle Committee Co-Chair, Lisa Mitnick, Senior Marketing and PR Manager for People's Alliance Federal Credit Union, joins Janet Jones, of Verizon Community Affairs-LI, this year's Women's Expo Planning Committee Co-Chair.