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**Award:** HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

**Year:** 2011

Elizabeth “Betsy” Gulotta has devoted her entire professional career to passing on her love of nature through education and activism.

For over 40 years, Ms. Gulotta has served as an educator at Nassau Community College. As a member of the biology department faculty, she helped generations of students learn about nature through a strong emphasis on hands-on learning. Ms. Gulotta regularly engages her students in field studies and management projects to help them gain first hand experience. Her dedication to education earned her the New York State Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Since 2001, Ms. Gulotta has served as conservation project manager for the nonprofit organization Friends of Hempstead Plains at Nassau Community College. She continues to lead efforts to preserve, restore, and educate Long Islanders about the Hempstead Plains, the last remaining portion of a native prairie grassland which once covered 40,000 acres of Central Nassau County. She coordinates and participates in research projects, leads tours, gives educational programs, and has written a book to teach people about the history of the Hempstead Plains and the hundreds of plant and animal species which call it home today.

Ms. Gulotta is an active member in several different conservation organizations, including Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, South Shore Audubon Society, Society for Ecological Restoration, and Long Island Botanical Society.

Ms. Gulotta’s excellence has been recognized by the South Shore Audubon Society, Association for the Help of Retarded Children, Long Island Arts Council, Daughters of American Revolution, Soroptimist International, and Kiwanis Club.