

# LVIS

THE LADIES' VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY  
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2023

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**Strengthening Our Community And Keeping Historic East Hampton Beautiful  
Please Support Us!**



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## SPOTLIGHT ON THE SHOPS AT LVIS

**This past year, the Shops at LVIS received welcome praise from the *East Hampton Star* and *Hamptons.com* and was named Best Consignment/Thrift Shop by *Dan's Papers*.**

People are embracing a new ethic of reducing, reusing, recycling, and repurposing, and we're proud that our resale shops are an important part of this movement. The Shops at LVIS carry a wide variety of gently-used merchandise at all price points. We serve the needs of the entire Hamptons' community from young fashionistas looking for cool 80's and 90's vintage to senior shoppers taking part in our annual "Spring is in the Air" celebration at the East Hampton Senior Center.

Community outreach is vital to the LVIS mission, and our partnerships with local schools and not-for-profit organizations continue to expand. Students gain hands-on retail operations experience through the East Hampton High School's "School to Work" program. LVIS has collaborated on fashion shows with the Ross School and the Guild Hall Teen Arts Council, creating upcycled fashions using damaged garments. To accomplish all of this, our extraordinary volunteers and professional staff spend thousands of hours sorting, mending, researching, pricing, arranging, and stocking the shelves.



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**Hats off to our volunteers! Thirty committees and 30,000 volunteer hours!**

# Our hard-working volunteers know how much we need your financial support to maintain our many commitments in East Hampton. These include:

## Awarding College Scholarships for Local Students

For nearly 70 years, the LVIS has awarded college scholarships to East Hampton High School seniors and adult women seeking a college degree to enhance their long term career prospects. This year we awarded over \$190,000 in scholarship monies to 24 students and 2 adult women.

## Preserving East Hampton's Landscape

Since our founding, the LVIS has been dedicated to keeping East Hampton one of the most beautiful villages in America.

**Trees:** The LVIS cares for over 3,500 trees shading the Village's streets and replaces those lost to disease or age. Our sophisticated program is one of the oldest and best in the nation, designed by nationally recognized tree experts. One reason our program is so successful: our dedicated volunteers examine individual trees regularly to monitor their health.

**Commons:** Together with its trees, Town Pond, Hook Mill, and the North End Common define East Hampton's designed landscape, reminding us of our colonial-era pastoral origins. The LVIS has funded the organic maintenance of these spaces for decades.

**Grounds:** The Gardiner Brown House at 95 Main Street houses our shops and offices, while the grounds and Sunken Garden are enjoyed by the public, both for our many events and as quiet places to sit and reflect.

**Nature Trail:** Together with the Garden Club of East Hampton and the Village, we help maintain the 24-acre Nature Trail in the heart of the Village. We also feed the ducks throughout the winter.

## Supporting Historic Preservation

Through our Landmarks Luncheon and educational programs, the LVIS raises funds to support historic preservation in East Hampton. This past fall, our luncheon featured the Brooks-Park Arts and Nature Center, whose mission is to protect and restore this important historical site, once the home of renowned local artists James Brooks and Charlotte Park. We're also funding a new, historically-appropriate fence for the South End Burying Ground.



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Our Fair, a cherished East Hampton tradition since 1896, will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 10 AM to 4 PM at our headquarters, 95 Main Street. The Silent Auction is online and accepting bids from May 17th until the Fair closes on June 17th.

# Ways to Help

## Support Us

Your donation supports our efforts to provide scholarships to local East Hampton students and to beautify the Village. Here are a few ways to help: donate merchandise to our shops, remember or honor a loved one with a tree memorial plaque, become a volunteer, or attend our community events. Please use the enclosed envelope to make a cash gift for general or earmarked support. Learn more about LVIS, what we do and how you can support us, on our website, [www.lvis.org](http://www.lvis.org).



**LVIS President Jen Tarbet and long-time board member Colleen Rando**

Photo: Durell Godfrey



**The Sunken Garden at our headquarters welcomes visitors**

Photo: Doug Young

## Join Us

LVIS is a vibrant organization of people committed to enhancing our community. For over 128 years, we have partnered with local schools, government, and civic organizations in maintaining the historic charm of East Hampton while keeping a keen eye on positive progress for the future. We are always looking for new members, and we also welcome volunteers, including men, and hope you will consider joining us.

## Shop Us

We're East Hampton's department store. **Hours: Tuesdays through Saturday from 10am to 5pm.** Men's and women's clothing and accessories, formal wear, books, housewares, furniture, artwork and more, abound here. The Shops at LVIS are patronized by everyone from young fashionistas to costume designers to bargain hunters and book aficionados. There is no limit to the hidden treasures you might find.



**The LVIS Fair is for families and community!**

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**There are always treasures to be found in our shops.**

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## See You at The Fair

**June 17, 2023 • 10am - 4pm.** East Hampton's "don't miss" event including playland for kids, plant sale, music all day, East Hampton fare, LVIS merchandise, chances, and the renowned Silent Auction. The Silent Auction is live for preview or purchase now at [www.lvis.org](http://www.lvis.org).



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