



L.V.I.S

Ladies' Village Improvement Society

Established in 1895

April 2024

Calendar

Monday

April 8

*Member Meeting
Long House Reserve*

2:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Monday

May 13

*Member Meeting
First Presbyterian*

Church

2:30 p.m.

Colleen Rando, chair

Lauren Betesh, vice-chair



On the April Agenda:

LVIS and Town Pond

LVIS member Bess Rattray will discuss LVIS's long involvement with East Hampton's iconic Town Pond at the April member meeting. Bess is a thirteenth-generation East Hamptonite. She writes the column *The Shipwreck Rose* for *The East Hampton Star* and for nearly two decades before that she was a senior editor at *Vogue*. She has also been, in recent years, editor-in-chief of *The Star's* regional magazine, *EAST*. She is a graduate of Barnard College, where she studied American history, and is raising her two children, Nettie and Teddy, in her hometown. When off-duty, she has taken on various volunteer roles, including five years as an E.M.T. with the East Hampton Village Ambulance Association; five as the first female captain in a fire department in rural Nova Scotia; and, currently, is proud to be the founder and chairwoman of the Anchor Society of East Hampton, a nonprofit community group dedicated to fostering commerce that serves the community.



Our member and LongHouse docent Irina Ourusoff has offered a free tour before the meeting at 1 p.m. She advises members to dress warmly as the pavilion meeting area is chilly. Because LongHouse has graciously provided space for us at no cost, a donation would be welcome.

Please note: April 8 is the day of the total eclipse. Members are encouraged to bring appropriate eclipse-viewing eyewear.



From the left: OLA legal advocate Erika Padilla, OLA Executive Director Minerva Perez, Eastville Community Historical Society Executive Director Dr. Georgette Grier-Key, and LVIS President Joyce Tuttle.



Photos: Durell Godfrey

March Member Meeting

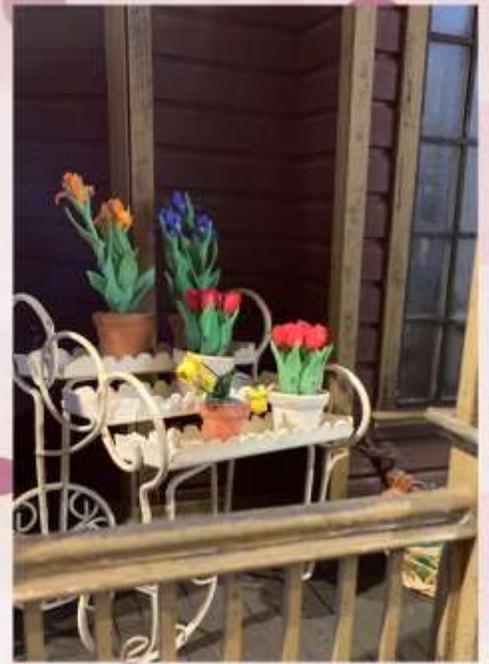
Fair chairs Bonnie Pizzorno, left, and Pam Cataletto display a tea towel to be sold at the Fair.



Easter Egg Hunt



Photos: Durell Godfrey



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From left, Emalie Daniel, Jessie Gurtler, Annie Browngardt, Erika Gomez



*Vickie Lundin
aka the Easter
Bunny*



*From left: Dana O'Leary,
Betty Pasteur, Eveyln Wolff*



Thanks to Our Intrepid Special Events Committee



From left, Tiade Criollo, Briana Canafe



Photos: Durell Godfrey

LVIS Fair Saturday June 8

Playland



Returning will be the beloved carousel and the ever popular princesses, face painting, pony rides and a petting zoo in addition to games and prizes.



New this year will be a roving magician and a bubble man.

Sign-Ins, Name Tags

There will be a sign-in area where volunteers can get their name tags and fairgoers can pick up information about the Fair as well as general LVIS information, including how to become a member.

Plants

The Plant Booth is in need of baskets — baskets filled with plants were a popular item last year. Any size is welcome. Please drop them off at the donation garage.



Vintage

If anyone has any vintage clothing (pre 1980's) please consider donating it to the Vintage Booth. Fairgoers flock to the booth each year, many of them making it their first stop.



We Need Your Help

Sweet Treats

The Cake Booth is back. Bakeries are being asked to donate items, but we are also counting on our members to provide goodies. Information about health requirements will follow.



Silent Auction

There are many prizes already donated. Billy Joel tickets will be available as well as many golf packages. The Silent Auction site will be up by April 15th and bidding will begin on May 8th.



Jewelry

Your help is needed. Please take a look at your stash and look for items that you no longer wear.



Mystery Booth

New or unused items are needed as well as wrapping paper. Please drop off in the office.

Gates

Volunteers on Gates are being instructed to strictly enforce the 10 a.m. opening, perhaps using the nearby church bells to signal the start of the Fair.

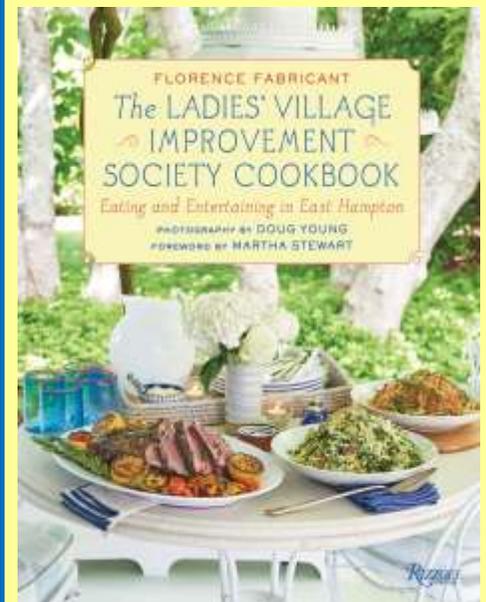


Signs

Large signs with a map of the Fair will be posted to ensure that visitors are aware of all of the areas available, including the food trucks, music, pony rides, and petting zoo.

East Hampton Fare/ LVIS Merchandise

Wares from many local artists will be offered on a consignment basis. LVIS merchandise will include baseball hats, canvas tote bags, and carousel tea towels along with items from past Fairs, including the Ladies Village Improvement Society Cookbook, *Eating and Entertaining in East Hampton*.



The Carousel is Back



Carousel horse and Fair photos: Durell Godfrey

Volunteers

If you do not yet have an assignment, please contact the Booth chairs (see next page) or the Fair chairs.



Food Trucks

We have food trucks and a Carvel ice cream truck signed up. We are hoping for an additional food truck and a coffee truck along with some morning treats to offer volunteers before the Fair opens to the public. This will provide a variety of options along with LVIS's famous hot dogs and sweet treats.

Toys

We need toys in great condition. Please drop them off at the donation barn, labeled for the Fair.



Brought to you by...

Fair Committee

Fair Chair	Bonnie Pizzorno
Fair Chair	Pam Cataletto
Fair General Manager	Russell Kratoville
LVIS President	Joyce Tuttle
Sign Coordinator	Suz Landi
	Cindy Goldberg
Volunteers/ Coordinator	Laura Schilling
Treasurer	Harriet Edwards
General Publicity	Carol Sharks
Fair Information	Colleen Rando (Newsletter)

Special Assignments

Announcements	Iris Convissar
Gates	Qiana White
Junior Volunteers	Alexandra McCourt
Special Events	Betty Pasteur
Roving Events	MaryJane Brock

Booth Chairs

Cakes	Ami Ayre
	Penny Helm
	Charlotte Sasso
Food Safety	Ashley Bell
Hot Dogs	Liz Pucci
Books	Cathy Humphrey
Women's	Kathy McCormack
Men's	Vickie Lundin
Furniture	Ellen McPartland
Housewares	Jennifer Georges
Vintage	Marci Reed
	Abby Vogel
Jewelry	Dyanna Nesbitt
Chances	Olivia Brooks
	Maddy Lawler
Flowers	Laurie Petroske
	Leslie Clarke
Kids Toys	Maddie Stoller
East Hampton Fare/	Nancy Pearson
LVIS Merchandise	Marianne Nosal
Playland	Trisha Erickson
	Stephanie Forsberg
Silent Auction	Patti Ferrin
Mystery Booth	Bess Rattray

...and our members, their families and friends, our staff, and all of our generous donors.



LVIS at the Senior Center

Strangers - Leave As Friends

Special Events Chair Vickie Lundin



Photos: Qiana White



*From left, Qiana White, Mary Ella Moeller,
Audrey Gaines*



The Special Events Committee, chaired by Vickie Lundin, made their spring visit to the East Hampton Senior Center bearing gifts provided by the LVIS Shops, and Leslie Clarke donated hyacinths, daffodils and ranunculus to add a touch of spring. Seniors over 90 were honored and were the first of the 80 seniors present to select their gifts. Two raffles were held — for the lovely floral centerpieces and for gift certificates to the LVIS Shops.

Beneath the Branches

Minding the Trees

— from a March 14 East Hampton Star Editorial

Considering the state of the trees on the South Fork, lately, it has felt rather as if we've been in the midst of some sort of arboreal apocalypse. Note: the frankly rather hellish state of some areas of Northwest Woods (the woods that aren't worthy of the name any longer, in some corners, following a beetle infestation brought here by climate change). See also the recent hue and cry over tree preservation in Sag Harbor, and recent headlines about blight on Napeague and beech trees under disease threat, as well. Trees are a hot topic in 2024.

Is all of this merely ecological coincidence? Absolutely not. Global warming, which brings new insects and diseases, is showing its devastating hand. And anyone who has been observing the trees for more than a few years understands that overdevelopment and clear-cutting have gone beyond an environmentally safe tipping point.

And that's why we thank heaven for the Ladies Village Improvement Society. If it weren't for more than a century and a quarter of the L.V.I.S. tree committee's well-informed and well-researched guardianship, we wouldn't have the leafy canopy overhead here in the village, even though we had to bid farewell to some of our old friends last month. It's not just that the L.V.I.S. has preserved the elm here in the village — the elm being the symbol of both the women's civic organization itself and of our community — it's that their care has no doubt prevented further onward spread of blight and disease.

When the leaves come out in the trees this spring, in April and May, look up. We can no longer afford to take our trees for granted. We call them "sentinels" — guardians who keep watch over our town. Pay heed. They are raising their branches in alarm.

Beech Leaf Disease Research at East Hampton High School



Trees in East Hampton are facing multiple threats, all of them of great concern to residents and the LVIS Tree Committee. One of the more recent threats is Beech leaf disease. Damage can be spotted across the East End to both the copper beech and the American beech.

Research is ongoing, but at this time there is no specific treatment for trees that are infected. Margery Daughtrey, a plant pathologist at Cornell University's Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension Center and an advisor to both the LVIS Tree and Grounds Committees, was recently interviewed by NBC regarding the disease and the search for an effective treatment. "There is some momentum building," she said, "which I hope will lead to more research and more answers."

Another person who has BLD on his radar is EHHS sophomore Griffin Beckman, who last spring was introduced to LVIS Tree Committee Chair Olivia Brooks by Dr. Stephanie Forsberg, a teacher in the Methods and Research program at the school and an LVIS member. Griffin was interested in tree research for his Advanced Placement science class and Olivia discussed the ravages of BLD with him, suggesting the names of experts in the field who might be of assistance.

Fast Forward to this April and the Science Research Symposium at the high school, where Griffin will be discussing his research: "The effect of Beech leaf disease on gas exchange in *Fagus grandifolia* (American Beech)". He has invited Olivia and members of the Tree Committee to attend the event, which is open to the public and takes place on April 11 at 6 p.m. at the high school.

To view the impressive array of other topics being presented, click here: [EHHS Science Research Topics and Mentors 2024.pdf](#)

Notes from the Board

Committee Chairs

Several new chair appointments were announced.

Michele Allman will take over the role of House chair following Jen Tarbet's long tenure. Vickie Lundin will take over Men's from Almeda Rickenbach, who served as chair for over 25 years. Andrea Cooper has agreed to assume the chair of Finance (once again) following the departure of Maureen Bluedorn.

Landmarks Project

The Board approved proceeding with a Landmarks Committee proposal to hire Sarah Kautz to conduct a study which could lead to an update to the 1982 LVIS publication "East Hampton's Heritage: An Illustrated Architectural Record". Her goal will be to identify at least 50 previously undocumented structures in the Village of East Hampton for possible

inclusion in the updated book. This is phase one of the project; the decision as to whether to proceed with the update will be made after phase one is completed.

Gardiner Brown Work

A number of house improvements took place during the February closing:

- The hardwood floors were cleaned.
- The Barn & Annex have new speckled epoxy floors.
- A new HVAC was installed in the Barn
- The Annex was painted.
- The shelves in Housewares and Men's were cleaned and painted by sales staff member Jesse Gurtler.
- A new industrial desk was added to Housewares.
- The glass top on the Baker elm desk in Books was replaced.
- A bid was accepted to re-

place a section of the historic front fence damaged by a fallen tree limb.

Nature Trail

At the request of the Nature Trail Committee, the LVIS Board wrote a letter to the Village supporting the installation of two speed bumps on Davids Lane near the Nature Trail to protect the wildlife that congregate there.

Gay Pride Parade

LVIS will join with other local organizations and participate in the June 1 third annual Gay Pride Parade. Members who want to participate should contact Vickie Lundin if you want to walk, or Bonnie Pizzorno if you have a car you can drive or if you need a ride. All are to wear white and add your green apron.

Vickie - 631-329-5378

Bonnie - 631-324-1235

Book Talk

— Nancy Vermandois

Parlez- vous Français ?	French
А ты говоришь по русски?	Russian
Pratar du Svenska?	Swedish
Parla Italia?	Italian

We have an interesting collection of books in foreign languages. Some are on our Collectibles shelf, for example:



Others are in the general foreign language section.

Also in the news:

Books now has its own e-commerce account with Amazon. Our books have been available on Amazon.com for many years thanks to LVIS Books volunteer, Caren Rosenthal. In the past, Caren chose some of our more expensive books and posted them for sale on the site. Thanks to her efforts, they sold well.

Recently, with the help of our office staff, our Amazon account is now managed onsite. Caren still selects the books to post, and writes their description. She and Cathy Humphrey then process and mail the books as they are sold.

Shop Talk

Over the years, LVIS thrift shops have built up a loyal and grateful clientele:

When I was in the corporate world, my suits were usually Ralph Lauren, Saks Fifth Avenue, or Barney's Oxford brand, and my sports clothes were typically Lauren of Principe, a very fine Italian brand. But let me be clear, I found them all at one of the finest shops in East Hampton, the Ladies' Village Improvement Society, known as LVIS. Back then my suits rarely cost more than \$15 to \$20 for alterations....I was better dressed than my CEO...Just weeks ago I bought a beautiful pair of Ralph Lauren summer slacks for the outrageous price of \$12.

East Hampton Star letter to the Editor, 2008

LVIS is my favorite shop in all of the Hamptons. I have been coming here from Connecticut for over 20 years. The Ladies who run the Shop are always so cheerful and helpful.

*Thank you,
Lisa*

Note left at the checkout March, 2024