



# L.V.I.S

Ladies' Village Improvement Society

# Established in 1895

## March 2024

## Calendar

**Monday**

**March 11**

**Member Meeting  
Calvary Baptist  
Church**

**60 Spinner Lane  
East Hampton  
2:30 p.m.**

**Saturday**

**March 23**

**Easter Egg Hunt  
LVIS Grounds  
11:00 p.m.**

Colleen Rando, chair  
Lauren Betesh, vice-chair



## *OLA of Eastern Long Island and the Eastville Historical Society on the Agenda*

**T**he executive directors of two local nonprofits will be speaking at the March meeting. Sag Harbor's Eastville Historical Society's Executive Director Georgette Grier-Key is on a mission to protect and raise awareness of endangered historic African Americans sites, history, and folklore on the East End. Dr. Grier-Key currently serves on the board of the Museum Association of New York and the board of the Preservation League of New York State. Professor Grier-Key teaches history at CUNY Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York. Additionally, Dr. Grier-Key serves on local and regional boards including the NAACP Brookhaven Town Branch where she is President.

Ms. Minerva Perez, Executive Director of OLA of Eastern Long Island Inc. (Organización Latino Americana ) focuses on protection, empowerment, and celebration of our Latino community. The organization helps Latino immigrants on the East End build skills and promotes social, economic, cultural, and educational development. Ms. Perez, the organization's first paid executive director, has quadrupled its staff, recently adding its first human rights attorney, and has kept longstanding traditions alive, such as the annual Latino Film Festival. She is also responsible for introducing LanguageLine, an online translation service that can assist law enforcement officers.

# *Save the Dates*



*Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday March 23  
10:00 am to 11:00 am*



*LVIS Annual Fair  
Saturday June 8  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm*

*Photos: Durell Godfrey*

# Shop Talk

## *Introducing the LVIS Sales Floor Committee*

A big thank you to all volunteers on the LVIS Shop's sales floor. We are excited to announce the formation of the Sales Floor Committee, comprising the sales floor volunteers of all departments except Books.

This committee, led by Chair Betty Pasteur and Vice Chair Marian Cassata, is a work in progress. We are seeking team leaders for each day. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer interested in being a team leader or looking to join the sales floor team, we encourage you to reach out!

Let's collaborate and innovate together to enhance our sales floor operations and customer service experience. Stay tuned for updates as we embark on this project. It is a work in progress.

Thanks for your dedication and support.

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## *Welcome to our New Shops Floor Manager Emalie Daniel*



*Photo: Joyce Tuttle*

## *A New Elevator is in the Works*

LVIS has accepted a bid and commenced the permitting process to replace the elevator in its current location. The timeline for completion is late spring.



# Spring Shopping

Collage Photos: Lauren Betesh







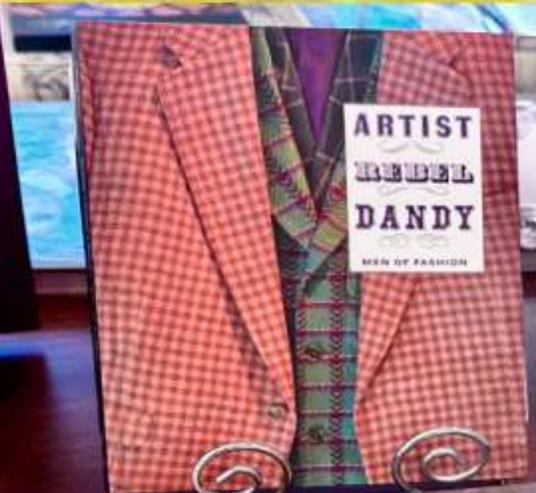
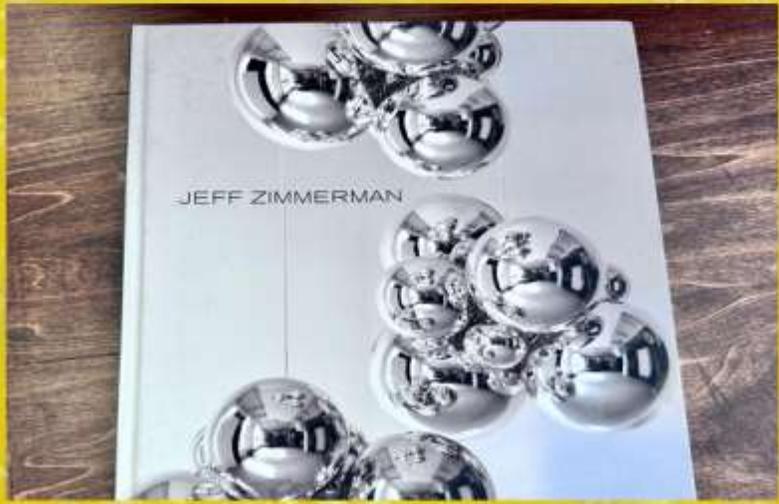
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# A Beach For All Seasons

The Beauty of the Hamptons





# Beneath the Branches

## *Stumped*

*Crocus bulbs signal the beginning of spring!  
They also...*

- A) Spread and come back every year*
- B) Often emit a perfume that attract bees, even in March*
- C) Do best in full sunlight*
- D) Have multicolored blooms*
- E) All of the above*

*Answer last page*

## *Elms in Distress*

The Tree Committee regrets to report that it was necessary to remove two large elm trees on Main Street in the Village, one in front of Louis Vuitton and the other in front of J.Crew. They were not diseased but they were old and dangerously stressed. Branches have been periodically dropping, and they were dead and/or compromised at the crowns. In addition, the elm in front of LVIS has succumbed to Dutch elm disease and needs to be removed.

The issue for LVIS and the Village will be what to do after the trees are removed from their enclosures, which will leave this pair of street corners devoid of trees. It is a difficult situation to undertake any tree replacement in these areas because of the presence of underground pipes and lines (gas, water, electric).

Main Street has a number of old trees that are now failing. LVIS and the Village plan to meet to discuss how to move forward in replacing the trees in the business enclosures that have utilities lines near or surrounded by roots. It is the mission of LVIS to replace trees and we will work hard to continue this commitment.

— *Olivia Brooks*

## *Keeping East Hampton Green*

This past fall 2023, LVIS Tree Committee member and local landscaper Elizabeth Linker donated ten London plane trees to our Village. They are planted on Hither Lane, Lily Pond Lane and Lee Avenue. A HUGE thank you to Elizabeth for her continuing mission to keep our Village beautiful.



# The Fair Needs Your Help

## Silent Auction



It's March, and Fair Day is just three short months away on Saturday, June 8th. Our Silent Auction Committee is once again planning another record-breaking auction this year. As always, the Silent Auction team is on the lookout for unique and exciting prizes for the online auction, which goes live on May 8th. Perhaps you or a friend would like to support LVIS by donating to one or more of our categories: Food & Wine, Travel & Resorts, Golf & Sports, Entertainment, Health & Beauty, House & Garden & Children's.

Please contact Patti Ferrin if you would like to donate or work on our Silent Auction. (631-377-0389)

## Mystery Booth

We are gathering gifts for the Mystery Booth, and need donations of any fresh, gift items -- for adults or children -- that are new and in original packaging (or gift certificates). Some of you may remember the Mystery Booth from decades past: It's a simple concept that fans adored. Fairgoers browse a selection of gift-wrapped "mystery" gifts and select one or more to buy for themselves. The wrapped items don't reveal what's inside (although if it's something that's not for everyone, it is marked with a small sticker for some basic categories -- "baby," "boy," "girl," "teenager," "man," "woman"). The buyer unwraps and voila! That's it. You can buy something large or small to donate to the booth, or regift a large or small white elephant that's sitting around the house, as long as it's a cute gift that someone genuinely might like to receive, and as long as it's new and in original packaging. Think: toys and games, housewares or decorative items, locally made treats .... really, anything. Thanks so much!

— Bess Rattray

Any gently used and new toys will be accepted for the Fair's Toy Booth.



Please call the office to make a donation beginning on March 15th.

## Mystery Booth



# *LVIS Volunteer Opportunities*

## ***The Nominating Committee Needs YOU !***

Do you know a special member that would be great for our Board? The Nominating Committee is in the process of seeking candidates for the 2025 Board of Directors and the next Nominating Committee. If you would like to nominate a member, or you are interested in serving, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee listed below for more information. *All communications will be held in confidence.*

Aimee Dallob (chair)

Ami Ayre

Jane Dillon

Ellen McPartland

Marcie Reed

Wendy Serkin

## ***Become a Mentor for a New Member***

The Membership Committee has initiated a new Mentor program. We are requesting your consideration in becoming a mentor for our new Provisionals. As an LVIS member – “Ladies of Vision and Inspiration”, you have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with our new Provisionals.

This mentorship program would provide a way for experienced members to guide our new Provisional members-to-be as they navigate the challenges and opportunities that come with being a part of our fabulous group of women.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Patti Ferrin, 631-377-0389 or Joyce Tuttle, 631-338-7140. We would be more than happy to provide more information as we coordinate the mentorship program.

Thank you for considering participation in this new program.

# Book Talk

— Nancy Vermandois

We have some good news from Books. Two new sections have been added to our Bookshop: Young Adult and Young Adult Graphics. Rene Martin has started the new collections on the bookcase at the end of the Mystery Section.



The criteria for choosing books for Young Adults usually depends on their topics, plots or subjects. Some refer to these books as “coming of age stories,” or topics of interest to teens from 13 to 18.



Graphics can be fiction or non-fiction. They tell a story mainly through vivid images.

In other book news, for a limited time, we will have a special \$1 sale on popular Mysteries/ Suspense/ Thrillers. These books are marked with a red dot and placed in baskets. You will find hardcover books by Balducci, Patterson, Cussler, Grisham, and others. Happy Reading!

## *Hello all Nancy Drews*



Next month Olivia Brooks and Nancy Vermandois will disclose the answer to this interesting and surprising teaser/question: Who was Mrs. E. S. Boughton and why was she important to us in East Hampton?



# Winter at the Nature Trail



Photos: Durell Godfrey



## *A Reminder*

Please do not feed bread or cereal to our birds at the Nature Trail. If you wish to feed them, corn, cracked corn and duck pellets are acceptable.

# The Ladies' Village Improvement Society of East Hampton



*Capturing the spirit of a women's civic organization  
spanning three centuries*

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*Available in the Books Shop*

From Liz Smith, a newspaper society columnist, who describes herself as having “visited in all the Hamptons and been visited in many of them.” The article, “The Hamptons: New York’s Party Line” mentions celebrities like Dina Merrill and Truman Capote and large parties, and then adds:

...East Hampton is the quietest of the Hamptons. It is a gem of self-preservation...with the Hamptons’ strictest zoning laws and it has always been different. It has retained its wide downtown thoroughfares and narrow backroads, its monuments and treasures, through the efforts of an intimidating group of women called the Ladies’ Village Improvement Society. These stalwarts have agitated to keep out group renters and other undesirables. They have also restored old landmarks and attacked the Governor about too many state signs on their beautiful streets.

*From Venture Magazine, April 1968*