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THE LADIES' VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2017

KEEPING EAST HAMPTON BEAUTIFUL SINCE 1895



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ESTABLISHED IN 1895

Dear Neighbor,

As one of the oldest and most esteemed women's organizations in the country, LVIS has been vigilant in its stewardship and in its total devotion to the betterment of our community.

Throughout the year, we will continue to care for our beloved East Hampton by:

- Nurturing and monitoring the health of the 3,500 magnificent shade trees that line our Village streets
- Maintaining organically the eight acres of rolling greens around Town Pond, Hook Mill and North End Common
- Caring for the ducks, geese and swans, as well as overseeing the flora and fauna at our 24-acre Nature Trail – a very special oasis on David's Lane
- Providing and maintaining the 120 American flags that grace our Village on holidays and special occasions
- Awarding over \$150,000 in college scholarships to seventeen deserving East Hampton High School seniors and to two women returning to college
- Advocating for the restoration and preservation of historic landmarks and spaces
- Maintaining our Main Street headquarters, the historic Gardiner Brown House – a Village landmark
- Hosting holiday open houses at Easter, Halloween and Christmas to the delight of school children and their parents

There will also be a focus on long-range planning including:

- Developing plans for community celebrations and activities in recognition of our 125th Anniversary
- Undergoing a complete re-organization of the LVIS archives which date back to the beginning of the twentieth century
- Developing a master plan for the Gardiner Brown House's Grounds and Sunken Garden to help us maximize the opportunities to open the lush grounds to the community

It is your generous support that helps us underwrite these essential programs and community activities and, for that, we thank you.

With all best wishes,

Anne Thomas

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President



Every Tree Tells a Story

LVIS has worked for more than a century to ensure that our stately elm trees continue to form a high, leafy canopy over the streets of our historic Village. Despite the best efforts of LVIS and East Hampton Village, eleven of our hundred year-old elm trees had to be taken down due to the ravages of Dutch elm disease. Age and drought conditions over the last five years have weakened our beloved elms, making them susceptible to the disease. Not only will LVIS be partnering with the Village to share the enormous cost of removing the diseased trees, we will also see to their replacement in the near future.



Our Promising Future

Following a rigorous application process, students from the Class of 2016 were awarded over \$150,000 in college scholarships as they set out to pursue their degrees at Bowdoin, Berkeley School of Music, Georgetown, Miami, Tulane and NYU, to name just a few. The recipients' areas of interest range from nursing and pre-med to political science, media culture and architecture.

Meet Us at the Fair – Saturday, July 29, 2017

You will know the much-anticipated 122nd Summer Fair is at hand when the grounds of the Gardiner Brown House are transformed by green and white booths boasting vintage clothing and jewelry, flowers and plants, pony rides and petting zoo, homemade treats, a silent auction, and the beautifully painted ponies of the signature carousel.

Shop Us

From vintage glassware to designer jackets to first edition books, there is absolutely no limit to what hidden treasures you might find at LVIS. Men's and women's clothing, books, furniture, artwork and more, abound at Bargain Box, Bargain Books and Furniture Barn, which operate five days a week, year-round.



Fund Us

Our generous donors provide the most crucial component of our funding. Donations can be earmarked for the tree program, the scholarship program, local historic preservation projects, or general funds. You can also remember a loved one with a tree and memorial plaque.



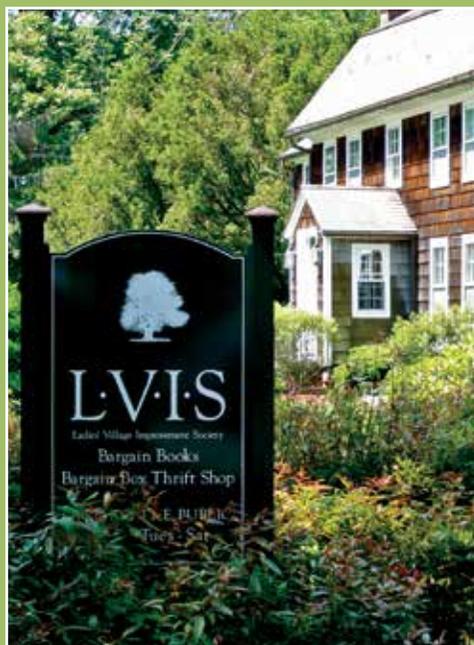
Join Us

When you join LVIS, you join a vibrant organization of industrious women committed to strengthening our community through conservation, beautification, education, and historic preservation. We are welcoming new members and volunteers and hope you will consider joining.



"The LVIS is a mighty community force. Their steadfast commitment to East Hampton Village deserves our gratitude and continued support."

— Paul F. Rickenbach, Jr.
Mayor, East Hampton Village



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