



L.V.I.S

Ladies' Village Improvement Society

Established in 1895

April 2018

Calendar

**April 9
Monday
2:30 p.m.
Member Meeting
St. Luke's Church**

Looking Ahead

**May 14
Monday
2:30 p.m.
Member Meeting
Devon Yacht Club**

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Arbor Day Panel Discussion

The Tree Committee, chaired by Olivia Brooks, will host an Arbor Day panel discussion at the April 9th member meeting in Hoie Hall at St. Luke's Church. Four local landscape companies will participate: Marders, Bartlett Tree Experts, CW Arborists, and Whitmores. Among the topics discussed will be tree selection, proper planting procedures, protection of trees at construction sites, pruning, and common diseases. Local landscapers, garden clubs and other interested individuals have been invited to attend.

Trees have been an official part of our mission since 1920, when the Village was incorporated. While the Village owns the street trees, LVIS shares major

responsibilities like pruning, checking tree conditions, and monitoring their health. Our "little tree program," which includes treatments for the trees' first three years in the Village, is paid for exclusively by the LVIS. We also pay for the purchasing, planting, treating and pruning of all American elms.

Over the years we have planted a multitude of trees of diverse species, assisted in recovery efforts after major storms, successfully battled Dutch elm disease, developed a database for Village trees, and installed over 600 commemorative plaques.

Our 2018 expenditures for Trees will total over \$150,000, making trees one of our biggest community programs.



Art Historian to Speak about Mary Nimmo Moran at Clinton Academy on Saturday, April 21

The Landmarks Committee of the LVIS invites the East Hampton community to a Saturday coffee at 1:30 PM in Clinton Academy on April 21, 2018. Shannon Vittoria, art historian at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, specializes in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century American painting and works on paper, with a focus on landscape art and women artists. Vittoria received her Ph.D. in Art History from the City University of New York's Graduate Center in January of 2016, where she completed her doctoral dissertation *Nature and Nostalgia in the Art of Mary Nimmo Moran (1842-1899)*. In the past, she held curatorial research positions at the Frick Collection, the Morgan Library & Museum, and the New York Historical Society, and has taught courses on American art at Baruch College and Seton Hall University.



Vittoria will share her extensive knowledge of Thomas and Mary Nimmo Moran and the often untold story of what enabled a late 19th century wife and mother to become a prominent member of the art world. Weather permitting, the Moran House will be open for attendees after the talk.

The program is free but space is limited. Please call LVIS (631 324-1220 ext. 2) or email info2@lvis.org for a reservation.

First Fair Meeting of the Year



The Fair Pair, Bonnie Pizzorno and sister Pam Cataletto (at the head of the table), held their first Fair meeting on March 17th. Good cheer abounded. There are already some changes in the works, with more to come.

Toys

Chair Maddie Stoller is in need of toys in good condition.

Holiday Treasures

Ida Jennings is expanding the scope of the Christmas in July booth to include all major holi-

days. Please remember this booth after each home holiday cleanup.

Book Signing

Montauk residents John Aldred and Anthony Sosinski will be signing *A Speck in the Sea*, describing a near-tragedy in the seas off Montauk.

Chances

Chairs Olivia Brooks and Maddie Lawler will again offer cash prizes. This year's tickets will be sold at the East Hampton Chamber of Commerce Spring Fair.

East Hampton Booth

Lisa Larsen and Jackie Dunphy are

seeking locally sourced products which can be returned to the owner if they do not sell, eliminating any financial outlay on our part.

Playland

Playland will use a prepaid bracelet as well as single tickets.

Food

Ilissa Meyer is researching food trucks to supplement what is already served at lunch. Jenny Mulligan, the Bread, Jam and Cake chair, is reaching out to members for more homemade goods this year.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Halston Shirley

Photo: Daphne Shirley

Another great event brought to you by Special Events Chair Vickie Lundin and her committee. It is nice to know that the committee's efforts are appreciated.

Dear Ladies,

Halston and I had such a wonderful time yesterday morning at the egg hunt. You bring so much joy to us and so many others. Thank you for all the sweet and thoughtful things you do, especially at the holidays for the community. Halston got his favorite fruit treats in his eggs to boot.

Daphne A. Shirley



Charlotte, left, and Victoria Tsesarsky Photo: Durell Godfrey



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House Chair Jen Tarbet — Overseer of the Renovation



Serendipity is defined as the occurrence or development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way. What could better describe having someone with Jen Tarbet’s background as House chair during the extensive renovation process. Bringing to the table managerial skills honed as the principal of East Hampton’s John Marshall Elementary School, and her knowledge of the building industry acquired as she worked beside her husband, builder John Tarbet, she was simply — for LVIS— in the right place at the right time.

Jen was born in England and came to East Hampton as a young woman. She was a teacher and reading specialist before becoming a principal. At the same time she established connections with tradespeople through her involvement in the family business, including staging homes in preparation for a sale. She has two sons and three grandchildren.

To quote President Anne Thomas, “Jen was the first one there in the morning to let the workers in, and the last one there at night to lock up.” Thank you, Jen!

Janice Fiero helping a customer in the Annex.

