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Ladies' Village Improvement Society

Established in 1895

May 2024

Calendar

Monday

May 13

2:30 p.m.

***Member Meeting
First Presbyterian
Church***

Looking Ahead

Saturday

June 8

LVIS Annual Fair

10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

LVIS Grounds

Monday

June 10

2:30 p.m.

***Member Meeting
Most Holy Trinity
Church***

Colleen Rando, chair

Lauren Betesh, vice-chair

New Members and the Fair on the May Agenda

Membership Chair Patti Ferrin will introduce nine new members at the May meeting. Names and sponsors follow.

Andrea Bejsovec: Suz Landi Kathy Walsh

Christina Buckley: Ann Roberts Bess Rattray

Zanetta Classens: Marcie Reed Dyanna Nesbitt

Kathleen Colihan: Susannah Reid Audrey Gaines

Stephanie Forsberg: Sarah Minardi Nancy McGuirk

Diana Graham: Susannah Reid Dyanna Nesbitt

Eileen Mullen: Ellen McPartland Irina Ourusoff

Dana O'Leary: Lynn Jerome Dianne Benson

Lois Vecchio: Kathy McCormack Marie Brierley

Also at the meeting the Fair Pair, Bonnie Pizzorno and Pam Cataletto, will provide an update on the Fair.

A fashion show of LVIS finery will follow, moderated by Kathy McCormack and Erin Hirshorn. LVIS members and volunteers will model. There will be some surprises.

Should you spot an ensemble or accessory that is calling your name, most will be available for purchase.



Photo: Durell Godfrey

Member Meeting at LongHouse

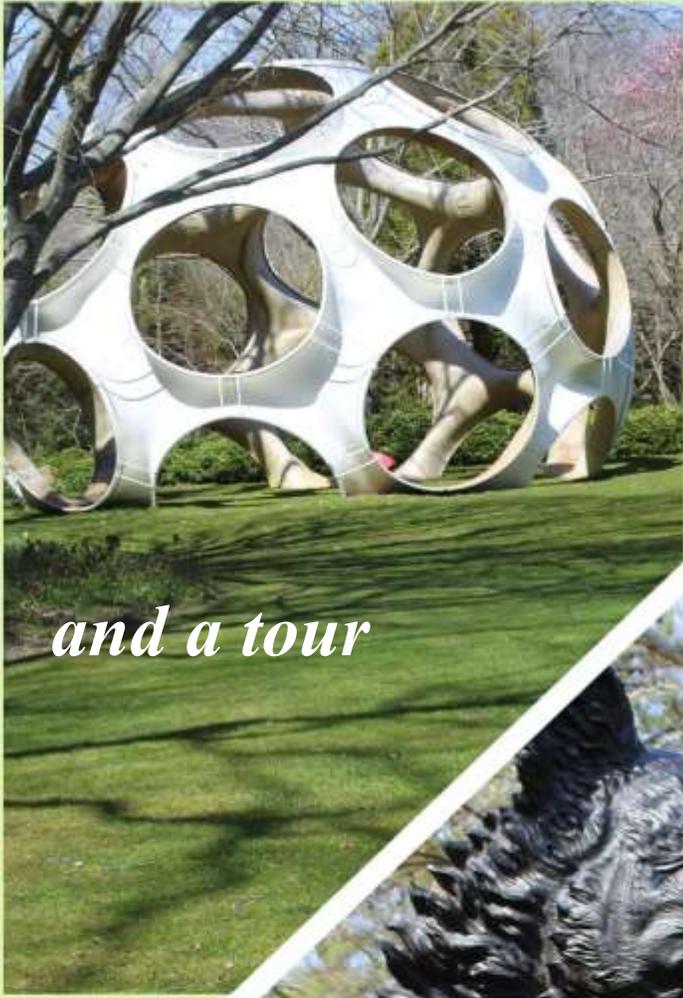
a lecture...



an eclipse...



Photos: Colleen Rando



and a tour







LVIS ANNUAL FAIR

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024

10AM - 4PM

- CAROUSEL • LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY
- FOOD COURT (Including Sweet Treats)
 - PLANTS • VINTAGE PLUS
 - THRIFT SHOPS • CHANCES
- EAST HAMPTON FARE • TOY SALE
 - PLAYLAND (Face Painting, Roving Magician, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo)
 - MYSTERY BOOTH

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Silent Auction

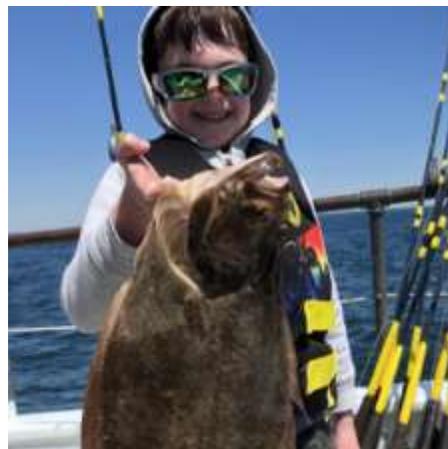
Online Bidding Starts at Noon May 8th



Some of the many items offered.

Click on the link below to view the auction.

<https://app.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/lvis-silent-auction-2024-41047>



LVIS Fair Saturday June 8

Mystery Booth

Please search your closets for new items that could be donated to the Mystery Booth. Many are looking forward to selecting a mystery gift, but we need your help.



Music

The Tom and Lisa and Band will provide all-day music with brief breaks which will allow other groups to perform. In addition the carousel will provide music all day.



Flags

Numerous American flags will be displayed in front of the house on Main Street to add to the celebratory atmosphere.



Dogs

The Fair Committee has decided that leashed dogs would be permitted at the Fair. No dogs are allowed in LVIS buildings except "Certified Service Animals."



Toys

Please donate your gently used toys. The booth is always a big hit with the youngsters, along with the other Playland activities and, of course, the carousel.



Vintage

The Vintage Booth is seeking men's and women's vintage couture and accessories. This is the first stop for many of our fashionistas.



Jewelry

According to Vogue, boho-chic will be the predominate look in jewelry on the fall 2024 runways. Think animal prints, Calder-esque earrings, chunky chains, and sculptural necklaces and brooches. If you have them, you may want to keep them — at least for awhile. However, everything else in your stash is fair game. Please consider donating some pieces to the LVIS Jewelry Booth. Think of passing on your jewelry as a way to ensure that the memories don't end with you.



Shop Talk



Photo: Cathy Humphrey

Passing It On

A chance encounter with Diana, owner of Woof Pack, a personalized dog service company, led to a volunteer effort to collect bags of unsellable blankets and towels to donate to local animal shelters. The LVIS Shops have always done our best to repurpose, and we have had an informal procedure in place for giving items to shelters, but hearing of our efforts Diana and Joe, pictured left, offered to collect and distribute the items for us.

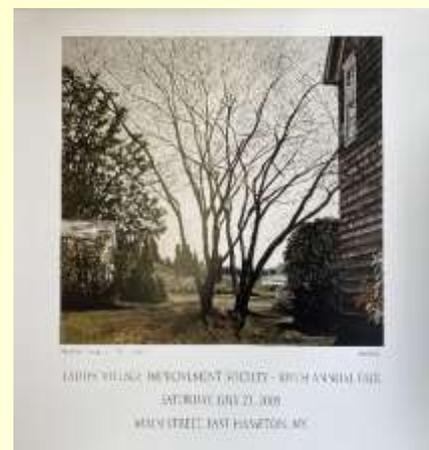
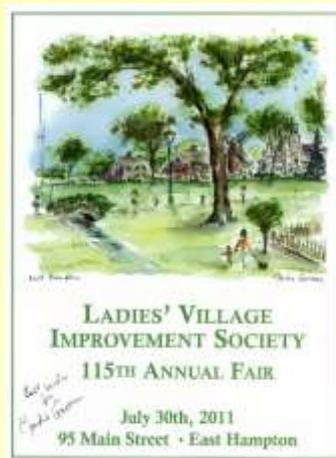
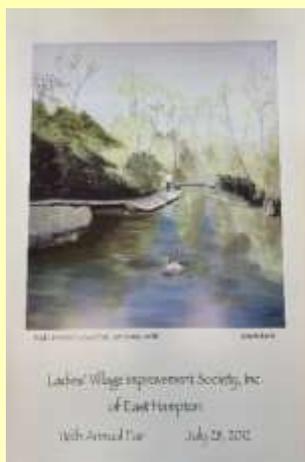
— Joyce Tuttle

Book Talk

— Nancy Vermandois



**VINTAGE LVIS FAIR POSTERS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN BOOKS.
BELOW ARE SAMPLES OF POSTERS ON SALE NOW:**



PRICED FROM \$10 TO \$15

Beneath the Branches

*Dutch Elm Disease
Strikes at
95 Main Street*



Photo: Durell Godfrey

*Each tree has
a story of its own,
representing many
years of living through
whatever nature
throws at them.*

A Survivor Tree Blossoms



*Photo:
Olivia Brooks*

About a month after 9/11, workers at the World Trade Center site spotted a live pear tree (*Pyrus calleryana*) branch sticking out of the rubble. What was left of the formerly eight-foot tree was rescued and taken to the Arthur Ross Nursery in the Bronx's Van Cortlandt Park, where it grew to 35 feet tall.

As part of the Survivor Tree Seedling Program, three communities are selected annually to receive seedlings for the creation of their own Survivor Tree Memorial, an idea originally conceived by Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

The East Hampton tree was planted in July 2016, on the anniversary of Karen Denise Rickenbach's death.

Searching for Answers

Recently I was notified by a landscape crew that they had uncovered a deeply buried memorial tree plaque near the Dayton/Ritz building on Main Street. The inscription read, “MEMORIAL TREE, E.S. Boughton, 1938.” Unfortunately, the cement monument was severely damaged. LVIS ordered a new plaque.

We did not have that plaque listed in our LVIS tree plaque database, but we did have one for Welby Boughton 1937 located at 180 Newtown Lane. I wondered if E.S. Boughton was related to Welby Boughton and what was their East Hampton connection?

I contacted Nancy Vermandois, LVIS Archives Chair, who discovered that E.S. Boughton was the owner and editor of The East Hampton Star until his death in 1916. She contacted Andrea Meyer, research director of the East Hampton Library, who continued to research the Boughton family. Subsequently, in January 2024 the library published an article which appeared in the East Hampton Star regarding Mrs. E.S. Boughton. Nancy Vermandois wanted to learn more.

Edward Smith (E. S.) Boughton moved to East Hampton in 1890 from Danbury, Conn. As editor he advocated several times for the formation of an organization that would take on the task to “Keep East Hampton Beautiful.” So as it turns out, E.S. is one of our founding fathers, and his wife, Bertha Emeline Welby Boughton is one of our first ladies. E. S. and Bertha lived with their eight children on Newtown Lane, adjacent to Wittendales. After his death, Ber-

tha continued to publish The Star; her son, Welby, became its editor until his death in 1934. The Star was then sold to Arnold Rattray in 1935.

Clara Wolfert was another of their children. Ironically, Clara’s son, Jay Wolfert, was a classmate of mine and Jay’s sister is our own LVIS member, Linda Brown. Linda grew up in the original Boughton family home at 180 Newtown Lane.

The house was eventually sold in the late 80s and “moved” to Dayton Lane Extension/Toilsome. The house has recently been torn down and is being replaced with a large two -story shingled home.

The obituary in The East Hampton Star of Bertha is a fascinating and an insightful recollection of this remarkable lady. She was not only a charter member of the LVIS in 1895, she was also an active member of the Ramblers Literary Society.

Bertha E. Boughton contributed over 15 recipes to LVIS Cookbooks from 1908 to 1939 (available in the LVIS Archives room). She served on the Cookbook, Fair and Parade committees.

The headstones of 13 Boughton family members can be seen on a visit to Cedar Lawn Cemetery. The most recent family member to be buried in the Boughton plots was Constance who died in 2007.

Although we can’t be sure whether the plaque honored one or both of the Boughtons or even the entire family, it is clear the family made substantial contributions to East Hampton.

Tree Chair Olivia Brooks with Nancy Vermandois

Early Spring on the LVIS Grounds



Photos: Colleen Rando





Notes from the Board

Elevator

Elevator update: The old elevator has been removed, the new one ordered, and expected delivery is mid-May.

Defibrillator

LVIS will soon have a defibrillator on the premises in conjunction with the Public Access Defibrillator program facilitated by the East Hampton Healthcare Foundation. On site coordinators will be identified and participate in training.

Communications

In order to optimize communications with members, the

Board Secretary now sends out a copy of the past month's membership meeting minutes so that they do not need to be read aloud at the meeting and members have an opportunity to review them. In addition, the Board sends out the Board of Directors' agenda in advance, giving members an opportunity to participate or comment on topics of interest.

Hamptons Pride Parade

LVIS will join with other local organizations to march 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.

A Belated Thank You

Thank you to member Alicia Crimmins and her husband Russell for painting the Men's Department during the February closing.

Community Report

The LVIS Community Report will soon be in the mail. The cover features artwork by member Mardie Gorman.



Photo: Durell Godfrey

From the Fair Pair

We need everyone's help. If you don't yet have a job for the Fair, please contact Laura Schilling or Joyce Tuttle.