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First Selectman's Corner

Happy 2015 Old Lyme! While January began quietly, making some of us believe it might be a fairly mild winter, Mother Nature gave a clear message on Jan. 26th – winter is never over until it's over! The Blizzard of 2015 was predicted to be historic in many ways, but thankfully, history was made in other areas like Boston and New Hampshire. While admittedly we received lots of snow, we were spared the loss of electricity and our trees withstood the winds with grace.

Our Public Works crew did a tremendous job of cleaning up after the storm, and the volunteers who come together in times of emergency all did their job and did it well. We should all be grateful to those individuals who make themselves available 24/7 in times of emergency! They include numerous volunteers from the Fire Dept., EMS (ambulance), Special Needs, Police, Respite volunteers, Sheltering, Logistics (equipment, etc.) and Public Information. A very special thank you to all of those who took part during the Blizzard to assure the safety of our residents. We also thank our Emergency Management Director, Dave Roberge, and his Deputy EMD, Troy Clark, who kept the EOC staffed throughout the storm. During the storm, we utilized our Old Lyme Alerts system to keep you updated on how we were handling the storm. If you have not already done so, PLEASE go to the Town website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov) and click on the red banner to sign up. We will not give out your information to others,

and it will only be used for urgent messages. It was a great tool for us during the Blizzard. Let's hope the remainder of the winter is a quiet one!

I am pleased to report that Nicole Stajduhar, has decided to stay with the Town of Old Lyme as Finance Director. Ms. Stajduhar has been with the Town of Old Lyme since 2009, served as one of the auditors of town finances prior to that, and has done a fabulous job in keeping our financial house in order. Both the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen were delighted to hear that she chose to stay on. Welcome back Nicole!



First Selectwoman
Bonnie Reemsnyder

The Solarize Old Lyme kickoff on Dec. 4th was a huge success. We had nearly 100 people in attendance along with vendors and solar ambassadors and people from town who have already installed and enjoy solar for their homes. There are a lot of residents who want to look into solar, and this is a great opportunity! If you are interested in finding out if solar is right for you, you can go online to www.solarizect.com/OldLyme and don't hesitate to click on the GET STARTED button. You are not committed to anything

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by putting in your information, so try it. Even if solar is not for you, consider having your home assessed through the CL&P's Home Energy Solutions (HES). For \$99.00, a contractor will come out to look at the energy efficiency of your home, AND provide up to \$1,000 worth of work on making it more efficient. This is good for the environment, good for you as homeowner, and good for the Town of Old Lyme, as we will get credits towards energy efficient projects for the Town! Go to the CL&P website and look for Home Energy Solutions.

On Dec. 10, 2014, we had our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Town Hall, with the Middle School Band providing seasonal music. Of course, the weather did not cooperate, the rain chasing the band into the Meeting Hall, where they played some terrific music. Thanks to Essex Savings Bank and the Lyme Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce, the students and guests all enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate after the event. It was a lovely and well attended ceremony.

The Boathouse Hains Park Improvements Committee will continue to work on the details of the design for the boathouse and the Master Plan of Hains Park. Some new members were appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and they include a representative from Park & Rec Commission, District #18, Board of Finance and the Building Official. As reported earlier, there will be public information sessions to share the changes to the plan that was presented at the Oct. 6, 2014 Town Meeting to keep residents informed.

The Rte 156 Bike Path and Sound View Improvements Committee has continued to meet to discuss some of the details of the plans and specification, but the focus has been on preparation for the Public Information meeting for March. BSC Group, Inc. is ready to present the preliminary design, but the Committee felt it was important to hold the Public Information meeting later in the year, to allow for seasonal residents to attend. It will be important to have this meeting in early March, 2015 in order to stay on schedule for completion of construction prior to the Summer of 2016. An announcement of the actual date of the presentation should be forthcoming. If you would like to submit a question or comment about the project, please email the committee at soundviewimprovements@gmail.com for a quick response.

Our Sanitarian, Sonia Marino, has accepted a position in another town as Director of Health - a great opportunity for her - so we bid her a fond farewell and wish her luck in her new position. We are very lucky to have hired a new Sanitarian, John Sievec, who comes to us from the Town of Guilford. Guilford, CT has very similar soils and conditions to Old Lyme, so John's 25 years of experience will certainly serve us well. John officially starts on Monday, Feb. 9, 2015. Welcome to Old Lyme John Sievec!

February 13, 2015 has been proclaimed by the Boards of Selectmen of Old Lyme, Lyme, East Lyme, Salem and Old Saybrook as "Loving Parting Day" in honor of the 350th Anniversary of the amicable separation from Saybrook. On that date in 1665, representatives of the settlers on both sides of the Connecticut River signed the agreement known as "the Loving Parting", making East Saybrook a self-supporting community, separate from the Saybrook Colony. In

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Dear Valued Readers,

If you've ever seen an *Events Magazine*, you will appreciate that it provides the latest information from town mayors and selectmen, town departmental schedules and activities, senior news, menus and programs, library information, community listings, economic development and other important town information helping residents to "keep in touch" with what's happening close to home. And the content ensures true shelf life of the magazine.

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Sincerely, William McMinn, President, Essex Printing and *Events Magazines*

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1667, the Connecticut General Court assigned the name "Lyme" to this new community, which also had its own church, known as the First Congregational Church. For more information on the Loving Parting and the history of the Lymes, please visit the Old Lyme Historical Society on Lyme Street (the former Grange Hall). We have a very interesting and rich history in our community.

The Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014 was a very positive report on the strength and stability of the Town. Our finances are in good shape – tax collections were healthy, and our surplus increased from about 16% to 20%, due to prudent fiscal planning and spending. During late winter and early spring of 2015, the Board of Finance will meet weekly to work on the budget for Fiscal Year 2016. The budget hearing is planned for April 20, 2015, and the budget vote will be on May 18, 2015. For more information on the budget proceedings, be sure to read the minutes on the Town website. Please feel free to pick up your own copy of the 2014 Annual Report at the Selectman's Office.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I wish you all a Happy New Year, and wishes for a warm, mild Spring.

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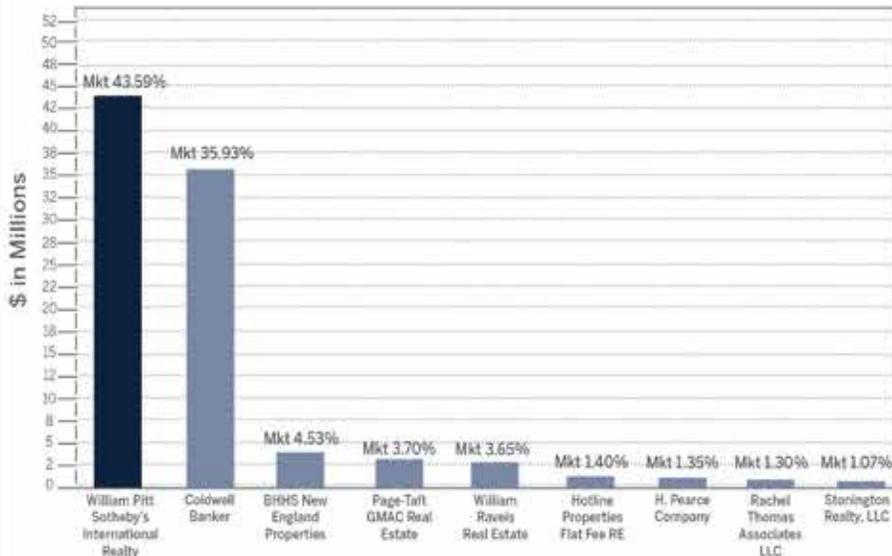


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Pick out that special gift for Mom. Or browse our selection of heirloom tomatoes, annuals, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets, geraniums, perennials and shrubs that will be available. If you are a gardening bargain hunter, Member's Plants and "The Shed" offer wonderful "pickings". And to top things off, "Delectable Edibles" has special treats for all to enjoy.

All proceeds from the sale go to ongoing civic projects, which include scholarships, senior's garden therapy program, holiday wreaths for public buildings, baskets for families in need, and maintenance of plants at town locations. The Duck River Garden Club members look forward to seeing you and can help with any questions.



Left to right: Priscilla Swanson, Lina Canter, and Agnes O'Connor in the Geranium Garden.

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On view: April 24 to June 5th

94th Annual Elected Artist Exhibition. Opening Reception: Friday, May 1, 6-8 pm.

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On Thursday, July 9th at 7:00 pm, join us for the second of our five week Summer Concert Series as the **United States Navy Band** performs for us. Bring your chairs and blankets; the performance will be held out on the lawn (weather permitting) or inside if the weather is inclement. This free concert is open to the public and an ice cream social will follow.

On Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 pm, join us for the third of our Summer Concert Series as the **Waterford Community Band** performs. Bring your chairs and blankets; the performance will be held out on the lawn (weather permitting) or inside if the weather is inclement. This free concert is open to the public and an ice cream social will follow.

On Thursday, July 23rd at 7:00 pm, join us for the fourth concert of our Summer Concert Series. **The band will be announced at a later date.** Bring your chairs and blankets; the performance will be held out on the lawn (weather permitting) or inside if the weather is inclement. This free concert is open to the public and an ice cream social will follow.

On Thursday, July 30th at 7:00 pm, join us for the final concert of our Summer Concert Series as **The Corvettes Doo Wop Revue** performs for us. Feel free to listen or bring your dancing shoes for this lively band. Bring your chairs and blankets; the performance will be held out on the lawn (weather permitting) or inside if the weather is inclement. This free concert is open to the public and an ice cream social will follow.

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Lymes' Senior Center



Special Events

March 13th from 1:00- 5:00 pm. we will hold an **AARP Drive Safety Class**. Call (860) 434-4127 to sign up. Cost is \$15 for members/\$20 for non-members.

March 17th at 12:00 pm a **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** will be held. Reservations need to be made by calling (860) 434-4322 before 10:45 am on Tuesday, March 3rd.

March 17th at 1:00 pm, **The Gray School of Irish Dance** will perform a variety of Irish Dances including soft and hard shoe dances. The dances will include Reels, Jigs, Hornpipes (both contemporary and traditional), and Celtic dances. The dancers will be dressed in traditional Irish Dance costumes.

March 19th at 1:00 pm we will be holding a class **"Learning how to use the Internet for Beginners."** Computers are available to use or you can bring your own. This class is free and limited space is available so sign up today by calling (860)434-4127.

March 20th at 1:00 pm, join us for a presentation for a comprehensive class starting in April **"Learning Italian & Travel to Italy"** presented by Monica, Yale Instructor. Call (860) 434-4127 to register for presentation.

March 25th at 1:00 pm come meet **Channel 3 Meteorologist Scot Haney** who will be here to speak at the center.

March 27th at 1:00 pm Webster Bank will present a free **Elder Abuse & Fraud Seminar**. Call (860) 434-4127 to sign up.

March 31st at 1:00 pm join us for the historical presentation **"The One Room School House, What was it really like?"** presented by Michael S. Day. Michael will talk specifically about the one room school houses in the local area.

April 1st at 1:00 pm join us as Ashley Cruz performs her **Ella Fitzgerald Show**. Admission is free and is sponsored by the Senior Club. For more information call (860)434-1605 ext. 240.

April 2nd at 1:00 pm, **The Dance Center in Old Lyme** will be performing pieces from their spring show. Come show your support for our local children by attending this free event. For more information call (860) 434-1605 ext. 240.

April 7th at 1:00 pm Linda Turner will be having a free workshop **"Hummingbird Heaven."** Do you long to have hummingbirds at your house this summer? Well, first you have to know what they need so they'll stick around! She will show you plans for hummingbird friendly gardens, and you'll learn what else to plant in your yard to keep them happy until they head south in September. Feeders are great placed close to your home so you can really enjoy these social birds up close-making your own nectar is easy and many feeders are so beautiful. To sign up for or for further information call (860) 434-1605 ext. 240.

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April 14th from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm we will have the **Mystic Aquarium** here with their touch tank **Touch Tank**. This is open for kids and adults so bring your grandchildren. For further information, or to sign up for a time call (860) 434-1605 ext. 240.

April 15th at 1:30 pm we will be holding **Bingo for Seniors and Kids (third to fifth grade)**. Prizes and Refreshments will be provided. Call to register for this free program at (860) 434-4127.

April 22nd at 1:00 pm a free Seminar on **Humor, Health, and Happiness** will be presented by Joanne Harrison Becker. To register for this seminar, call (860) 434-1605 ext. 240.

May 1st at 1:00 pm join us for **"The Beatles: Band of the Sixties"** presented by Aaron Krerowicz, one of the two professional Beatles scholars in the world. To register for this free program, call (860) 434-1605 ext. 240.

May 12th at 1:00 pm a free presentation **"The Year of 1848, Orson Fowler & Eight Sided Structures"** will be presented presented by Virginia Williams. To register, call (860) 434-1605 ext. 240.

May 27th at 1:00 pm a free program **"Battleship Connecticut and The Great White Fleet"** given by Mark Albertson. To register, call (860) 434-1605 ext. 240.

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce

Interested in the economic vitality of our towns? Please join us at a monthly gathering to share ideas with other professionals:

March 18 – Dinner Meeting at The Hideaway from 6 pm. Guest speaker Eric Dillner from the Shoreline Arts Alliance to address "Regional Art as a Business Leader." RSVP by March 11th: email@lolcc.com.

April 15 – TBA.

May 20 – Dinner Meeting at the Old Lyme Inn from 6 pm. Guest speaker Katherine Bergeron, President of Connecticut College. RSVP by May 13th: email@lolcc.com.

June 17 – Annual Meeting at the Old Lyme Country Club from 6 pm. RSVP by June 10th: email@lolcc.com.

Mark your calendars for our **2015 Expo Event**, scheduled for Sunday, April 26, 3 to 6 pm at the Old Lyme Country Club. Celebrate spring with local wine and craft beer tastings, delicious foods, festive displays, door prizes & more. Watch for more details on this exiting annual event.

Details on these and other events at www.VisitOldLyme.com – please don't forget to BUY LOCAL to support businesses in our community.





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If a marina handles the setting of your mooring, please be sure to submit an application with the fee because the marinas do not acquire permits and it is the responsibility of the mooring owner to do so.

The Harbor Master will conduct periodic inspections to be sure that moorings placed applied for a permit. Moorings with no permit, or no identification as to owner, will be tagged by the Harbor Master and removed if contact is not made within 3 weeks.

We recommend painting the owner name on the float, not stick on vinyl letters, to ensure the mooring can be identified.

Please remember to carefully check your mooring tackle when reusing to be sure all components are in good condition, particularly shackles. The requirements for mooring tackle are shown on the HMC section of the Town web site under Harbor Management Plan.

Please contact the Harbor Master if you have any questions regarding obtaining a mooring permit, placement of the mooring or other subjects. To contact the Harbor Master, or Harbor Management Commission, call the Town Hall Administrative Assistant at 860-434-1605 ext. 212 to leave a message.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Harbor Management Commission, which has an Alternate Member position available, can contact the Chairman by leaving a message at the same number above.

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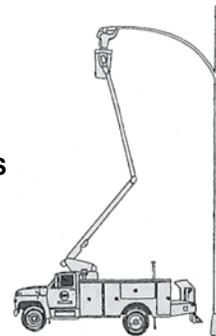
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Overnight trips and Cruises

March 27-29: Cherry Blossom Time in Washington DC. Two nights. There is considerable walking with this trip. \$451 per person double/triple. \$611 per person single. Registration has begun.

July 4-10: Atlantic Canada Tour of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island. Five nights hotel accommodations and 1 night private stateroom on the "Nova Star." Full time escort. \$1637 per person double. \$1567 per person triple. \$2217 per person single. Registration has begun.

October 30 - November 11: No Fly Cruise out of Baltimore to the Sunny Western Caribbean. Includes 2 nights in Baltimore with a tour of the US Naval Academy and a Baltimore Ghost tour on Halloween night. Starting at \$1882 pp includes taxes. Registration has begun.

January 28 - February 7, 2016: Fully escorted Hawaiian Cruise - 11 days - 7 shore excursions included in price. Starting at \$4449 per person. Registration has begun.

Day Trips

Thursday, April 9th: Join us for a trip to the Mohegan Sun. No meal included in ticket price but you will receive a casino package. Trip fee is \$20 per person. Registration has begun. Moderate walking.

Thursday, April 16th: Join us for a production of "West Side Story" at the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, NY. Lunch included. Trip fee is \$99pp. Registration has begun. Minimal walking.

Saturday, April 25th: New York City on your own. Bus leaves East Lyme at 7:45 am and leaves NYC at 6:30 pm. Trip fee is \$45 per person. Registration has begun. No meal included in trip price. Lots of walking.

Thursday, May 14th: The Port of Galilee in Narragansett, RI has a rich fishing history. Come and enjoy a "Day in the Life of a Fisherman" with a Behind-the-Scenes Tour. Time to enjoy Galilee as well as the Point Judith Lighthouse. Lunch included. Trip fee is \$78 per person. Registration has begun. Moderate walking.

Thursday, May 28th: Join us for a 90 minute Lobster Roll Cruise on Cape Cod Bay in MA. Lunch is included as well as a stop at the Cape Cod Creamery and a tour of the Cape Cod Potato Chip Factory. Trip fee is \$86 per person. Registration has begun. Moderate walking.

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October

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November

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Amy Catherine McCullough
Matthew Brian McElroy &
Virginia Lynn Roma
David Philip Martel &
Stacy Beth Goiangos

December

Michael Patrick Caputo Jr. &
Kimberly Ann Sloan
John Joseph Gavin Jr. &
Nadine Andrea McLeary

With Sympathy

We would like to express our condolences
to the families of recently deceased Old
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October

Mary Patricia Yourell
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Gregory Steven Jarrabeck

November

Stanford Howard Brainerd
Robert Christopher Florin
Richard Taylor Blair
Bertha M. Finnegan
Marilyn Pohorylo

December

Michael H. DeStefano
Sidney Lauck Mattoon
Ralph M. Clark Jr.
John Wallace Snape
Rudolph H. Funke Jr.
Elaine Unger

Cable Advisory Council Scholarship Applications Available

Applications are due March 31 for the Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council
Scholarship. Graduating seniors entering a communications program after high school,
and who live in East Haddam, Haddam Neck, Hadlyme, Lyme, Old Lyme, or Salem, are
eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Students who have received scholarships from the Advisory Council include: Meghan
Nosal, Blaise Berglund, Lindsey Knepshild (Lyme-Old Lyme High School) in 2013;
Daniel Koenigs and Carli Smith (Lyme-Old Lyme High School) in 2012; Elissa DeBruyn
and Sophia Harvey (Lyme-Old Lyme High School), Dane Paracuelles (Haddam-
Killingworth High School) in 2011; and Sophie Bakoledis, Sarah Briscoe, Megan Devlin
and Sarah Schmidt (Lyme-Old Lyme High School) in 2010.

Applications are available through the Guidance Offices of the following High Schools:
Hale-Ray, East Lyme (for Salem residents), Lyme-Old Lyme, and Haddam-Killingworth
(for Haddam Neck residents). Scholarship applications are due March 31 and official
notifications will be made by the high schools during Senior Year Award ceremonies.

The Old Lyme-Lyme Volunteer Connection

If You Are a Volunteer Based Organization, You Should Be Listed!

Old Lyme and Lyme are strong communities due in large part to the amazing number of organizations (about 70!) that provide a range of services and benefits to our citizens with the generous support of countless volunteers. These organizations ensure our health and safety, provide social services, support education, provide cultural enrichment, preserve our history, conserve our land and natural resources, beautify our towns, and provide sports and recreation.

The Old Lyme-Lyme Volunteer Connection supports the efforts of these organizations by providing a free, unified online presence and a searchable system for volunteer positions <http://volunteer.truist.com/ollvolunteer>. Organizations that choose to participate benefit from increased visibility through their dedicated webpage and a great tool to recruit new volunteers. To be included, a representative from the organization needs to set up an account through the website. After receiving login information, organizations can then easily set up their page on which they may post a description, mission statement, history, contact information, logo, and much more. The organization may also post volunteer opportunities that can be viewed from the organization's page, the website's community calendar, or a keyword search tool. No special computer skills are needed. To qualify, organizations must be located in or providing services to the communities of Old Lyme or Lyme.

The Old Lyme-Lyme Volunteer Connection is a free community resource, thanks to a grant from the Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation and the effort of volunteers. For questions about listing your organization, contact Sophie Christiano, the high school student who manages this website, at ollvolunteer@gmail.com.

Streetlights

Reporting Streetlight Problems: Please phone Michele Hayes in the Selectman's Office at the Town Hall (860-434-1605, ext. 212) to report a streetlight outage and/or trash or recycling problem. When reporting a streetlight, please make note of the pole location and pole number. Thank you!



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Please register! Registering allows for planning appropriately for the event (i.e. make sure there are enough refreshments, chairs, handouts or materials if a craft is involved) and for contacting you if there are any program changes. It's easy to do: visit www.oldlyme.lioninc.org, select the program listed on the Events tab or call the Library at 860-434-1684 for assistance. New programs and events are posted monthly. All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Children's Events

Fun for kids is in full bloom at the Library this spring. In March, dust off your dancing shoes and get ready to party as the **Gray School of Irish Dance gives a special St. Patrick's Day performance**. Or, learn if you have what it takes to be a spy at our **Secret Agent Training Workshop**. Join us to celebrate **Earth Day** with colorful rock paintings in April, and don't forget to save the date for the unveiling of our top-secret project: our first ever **Number Nook (Thursday, April 23rd)**. In May, show Mom how much you love her with a homemade **Mother's Day Craft** she'll treasure forever.

Feel free to visit our drop-in story times for babies and toddlers each Monday and Thursday or our **Sweet Beats Family Music series** every second Wednesday of the month with Eleanor Robinson. Hope to see you there! Registration is required for most programs and all materials will be provided. Visit us at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org and click the "Children's Programs" tab to register, or call the Library at (860) 434-1684.

Teen Events

Looking for something fun to do afterschool? Hang out with fellow teens at the Library! We'll be showing movies, doing a few science experiments, hosting games and competitions, and of course, making many cool crafts. **Teen Art Lab, Dungeons and Dragons Club, and Anime Club** will be continuing every month.

In April join our second ever **Monopoly Tournament** and perhaps make your own mosaic. **Teen Book Club** will also be back: check out our website for this month's book. For May we have an exciting **Mothers' Day Craft**, we'll be making stamped clay bowls, perfect for gifts. June will kick-off **2015's Summer Reading**. The teen theme is "Unmask!" Join us for **Evil Villain Workshops**, like "Make a Minion" or catch a flick as part of our Super Hero Film Series. Lastly, **Henna by Heather** is back by popular demand on Friday June 5th at 2:30 pm.

Registration is highly encouraged for most programs. All supplies will be provided. Visit us at www.oldlyme.lioninc.org and click the "Teen Scene Programs" tab to view and to register for programs, call the Library at (860) 434-1684, or email the Teen Librarian Alex Klaus at aklaus@oldlyme.lioninc.org. All programs are free and open to the public.

Adult Events

Phoebe's Book Chat takes place every second Thursday of the month at 11:00 am. New members are always welcome to join the discussion. The spring title selections are as follows: March 12, *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline; April 9, *We are Water* by

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Wally Lamb; May 14, *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes; June 11, *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

Contemporary Classics meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm to discuss award winning books and 20th century classics. Upcoming programs will discuss John Updike's *Rabbit Run* on April 6; *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin and *Gifts from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh on May 4. Stay tuned for our Summer Sizzle Book Discussion in July.

Movie Night spotlights new releases each month. Watch for our monthly screening of the season's most talked about films from Hollywood, foreign and independent studios.

Special events coming this spring. The OLPGN & Salt Marsh Opera present **Opera: Voices & Stories with Guest Speaker James Kuslan**. Programs will take on March 21, April 11 and 25 in the Library's Community Room. Times to be announced. Funded in part by a grant from the Connecticut Humanities and Salt Marsh Opera Company.

An **Earth Day** talk with special guest UConn Professor **Judy Preston** will be given on April 22; science, technology and environmental topics in addition to art, American history, and historic gardens will be presented in the coming months.

It's Hollywood Night at the Bookworm Ball on March 21. Schedule too busy to make the February Awards ceremony in California? Don't put away the designer gown Calvin Klein sent you just yet. The Friends of the Library are having a red carpet event of their own on Saturday, March 21 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Old Lyme Country Club. Enjoy a celebrity night of music, live and silent auctions and tasty edibles...all in the name of supporting our beloved Library. Tickets will be for sale online and at the Library.

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A Message: from John Pfeiffer, Chair of the Historic District Commission

We are part of an American society that treasures innovation, technology, progress, and development. We actively strive towards an ever evolving system where growth is mandatory and achievement is often measured by various kinds of monuments erected along our journey.

In this ongoing effort, we often lose sight of from where we have come and those who came before us. We are the reason for their struggles as are our children being the reason for our lives. It is valuable to reflect upon the past and gain appreciation of who we really are. An understanding of the past, and a respect for it, are in many ways the basis for respecting ourselves. It gives us identity!

In Old Lyme in the early 1970's we formed the Old Lyme Historic District. Those who spearheaded the effort, clearly recognized the value of the past, the direction in which we were headed regarding development, and the necessity of preserving a little piece of ourselves.

Our job on serving on the Historic District Commission is to work towards the preservation of the historic resources within the district and maintain their integrity. Those who have moved into the District have become special partners in the stewardship of this resource and are committed to its preservation. Residents of Old Lyme too, have a big part in preserving the District. It is, in many ways, our identity. It is where we: conducted town business, went to school, went to church, bought our groceries, picked up our mail, bought our tools and hardware, got our cars and machinery fixed, our plumbing needs arranged, saw our doctors, bought our prescriptions, got our hair cut and got the news of the town, bought our books and holiday presents, savored our ice cream and soda while listening to a juke box and quietly wandered the stacks of the library.

It is hard for most of us to recognize that during the Colonial and American period, Lyme street and avenues along Lieutenant River had been a bustling shipping community with docks, wharves, warehouses, shipbuilding yards, and homes that accommodated the wide range of residents that lived, farmed, worked, and traded both within Old Lyme and in other ports along the eastern American coast, West Indies, and as far away as China. Our community was made up of a wide spectrum of people and occupations. Their homes and businesses, barns and stone walled fields, docks and wharves are still present and attest to a past that truly constitutes a valuable resource. During the latter half of the 19th century, Old Lyme became home and school for artists. They came to a community where there were patrons who supported and nurtured their work. Our artists strove to capture the unique mixture of our natural landscape, domestic architecture, shoreline agrarian and business fiber. Their treasured works are all around us, as are their homes, school, studios, and scenes that they saw and interpreted.

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Estuary Council Regional Senior Center

ECSI is a community resource for the nine-town Estuary region's residents over 50 years old providing nutrition, transportation, health support services, education opportunities and socialization. We have been serving Seniors and promoting healthy and active lifestyles for adults 50 and better through quality programs and services in the nine-town Estuary region for over 40 years.

March is National Nutrition month and the annual **Buy-A-Wheel** campaign in support of Meals on Wheels. Local businesses will sell paper "wheels" for \$1. All proceeds support our local Meals on Wheels program. The Estuary Council provides nutritious meals to seniors at home along the shoreline as well as at Café sites. Meals on Wheels is not just about a meal - our volunteers provide a wellness check with each daily delivery that is invaluable. Buy a wheel to provide a meal for a senior citizen in your town.

Attention Shoppers, Design Creators, Vintage Courtesans and Treasure Hunters

The Estuary Council of Seniors in Old Saybrook at 220 Main Street is hosting the first annual "Junk in the Trunk," a Parking Lot Shoreline Market, on Saturday, April 25th. The market will feature vendors and artisans showcasing their one of a kind treasures, antiques, vintage pieces, arts and crafts and other assorted bric-a-brac during this one day shopping event. The market will be open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, rain or shine.

There will be food available for purchase, music, information, tours of our wonderful Senior Center, a gift drawing and much, much more. If you are interested in being a vendor, please call Director, Paul Doyle at 860-388-1611, extension 211. For more information, visit us at <http://www.ecsenior.org>.

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Bulky Waste and Demolition: Vehicles will be charged by weight at \$110/ton. Recyclables should not be mixed in the same load with Bulky Waste or Demolition debris. Loads less than 100 lbs. are charged a minimum fee of \$5.

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Citizen of the Year

Lynn Fairfield-Sonn's volunteer commitments are testament to her steadfast loyalty and dedication. Through her efforts both locally and regionally, our 2014 Citizen of the Year has demonstrated those values time and time again.

Jim & Lynn Fairfield-Sonn searched for over a year before moving to Old Lyme in 1984. They chose their Lyme Street location so that the children they would raise here – Anne, Jimmy, and John – could walk to school and get involved. Lynn wasted no time getting involved herself.

She has served as president of the Junior League of Greater New Haven as well as the Old Lyme Day Care (now Children's Learning) Center, and served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce of Southeastern Connecticut, the Coordinating Council for Children in Crisis, Janus House, and New Haven

Resolving Differences

Nancy Randall, Psy.D.
East Lyme Psychological Associates

Our relationships are a source of emotional support, security, and the feeling that we are not alone in the world. When things are going well, we love and feel loved, we offer support and seek it out ourselves. But relationships always involve differences as well. We can't always see things the same way or rely on the same solutions. If we want our relationships to be healthy and supportive, we must understand how to nurture them through these challenges. Resolving differences can be done in positive ways, using empathy and openness, rather than seeing it as a conflict that is either

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Electronics are now accepted at the Transfer Station. Residents are able to bring the following items to the Transfer Station on Four Mile River Road: computers (personal computers, mainframes, med-range computers, laptops); networking equipment (hubs, switches, control cards, etc.); computer monitors, televisions, printers, keyboards, mice, adaptors, stereos, speakers, VCR's, scanners, fax machines, copiers telephones and telephone systems, computer wire and cable; computer drives and storage devices (floppy drives, CD ROMs, hard drives), power supplies, circuit boards, microwaves, scrap copper (cable, pipe, etc.), scrap aluminum (machine and machine parts, cable extrusions, etc.), fluorescent light bulbs, UPA (uninterrupted power supply) batteries, and related computer and electronic equipment.

Habitat for Humanity. Lynn was a Board of Selectmen appointee to the Historic District Commission for 8 years.

To support her children's interests, Lynn was co-president of District 18's Friends of Music for 4 years, and President of the Football Booster club for 6. She has twice served the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Board as its Treasurer, and served as Chair of our Board of Education for eight years.

Lynn Fairfield-Sonn's values have been imprinted on multiple community organizations, none more than the Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut, an organization she first volunteered for in 1989 and which she currently serves as Director of Development & Community Relations.

The Board of Selectmen honors Lynn Fairfield-Sonn for the loyalty and dedication that have defined her impact on our community by naming her our 2014 Citizen of the Year.

“won” or “lost.” To resolve conflicts in a relationship-building way, we need to follow certain guidelines. Communication must be positive and non-blaming, allowing both persons to state their perspectives without criticism or interruption. Sometimes just being heard goes a long way toward easing the conflict. We need to focus on our own feelings and experiences, using “I” statements instead of blaming or accusing. Listening, trying to understand a different point of view, and a willingness to compromise are all important. So are the ability to say “I’m sorry” and “Thank you.” Look upon differences not as creating distance, but as an opportunity for growth in relationships.

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Winter Refreshing Cocktails

Anthony Dichiara, Cocktail Coordinator
SeaSide Wine & Spirits and Spirits of Madison

Nothing is more refreshing than a well crafted cocktail. With all of the quality spirits and liqueurs available it is now easier than ever to create fantastic drinks at home. This is also a good time to mention that when it comes to cocktails it is a great practice to get out of the mind set that because you are mixing your spirit, something cheap is the best way to go. Now with this being said, you do not have to purchase the most expensive, but a nice middle of the road, great tasting liquor or mixer. This will really bring your drink to life.

First lets start simple, some of the easiest cocktails to make at home are liquor mixed with "something else," whether that be a soda, tonic, or a bar juice. Some of our favorites come from Fever Tree, who make fantastic tonic and soda waters, some of which are infused with botanicals, which really add a little something extra to your drink. The Mediterranean Tonic Water has a unique flavor that mixes well with gin or vodka. Also the RIPE line of bar juices, made here in Connecticut, are some of the best. These fresh made juices are never frozen, heated or have had any preservatives added to them. All of them are delicious,

but the Agave Margarita and San Marzano Bloody Mary Mix are my favorites.

Now lets not forget about liqueurs. These slightly less alcoholic, but highly -flavored spirits can really add that extra punch to your cocktail. One such liqueur I have been playing with quite a bit lately is Ancho Reyes Chili Liqueur. This smoky, slightly spicy spirit really adds a bit of depth and an unexpected little kick to any drink you add it to.

So the next time you feel like having a cocktail, do not be afraid to experiment, or just try something new. You never know, a new favorite drink could be on the horizon!

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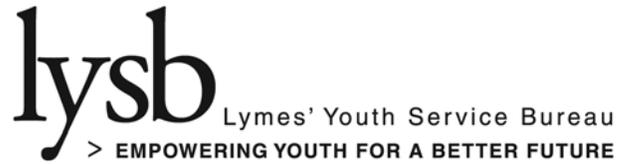
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

30th Annual Youth Art Show at Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Sill House Gallery. Opening Reception: Thursday, March 19th, 4:00-7:00 pm featuring artwork of K-12 students of Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools. March 20th to March 28th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily (closed Sunday).

The Bizz: Friday, May 1 at 7:00 pm at LOLHS Auditorium. LYSB's town wide talent show! Monday, April 6th, 4:00-6:00 pm at LOLMS. Tuesday, April 7th, 4:00-7:00 pm at LOLMS. NOTE: Appointments required for auditions. Please call LYSB to book your audition 860-434-7208 x0. Audition rules and requirements are listed on our website www.lysb.org.

Sitter Safety Class. March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 2:15-4:00. An intense sitter safety and training course appropriate for babysitters, big brothers and sisters, and children staying home alone for the first time. This course touches on a variety of safety skills such as basic first aid, fire safety, and 911 skills. Fee is \$40 and includes supplies, snacks, and guest speakers. Late Bus passes are available. Pre-register by calling LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

CPR for Babysitters. March 30th 2:15-3:45 or 4:00-5:45 pm. Add this valuable class to your LYSB babysitter's course and learn how



to save a life. Learn CPR and how to clear a blocked airway in children and infants. Parents want to hire babysitters who know CPR and can help kids who are choking. Instructors will teach you everything you need to know to provide lifesaving care during a cardiac or choking emergency in this class. Class cost is \$45 and awards a Certificate of Completion. Pre-register by calling LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

Acting Up! Monday Nights Starting March 23rd 6:00-8:00 pm. Dinner provided. LYSB's prevention drama troupe for any high school student living in L/OL. The purpose of Acting Up! is to provide high school students with the necessary tools to "dramatically" improve their lives and self esteem through the art of acting and writing, and to positively influence the lives of middle and elementary school students through performance. Working with an acting coach, Acting Up! members will write and perform their own sketches for middle and elementary students about the problems they may face. Topics may include peer pressure,

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Fire Marshal	David Roberge	434-1605 x231
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Information Technology	Ruth Roach	434-1605 x237
Town Historian	John Pfeiffer	434-8829
Land Use	Kim Groves, Kim Barrows	434-1605 x236
Parks and Recreation	Don Bugbee	434-1605 x235
Police	TFC Gary Inglis	434-7080
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Public Works	Ed Adanti	434-2461
Registrar of Voters	Sylvia Peterson & Don Tapper	434-1605 x226
School District #18	Superintendent of Schools	434-7238
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Social Services	Valerie Goncalves	434-1605
Tax Collection	Judith Tooker	434-1605 x216
Town Clerk	Eileen Coffee	434-1605 x221
Treasurer	John Bysko	434-3632
Zoning Enforcement	Keith Rosenfeld	434-1605 x225

OTHER AGENCIES

Library/Passports	Mary Fiorelli, Director	434-1684
Youth Services Bureau	Mary Seidner, Director	434-7208

Old Lyme - Community Listings

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underage drinking, drug use, bullying/teasing, eating disorders, etc.

During the meetings we will work on our acting skills and write a script for a production to be presented to the elementary and middle schools in Lyme and Old Lyme in June. It is our hope that through our work with younger students, we will be able to give our own members a sense of pride knowing they are helping to make a difference. We want to make Acting Up! a place for people to grow, both within themselves and as valuable members of the community.

Middle School After School. Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:15-4:00 pm at LYSB. This is a drop in program and a permission slip is required. Come hang out with your friends while listening to music, playing pool, games, Wii, crafts & snacks. Students may get a pass for the LOLMS late bus. Registration fee: \$30/year. Pre-register by calling LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

Sewing Workshop. Thursdays, March 12, 19 & 26th, 4:00-6:00 pm. Grade 2 and older. Fee: \$85 includes all materials. Think Spring! Sew cute and cuddly bunnies, weave a beautiful basket, and design colorful beaded accessories. Simple hand sewing, weaving, and beading will be taught. Students from Lyme and Mile Creek Schools can take the bus. Contact LYSB to pre-register 860-434-7208 x0.

Mother/Daughter Night Out: Let's Start Talking! Thursday, April 2nd 6:00-8:00 pm. Open the lines of communication with your daughter. Designed to give girls a better understanding of the changes that her body will go through during puberty. Topics will include the importance of a positive body image and how to deal with difficult situations. A fun and educational night out for girls in 4th or 5th grade and their mothers. Cost is \$40 per pair and includes resource materials, goodie bags and a pizza dinner. Patty Cournoyer, LOLMS health teacher facilitate this course. Pre-register by calling LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

Girls Circle. May 4th, 11th and 18th 3:15-4:45. Grades 4 & 5. LYSB is pleased to offer our popular program for girls. Join us each week for a different theme and activity designed to increase girls' self-esteem, body image, and social support. Pre-register by calling LYSB at 434-7208 x0. Fee: \$20. Late bus passes are available.

Babies First. Tuesdays 9:30-10:40, Ongoing. Each 5 week session \$40. Enjoyed by expecting moms and parents of children up to 12 months. The group is casual, comfortable, and informative. Weekly topics of interest are based on the diversity of your own questions, hopes, desires and concerns commonly found during the first year of parenthood. Meeting in the child friendly atmosphere of Mimi's Place at LYSB, nursing moms and diaper changing always welcome!

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Music With Margie. Wednesdays 10:45-11:15 am, ongoing. Fee: Free this year due to grant funding. Music with Margie is a "joy-based" music and movement preschool program for young children based on the simple truth that children learn and retain knowledge through PLAY! The curriculum covers everything from families to weather to dinosaurs – all in a fun, safe environment. Margie is a member of both ASCAP and the Connecticut Storytelling Center. Please call LYSB to register 860-434-7208 x0.

1-2-3 Magic: Effective Discipline For Parents 2-12. Two Tuesdays, March 3 & 10, 2015, 6:30-8:30 pm. \$20/family Pre-register by calling LYSB at 860-434-7208 x0. Parents, Are You Ready For April Vacation? Who's in charge at your house? A humorous look at parenting, a serious look at discipline.

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group of Southeastern CT. Joining hands as we walk on this journey together towards healing one breath at a time. We are a group of survivors, together to offer support, comfort, and understanding. Our group provides an atmosphere of acceptance for exploring feelings that are often not understood by others. It offers a chance to share helpful resources, and to give and get support through the long grief process. Meeting times: 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at LYSB. Please call to register: Ann Irr Dagle, 860-625-5280

Journey Beyond Divorce. A support group for parents. Are you having difficulties communicating with your co-parent? Are you feeling isolated, lonely or confused? New support group beginning at the LYSB: Join others who are experiencing similar changes and difficulties for an opportunity to discuss feelings and ask questions. Group will be led by an experienced licensed clinical social worker who understands the process of recovering from divorce. It will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Contact LYSB for fee and date info 860-434-7208 x0.

Job Bank. Do you need help with your lawn? Need a new babysitter? Have odd jobs waiting for attention? Call the LYSB Job Bank for names of area youth interested in working for you. (860-434-7208). Kids who want to be listed in the Job Bank need to register at LYSB with a parental permission form available at www.lysb.org For middle and high school youth ages 12 to 18.

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Memorial Day Classic Car Show



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The show is held on Monday, Memorial Day, from 9-2. Thirteen classes shown, People's Choice. A special *Autism Speaks* trophy will be awarded by Mr. Wayne Carini, star of Velocity's *Chasing Classic Cars*. Admission is \$5 for spectators and \$10 for show car registration. Selected cars may drive in the town's Memorial Day Parade. You will find food, music, a flea market, and other entertainment. All proceeds go to Lions charities. To pre-register your car for the event, go to the online registration page at www.lymeoldlymelions.org. Your \$10 registration fee is not due until the day of the show.

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Old Lyme Open Space Commission Winter Project

Eklund Pond Phragmite Removal

In 2010 the Town of Old Lyme acquired a 7 acre pond at 316 Ferry Road, behind DEEP headquarters, as a result of a sub-division on Sandpiper Lane. This 7 acre pond is a unique and exciting acquisition for the Town as all of our previous acquisitions have been mixed hardwood forests.

Eklund Pond has been a haven for various kinds of wildlife and up until recently, has been a great spot for bird watching and wildlife observation. Many of the State birders check this site regularly. It's an especially interesting habitat because of its coastal location, attracting many migratory birds on their way south in the fall. Other reptiles and amphibians that thrive in fresh water marshes can be observed amongst Connecticut's native wetland plants.

In the 4 years since the Town acquired this parcel, the Open Space Commission has observed the pond being taken over by phragmites. These phragmites have crowded out the native vegetation and changed the habitat and therefore the plant and wildlife diversity that was previously so notable. Left unchecked, Eklund Pond will become completely populated by this monoculture within the next couple of years.

The Open Space Commission applied to the Inland Wetlands Commission and received approval to engage the services of



These photos show Eklund Pond in July of 2010 and in November of 2014.

Snowy Egret Wetland Services LLC, of Old Saybrook, to use their manpower and amphibious vehicle, to cut the phragmites. This is part of a three or more year program to bring the phragmites under control (hopefully) without the use of pesticides.

The goal of this phragmite control program is to restore the vital role this Old Lyme fresh water wetlands plays in supporting native fish, amphibians, birds and other visiting wildlife as well as protecting its unique natural resources for future generations.




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Town Hall will be closed on the following Holidays: Friday, April 3 – Good Friday and Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day.

Town Hall Hours for most departments is Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

The Start of the 2015 Session

By Representative Devin Carney

For the towns of Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, & Westbrook

This legislative session brings many challenges but also many opportunities to steer Connecticut's economy in the right direction. The 2015 session began on January 7th and ends June 3rd. This is what's known as the 'long session' as it is longer since it focuses on all types of legislation (the 2016 short session focuses solely on fiscal matters).

The governor will present a budget proposal in early February that is designed to provide guidelines for legislators. Non-partisan analysts project a budget deficit of nearly \$3 billion over the next two fiscal years. Thus, it is vital his proposals seriously take into account the state's debt and unfunded liabilities.

As a member of the Transportation Committee, I will be focused on improving our roads, bridges, and rails. The governor has made repairing our transportation infrastructure a key component for his second term. These upgrades are crucial, but also costly. Both the governor and I have put forward proposals for a Constitutional amendment to ensure that funds dedicated to the special transportation fund will be used exclusively for that purpose

(a "lockbox"). Too often the special transportation fund has been raided for other purposes, so it is imperative we prevent it from continuing.

As a member of the Environment Committee, I will focus on the continued preservation of the Long Island Sound while also fighting overly burdensome mandates that often target shoreline communities.

As a member of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, I will work towards making secondary education affordable and ensuring the necessary training for in-demand jobs when available.

I look forward to partnering with you throughout my tenure as your State Representative and keeping you informed on all Capitol-related news. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (860) 388-7612 or email me at repdevincarney@gmail.com.



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Old Lyme and Lyme will be abuzz with activity June 19 & 20, when the Lyme/Old Lyme Garden Tour makes its biennial return. Just in time for the start of summer, the Garden Tour is the perfect way to celebrate its arrival.

Tucked away amid the stone walls and rolling hills of the Lyme and Old Lyme countryside, the six gardens on the Lyme/Old Lyme Garden Tour are brimming with natural beauty, and showcase their owners' gardening talents and styles. Here these gardeners nurture vegetables, herbs, perennials, and annuals alongside native trees, shrubs, and grasses. One, a master gardener, even specializes in eco-friendly and sustainable gardening. But there's more to be seen on the Lyme/Old Lyme Garden Tour than just the plants: one property features an artist's studio that once belonged to a member of Miss Florence Griswold's artist colony; while another, designed and lovingly maintained by its owner-gardener, includes a walk-through conservatory with unusual specimen plants.

This year's Lyme/Old Lyme Garden Tour takes place (rain or shine) on Friday June 19 and Saturday June 20, 2015. The self-guided tour runs from 10am to 4pm both days, and visitors should allow at least three hours to complete the tour. Advance tickets for the Garden Tour (\$25 advance, \$30 day of tour) will be available locally beginning in May, or may be obtained by visiting the Child



& Family Agency website (www.childandfamilyagency.org) or sending a check and SASE to P.O. Box 324, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

All proceeds from the 2015 Lyme/Old Lyme Garden Tour will benefit the many services and capital projects of the Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the well-being and development of all children and their families. With offices in New London, Essex, and Groton, Child & Family Agency is the largest nonprofit children's service provider in southeastern Connecticut. For more information, see www.childandfamilyagency.org.

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Musical Masterworks to Present Young People's Concert

Musical Masterworks will present its third annual Young People's Concert on Saturday, March 14 at 11:30 am at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, 2 Ferry Road. The concert will feature pianist Jeewon Park and narrator Benjamin Luxon performing a musical version of Jean de Brunhoff's classic children's tale *The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant*. The story is set to music by French composer Francis Poulenc and is a delightful interpretation of this well-loved story.

No tickets are required for this event. A suggested donation of \$5 will be collected at the door. As usual, adults will be admitted only with a young person in tow!

The Musical Masterworks season will continue with concerts on Saturday, March 14 at 5 pm and Sunday, March 15 at 3 pm at the First Congregational Church. Featured performers will include pianist Adam Neiman, violinist Maria Bachmann, violist Hsin-Yun Huang, and cellist Edward Arron performing works of Schubert, Saint-Saens, Dvorak and others.

All audience members are invited to a post-concert discussion with the musicians immediately following the Sunday afternoon concert.



Left: Pianist Jeewon Park will perform a musical version of the classic children's tale *The Story of Babar: the Little Elephant* on Saturday, March 14 at 11:30 am at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. **Right:** Violinist Hsin-Yun Huang will perform as part of the Musical Masterworks chamber music series on March 14 and 15.

The final concerts of the Musical Masterworks 2014-2015 season will be held on Saturday, May 2 and 3. For tickets and information about any of the upcoming concerts, please visit www.musicalmasterworks.org or call 860-434-2252.

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Information is available on our website at www.mileonline.org.

Come One, Bring All to the High Hopes Chili Open House

Come to High Hopes Therapeutic Riding in Old Lyme for an informative and delicious Open House on Saturday, March 21 from 11am to 1pm and learn about one of this country's premier therapeutic riding centers.

Bring family, friends and neighbors to tour the barn, meet some of the horses and watch a therapeutic riding class in session. Learn how the High Hopes experience offers opportunities for skill development and achievement to individuals of all ages who face a multitude of challenges every day.

Looking to get involved, make new friends and make a difference? Learn about our volunteer program and see how you can help enrich the lives of others in a way that fits your busy schedule. We have openings for side walkers, office help, barn assistance, special event planning and more.

It's not too early to think about summer and our camp staff will be on hand to talk about our 2015 summer camp programs.

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Homemade refreshments, including chili with all the fixings, will be available. This open house is informal, child friendly, and your visit can be as long, or short, as your schedule allows. What could be more fun on a "chilly" winter day! High Hopes is located at 36 Town Woods Road in Old Lyme. Please RSVP by calling 860-434-1974 or online at www.highhopestr.org to help us in our chili-making planning. We hope to see you! For more information and directions call 860-434-1974 or visit www.highhopestr.org.



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