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Bay House Tours July 23 and August 20

Departing from Freeport

On Sunday, July 23 and August 20 Long Island Traditions will sponsor its annual Bay House Tours in the Town of Hempstead. Don't miss this opportunity to visit the last reminders of Long Island's nautical past that are still used today by the area's baymen. Many bay houses were destroyed by Superstorm Sandy but many have also been rebuilt.

Participants should be able to climb ladders and feel comfortable in a work environment. Both tours will leave from Freeport. The July 23 tour times are 11 am and 1 pm. The August 20 tour times are 10 am and 12pm. Due to safety concerns, space is limited to 12 people per trip, ages 10 and up. **Long Island Traditions members can register beginning May 9 at 11 am.** To join Long Island Traditions, visit our web site. **All others can register starting May 24.** The ticket limit is 2/per person. For reservations, call LI Traditions at (516) 767-8803 to confirm availability. No children under 10 permitted. Rain and construction problems may cancel the event.

Tickets for the Bay House Tours are \$60 for adults, \$110/couple, with a \$10 discount for LI Traditions members.

The tour will be led by LI Traditions' Director, Nancy Solomon. Those on board will be treated to a brief history of the bay houses, the first of which were built in the 1700s. Bay houses were traditionally used

by fishermen who harvested clams, oysters, crabs, and other species from local waters. The surviving houses date from the period between 1870 and 1950. Each tour will visit two bay houses. ■

From Shore to Shore Boat Exhibit Lands at the Gold Coast Library

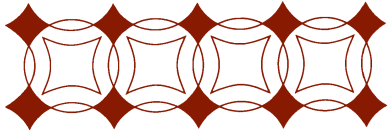
May 26 - June 27

Did you miss our 2013 exhibit "From Shore to Shore: Boat Builders and Boatyards of Long Island?" Then come view the exhibition at the Gold Coast Library, located in Glen Head, this spring. *From Shore to Shore* explores the worlds of craftsmen and the places where boats and ships are still being worked on today. Ten exhibition panels profile master craftsmen, their tools and the historic

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The Bayles Boat Yard in Port Jefferson will be featured in the Shore to Shore exhibit at the Gold Coast Library.



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boat yards where they work, focusing on the north shore of Long Island. Featured boat builders and boatyards include: Peter Heinz (East Marion), Hanff Boatyard (Greenport), Ida May Project (Oyster Bay) the Bayles Boatyard (Port Jefferson), Greenport Yacht & Shipbuilding (Greenport), and Knutson's Boatyard (Huntington). The exhibit runs from May 26 – June 27. For exhibit hours call the library at 516-759-8300.

On Wednesday, May 31st at 7pm curator Nancy Solomon, and author of [Boat Building and Boatyards of Long Island](#) will give a presentation about the featured builders and the boatyards at the library. The program is free. Come explore the world of boat building and help preserve these places and practices for future generations. For reservation information contact the Gold Coast Library at 516-759-8300. The library is located at 50 Railroad Avenue, Glen Head. ■

Upcoming Concerts and Dance Programs

We have several upcoming performing arts programs that explore the cultural diversity of Long Island at the East Meadow Library. They include:

Peru Andino, a traditional Peruvian dance ensemble, based in Glen Cove, led by Peter Apaza. The event will take place on Sunday, May 21 at 2pm. Peter Apaza was born in the city of Puno, in the southern region of Puno, Peru. He brought his traditional music with him to the U.S. and later founded Peru Andino with his sister, Rosa Volida. Peru Andino has an extensive repertoire of 30 dances and an extensive collection of traditional costume dresses.



The Elder Statesmen will be performing at the East Meadow Library on June 10 at 2pm.

On Saturday, June 10 at 2 pm come celebrate Juneteenth with the Elder Statesmen at the East Meadow Library. The Elder Statesmen are a traditional gospel group consisting of several African American gentlemen whose families emigrated from the south during the Great Migration. On average the members are over 60 and their name “characterizes who they are collectively”. The group consists of Teddy Williams, Douglas Covington, Fred Brinson, Keith Oliver, Tony Santodonato, and Arthur Johnson. They sing a variety of musical formats including hymns and spirituals, gospel and jubilee acapella-style and with instruments. Ted Williams is the longest member of the group, and a composer of many of the songs they sing.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these special presentations, made possible by funds by the NY State Council on the Arts. ■

Fabric Arts Workshops with Joan Hodges

East Meadow Library April 7, 21, 28 and May 5

Joan Hodges describes herself as a fiber artist drawing on techniques and skills with cloth to create dolls, quilts and other items, such as handbags, hats and flowers. Joan has been quilting for a number of years, having been taught by Hempstead native Ora Kirkland. Joan has explored the various quilt patterns used during the time of the Underground Railroad. Joan is the recipient of a NYSCA artist fellowship award. These are hands-on workshops.

Please bring the following materials:

- Sewing machines – if you wish to do machine quilting
- Neutral or tan colored thread on the sewing machine and for hand quilting
- Straight pins
- Fabric scissors
- Hand Quilters, bring a quilting needle

The programs are from 1- 3pm and are free. To register call the library at 516-794-2570 option 3 or visit <https://eastmeadow.info/>. The library is located at 1886 Front Street, East Meadow. ■

2023 Raffle

For this year's raffle we have another stunning image from the late Daniel Pollera, who passed away in 2022. The print is of a recently retired fishing boat, the Sturgeon II, which operated out of Freeport during the 1950s – 2022. Originally designed as trawler, it was converted to an offshore clam boat in the 1970s. As restrictions have increased on the industry, it became more difficult to operate. As a result, the boat was retired and disassembled in the fall of 2022.



The Sturgeon by Daniel Pollera

Raffle chances can be purchased online at www.longislandtraditions.org. All proceeds benefit LI Traditions. ■

Civil Rights Cell Phone Tours Coming

Last year we began working on a series of cell phone tours that will explore the struggle for civil rights on Long Island. The tours will be based on the eastern end of Long Island and in Nassau County. Working with scholars Dr. Georgette Grier-Kay and Denise Shepphard, we've conducted several interviews and will profile various places including Centennial Park in Roosevelt, Freetown in East Hampton, the Southampton African American Museum, Malverne and Roslyn Heights. We've interviewed Dr. Hazel Dukes, East Hampton supervisor Peter Van Soyoc, Southampton African American Museum director Brenda Simmons, and Dr. Seretta McKnight. The tours will be available through the TravelStorys app. Existing cell phone tours include the south shore of Long Island (LI Back Story), the East End Back Story tour, the North Shore Back Story tour and the LI Diversity Back Story tour. The app is free to download. The Civil Rights Tour is being funded by a grant from the National Park Service and the NY State Council on the Arts. The Civil Rights Tour should be available in 2024.

On a related note, Edwards Street in Roslyn Heights has recently been named Dr. Hazel Dukes Way in honor of the struggle she endured in order to desegregate Roslyn Gardens, then an apartment complex. Today Roslyn Gardens is a culturally diverse coop thanks to Dukes' efforts. ■

Speck in the Sea Events

The Long Island Library consortium has selected "A Speck In the Sea" written by Montauk fishermen John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski as its Long Island Reads selected book for 2023. In partnership with the authors, we're cohosting two events:

East Meadow Library, Tuesday April 18 at 2pm. Located at 1886 Front Street.

Freeport Memorial Library, Sunday April 30 at 2:30 pm. Located at 144 W Merrick Road.

All events are free but registration is encouraged. Visit the library web sites to register! ■

EVENTS OF INTEREST

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a Long Island concert or program that focuses on some aspect of traditional culture, drop us a line and we'll put it in our "Events of Interest" column.

Visit our website and our Facebook page for more events and information!

April 7, 21, 28 & May 5:

Quilting workshops with Joan Hodges. See accompanying article.

April 10, 18 & 30:

Speck In the Sea programs. See accompanying article.

May 21: Peru Andino at East Meadow Library. 2 pm.

May 24: Bay house program. Gold Coast Library, 7pm.

May 31: Boat Building program with Nancy Solomon. Gold Coast Library, 7 pm.

June 10: Elder Statesmen at East Meadow Library. 2 pm

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