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## Selectwoman's Corner

Summer 2013 has been very interesting, with extremes of weather that we often see over the course of years, rather than months. We have suffered through several heat waves, rainy humid weather, a few cooler than normal days, and some perfect, sunny days. Such is weather in New England, but we are all fairly accustomed to this. Heat wave or cool weather, there has been a lot happening in Old Lyme!

**WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE/WPCA:** After working hard to choose a firm to conduct a study of Wastewater Management in our Shoreline area, the members of the Task Force all agreed to serve on the Old Lyme WPCA, so the Task Force was disbanded by the Board of Selectmen. The WPCA is the appropriate Board to work closely on Wastewater issues, so this was a welcome transition. Woodard and Curran, the firm conducting the study to determine our options along the shoreline, has been pleased with the rainfall, as it provides excellent data to base recommendations for treatment in the area. Public information sessions were made available to residents on July 30th at Town Hall and August 3rd at the Shoreline Community Center. We hope to have more definitive information on recommendations by early September and are anxious to hear about the possibilities. Special thanks to the Task Force/WPCA for their hard work and diligence on this issue.

**FY 2014 BUDGET:** The budget was unanimously passed at the Town Budget Meeting held on Monday, May 20, increasing the mill rate from 19.26 to 19.30. This increase represents an overall increase of \$169,825 over the FY 2013 budget, or .75% increase. It is clear that the Board of Finance worked hard to keep taxes in line, while continuing to meet our obligations. Thank you to all of them for their hard work once again.

**ROUTE 156 BIKE PATH AND SOUND VIEW IMPROVEMENTS**

**GRANT FUNDING:** The process for hiring a firm to develop the Plans and Specs for the Bike Path and Improvements in Sound View began in May. After advertising a Request for Qualifications in the spring, the Town received qualifications from six firms, and all were interviewed by the Selection Committee. In the end, BSC Group was chosen, and the Town is now working with the Project Manager to develop the Scope of Work and negotiate the cost. As we move forward,




*First Selectwoman  
Bonnie Reemsnyder*

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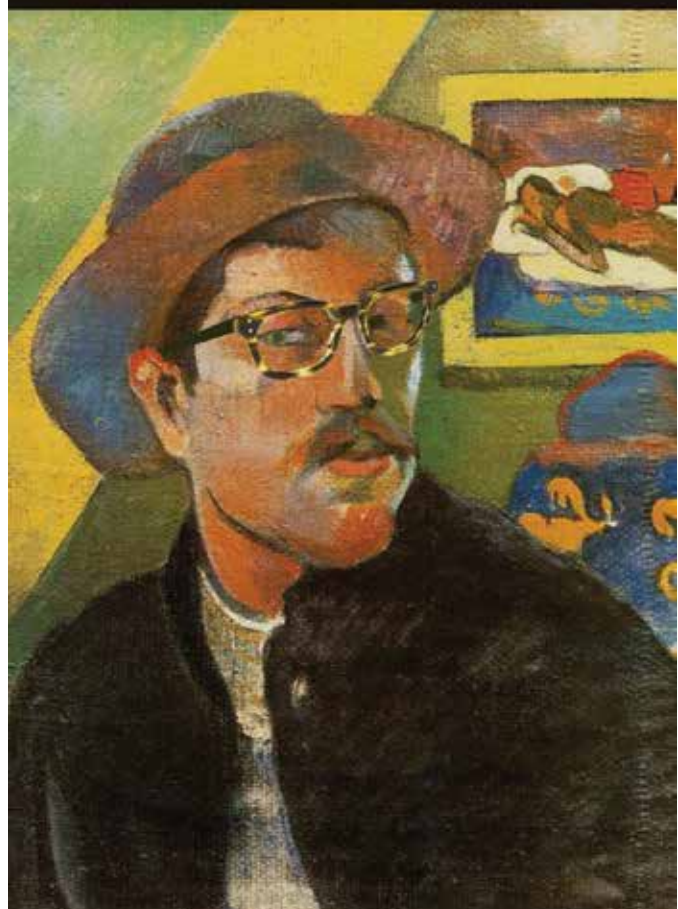
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there will be a Town Meeting to approve the cost for the Plans and Specifications portion of the project. There will continue to be public information meetings and information posted on the Town's website. The project is being funded by a grant through the Connecticut Department of Transportation, which allows for 80% reimbursement of the cost. This is a great opportunity for our community and we are grateful to have this funding.

**ROGERS LAKE DAM UPDATE:** The repairs have finally begun on Rogers Lake Dam, which is clearly evident when you travel on the south portion of Town Woods Road. You will see the area sectioned off, and lots of sandbags and equipment on site. A letter from the Town of Old Lyme was sent out to residents surrounding the lake regarding the lowering of the lake level in order to accommodate the repairs. The Town is closely monitoring the progress to make sure that the level is only lowered to the extent necessary for the work. While we understand that this is an inconvenience for some, the work must be done, and we have a short window of time within which to complete it. The work includes installation of a Fish ladder at the dam, which has been funded by the CT River Watershed Council. Once completed, alewives could return to their natural spawning grounds of Rogers Lake, completing the natural cycle of the fish. Since this effort has been worked on for over ten years, it will be good to see completion of the project. The expected completion date is no later than October, 2013, though we anticipate it will be completed by the end of September. Thank you to all of our residents for their patience as we complete this much needed project.

**STEAP GRANT AWARD:** On Wed. July 17th, the Town of Old Lyme was informed that we have been awarded a STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) Grant for \$478,000 for expansion and renovations of the boathouse at Hains Park. The boathouse is used by students and adults for storage of boats used for Crew, or rowing on Rogers Lake. Crew is a popular sport both at the Lyme Old Lyme High School and others within our community. Local clubs have formed, making the sport available for all ages and becoming so popular that the boathouse has become inadequate for the need. We are delighted to have this opportunity to enhance our services at Hains Park. Thank you to all the individuals who worked hard on the original application that resulted in this grant award.

**NEW SENIOR CENTER COORDINATOR:** Stephanie Lyon, our new Senior Center Coordinator, joined the Old Lyme team on May 29. Since her arrival, she has been extremely busy working together with the Board of Directors to enhance services, reaching out to potential members, and developing new connections with local organizations. Watch for the new Senior Center newsletter, which has taken on a new format. In addition to her regular duties, Stephanie has also addressed some maintenance issues that happened to crop up upon her arrival. The stove in the kitchen has needed repair, the well water was tested and had to be treated for low pH, and some water pipes developed leaks, requiring immediate attention. In the few short weeks that Stephanie has been here, she has proven that

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she can handle any emergency! Welcome, Stephanie, and thank you for your hard work.

**NEW SOCIAL SERVICES COORDINATOR:** In addition, as of July 1, we have a new Social Services Coordinator, Valerie Goncalves. Valerie has worked for with other social service organizations processing Energy Assistance Applications and matching people with services, so she was well prepared to hit the ground running. Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, but call for an appointment to be sure she is available. Her phone number is 860-434-1605 x228. Welcome Valerie!

**OLD LYME – WHERE EAGLES FLY!** Congratulations to Matthew Fries and Adam Muhsin of Old Lyme, both of whom earned their Eagle Scout Award this year. A special ceremony honoring these two remarkable young men was held on June 15th at the Congregational Church in Old Lyme. For his Eagle Project, Adam Muhsin moved the firepit at Camp Claire in Lyme to the center of the campground, cleaned away debris and built benches around the firepit as well as a woodshed for storage. Matthew also did his project at Camp Claire, where he designed and built a deck for a cabin. Both projects required extensive planning and leadership, along with the help of many willing participants. We are very proud of both of you. Rumor has it that there are more Eagles sprouting their wings this year, as well. We will keep you posted!

**A SAD GOODBYE** – The Town of Old Lyme is very sad to say good-bye to our former Town Clerk, Irene Carnell, who passed away on June 12. Irene served as Town Clerk from 1991 to 2009, and assistant Town Clerk for many years prior to that. She will be missed by many throughout the Town of Old Lyme, and we send our condolences to her family.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING:** While we are all hoping that the Fall of 2013 is a quiet one with no major storms, we continue to prepare for the unexpected. It is wise for all of us to learn from the past two years and think about

our individual preparations for emergency. Please be sure to check our Town website for specific details on preparing for storms, but in general, you should plan on enough supplies to sustain you, your family and your pets for three days. In short, if you could not get out of your home for three days, do you have enough water, food, ice and fuel (for generator, etc.) to take care of your basic needs? Start making your list now, so you know what to stock for emergency. Also, BE SURE TO REGISTER at [ctalert.gov](http://ctalert.gov) to receive alerts from both the State and our local Emergency Management Operations when emergency notifications go out. This is the best way to stay informed in an emergency. We all hope for the best, but it is prudent to be prepared for the worst.

**THE ANNUAL MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL** was held again this year on July 26th and 27th, culminating in a Fireworks Display behind the Middle School on Saturday evening. We were blessed with excellent weather for the event and a great showing in Old Lyme. It was wonderful to once again have fireworks as part of the festivities. As always, this is a great event that highlights the arts and businesses in our community. Thank you to all the participants who plan for this delightful annual event. Each year it gets better and better.

**POLICE AND YOUTH GRANT AWARD:** For the third year in a row, our local police have secured a grant from the State of Connecticut for \$10,000. This grant will allow our officers to continue their work (and throw in a bit of fun) with students in our community. This program has been well received by students, parents and community leaders, and we are delighted that it can continue through this school year. Congratulations to our Old Lyme Police once again for securing this grant and their efforts on behalf of youth in our community!

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The Board of Selectmen and I wish you a healthy and safe Fall of 2013.

— Bonnie A. Reemsnyder, First Selectwoman

## Town Assessor

Assessment Date of Taxable Property in the Town of Old Lyme is October 1st.

The Town of Old Lyme has complied with the provisions of Section 12-41 of Connecticut General Statutes. It is no longer necessary for persons liable for taxes of Real Estate and Automobiles registered with Connecticut Motor Vehicles Department to file Tax Lists with the Assessor annually as covered under Section 12-42 of the General Statutes.

Owners of tangible Personal Property, other than registered automobiles, such as commercial furniture, machinery and equipment, leased equipment, unregistered automobiles, camp trailers, etc., must file personal property list with the Assessor annually during the month of October. Failure to file prior to November 1 forces the Assessor, by law, to file the list and add a 25% Penalty (Sec. 12-42, PA 87-245).

Totally Disabled Persons, if they meet the requirements of Section 12-81(55) of the General Statutes, are eligible for the \$1,000. Exemption upon submission of proof of such a disability by October 1.

Any individual who is Blind is entitled to an exemption under Section 12-81(17) shall provide proof to the Assessor and must file by October 1.

Ex-Servicemen claiming statutory exemption, because of physical disability, in addition to regular exemption must

submit exemption certificate from the Veterans Administration annually to prove claim.

Veterans must have filed this discharge (DD214) in the Town Clerk's office by on or before October 1 in order to receive exemption. Section 12-81(g) provides for an increase in the property tax exemption amount granted to a qualified veteran if certain income requirements could be met.

Persons on active duty must present to the Assessor (Sec. 514) of the Soldiers and Sailors Act or a letter from their Commanding Officer stating date of entry and they are on active duty. Any service person on active claiming Connecticut as their legal residence is entitled to one car exemption if the car is garaged out of State.

An application for property owners claiming land as farm, forest or open space should file an application before October 31. The only exception is during a revaluation year, when the deadline is extended to December 30th. No other extension of the filing period is available, and failure to file within the prescribed time period is a waiver of the right to the classification for the assessment year commencing October 1st.

List must be filed at the Assessors Office, 52 Lyme St., Old Lyme, Connecticut 06371. Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4 pm.

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## Voting Information

Municipal Elections take place on Tuesday, November 5. Polls will be open at the Cross Lane Firehouse from 6 am to 8 pm and absentee ballots will be available through the Town Clerk's office on October 4.

**Candidates include:**

**First Selectman:** Bonnie Reemsnyder (D)

**Board of Selectmen – vote for 1:** Arthur (Skip) Sibley (R), Mary Jo Nosal (D);

**Town Clerk:** Eileen Coffee (R)

**Board of Finance – vote for 2:** Christopher Kerr (R), Janet Sturges (R)

**Board of Finance alternate – vote for 3:** J. David Kelsey (R), Robert Jose (R), Bennett Bernblum (D);

**Zoning Commission - 2013:** John Johnson (R)

**Zoning Commission – 2014 – vote for 1:** Tom Risom (R), Gil Soucie (D)

**Zoning Board of Appeals – vote for 1:** Martha Rumskas (R), Mary Stone (D)

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Arthur Sibley (R)

**ZBA alternate – vote for 3:** Harry Plaut (R), Laurie O'Brien (R)

**Planning Commission – 2013 – vote for 1:** Donald Willis (R), Edgar Butcher (D)

**Planning Commission – 2014:** Steven Ross (R)

**Board of Assessment Appeals – vote for 2:** Timothy Griswold (R), George Finley (D)

**Regional District 18 Board of Education:**

**4 year term – vote for 4:** Steven Cinami (R), Kirk Hoerauf (R), Max Greenwood (U); Diane Linderman(D), Nancy Lucas Edson (D), Jean Wilczynski (D), Rick Goulding (D) – also endorsed by Republicans;

**2 year term (completion of a 4 year term initially filled at Town Meeting) – vote for 1:** Stephen Spooner (R), Sarah Smalley (D), Russell Gomes as a petitioning candidate

The ballot will include instructions on how many candidates can be selected and will be elected for a particular position. A sample ballot will be available in the Town Clerk's office.

**Annual Absentee Ballot Program for Permanently Disabled Now Available**

Sylvia Peterson (D) and Donald F. Tapper (R), Registrars of Voters in Old Lyme, have announced that, effective January 1, 2013, electors with permanent disabilities became eligible for permanent absentee ballot status. This status enables the elector to receive an absentee ballot for each election, primary, and referendum in the municipality in which they are eligible to vote. Prior permanent status enabled the voter to receive an absentee ballot application only.

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# Meet the School Board Candidates

A Meet the Candidates event for the Regional School District 18 Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23 in the Middle School Auditorium. The event is co-sponsored by the Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce and the LYSB, and will be moderated by Lymeline.com editor/publisher Olwen Logan.

All candidates for school board in Lyme & Old Lyme have been invited to participate. Meet the Candidates will air on multiple dates on Comcast Public Access Channel 14, starting Thursday, October 24. Watch for more details at [www.Lymeline.com](http://www.Lymeline.com).

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To be eligible for permanent absentee ballot status, an elector must file with the Town Clerk an absentee ballot application along with a doctor's certificate stating they have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at their polling place. The law does not prescribe an official form to be used. As such, a note from the elector's doctor (presumably on letterhead) indicating a disability and the statement that they are unable to appear in person at the polls will satisfy this requirement. Absentee ballot applications are available through the Town Clerk and can be downloaded from the Town of Old Lyme ([www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov)) or the Secretary of State's website.

Once an absentee ballot application and doctor's certificate are received by the Town Clerk, the Town Clerk will send out absentee ballots to the eligible elector throughout the year for each event for which they would be eligible to vote.


The Registrars of Voters will conduct an annual review each January to determine the continuing eligibility of Permanent Absentee Ballot Status.

If you have questions about Permanent Absentee Balloting, please contact either the Town Clerk or Registrars of Voters: 860-434-1605.


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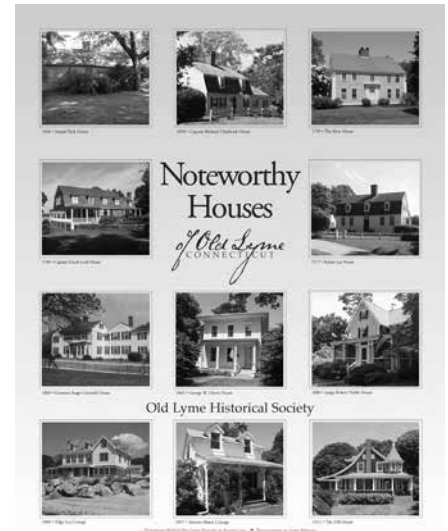
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# Old Lyme Historical Society

## Noteworthy Houses of Old Lyme – Latest Publication

Noteworthy Houses of Old Lyme is this year's publication produced by the Old Lyme Historical Society. It consists of a 16" X 20" four color poster of eleven local houses built between 1666 and 1913 and an accompanying booklet which not only describes the architectural features of the houses, but also includes a snap shot of information about events occurring in Connecticut around the time the houses were built. Written by Alison C. Mitchell and Michaelle Pearson with additional research by Leslie Markowicz, it promises to be one of the most popular publications put out by the Society. Mitchell says in her introduction that choosing which houses to include... "was similar to being told by a grandparent that you may select one toy, and one toy only, at The Bowerbird or Toys "R" Us teeming with hundreds of selections. It is a temporarily paralyzing experience: Old Lyme has so many historically interesting houses, and so many fascinating stories associated with them." The handsome photography and poster design are by James Meehan of James Meehan Art & Design. The posters and accompanying booklets are available for purchase at the Old Lyme Pheobe Griffin Noyes Library, The Florence Griswold Museum, and other local merchants.



*Noteworthy Houses of Old Lyme is this year's publication produced by the Old Lyme Historical Society. It is accompanied by a booklet that describes the architecture and a brief summary of historical events taking place around construction date of each house. Photo credit James Meehan, poster design by James Meehan Art & Design.*

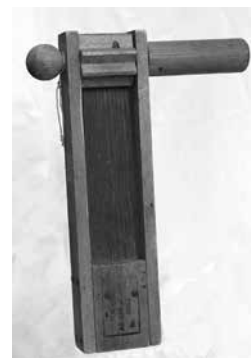
## Oral Histories are now Online

The Old Lyme Historical Society is pleased to report that its recently completed oral histories are now available online on the "Oral History" page of the organization's website [www.oldlymehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.oldlymehistoricalsociety.org). This is a milestone for this long term project that began about four years ago when Sousan Arafeh, then a Board Member, created and organized the Oral History Committee to interview Old Lyme residents to cull their memories about life in Old Lyme as they experienced it. In addition, special sessions were held to interview local World War II veterans about their combat experiences. The eventual goal is to record as many local residents as possible to create an ongoing living history archive. The Society is grateful to Sousan Arafeh for laying the groundwork, and also for providing training for volunteers in interview techniques. A number of volunteers are now trained including Julia Griswold, Barbara Bair, and Mark Lander. Once the first round of interviews was completed, they needed to be edited and made web-ready. Old Lyme resident and IT specialist, Tammy Noyes, made this become a reality this year. On the Old Lyme Historical Society's website you will find video and audio interviews and links to transcripts. Interviewees include members of the Lyme – Old Lyme High School Class of 1960, World War II Veterans, Matthew G. Ely, Jr., James Noyes, Gloria Pendleton, George James, and Jean Thompson, among many others. The Society plans to continue the work that Sousan started by conducting additional interviews that will then be made available online. The Society welcomes anyone interested in becoming involved with this interesting project to call the office (860) 434-0684. Training will be provided.

## A Challenge from the Archives

In the last issue of Old Lyme Events the Old Lyme Historical Society issued a challenge, inviting readers to identify two objects from the archives; their use and approximate dates. The winner is David Olson and he will receive a reproduction of a historical map of Old Lyme. The first object is indeed a noise maker, but for a very important reason. It was issued to local Air Raid Wardens during World War II to use in case of a suspicion of toxic gases. A Historical Society volunteer tried it out in front of Town Hall one day recently. It certainly caused people to stop talking.

The second object is a school bell. But not just any school bell this bell was donated to the Society by local resident Gloria Pendleton. It had been passed down to her for safe keeping by the family of a teacher who used it to call children in from the play yard of the last one room school house on Mile Creek Road around the turn of the century. The Society has found it to be an effective way to bring Board meetings to order.



Object #1.



Object #2.



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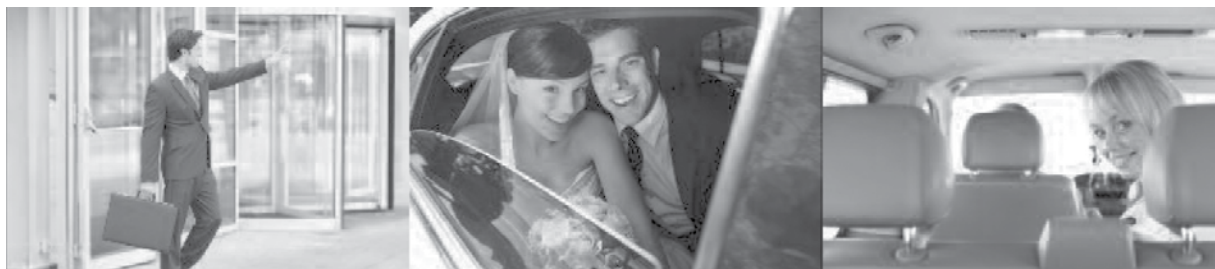
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**Get the Smartest Card @Your Library® September is Card Sign-up Month!** September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Library wants to make sure that residents in Old Lyme have the smartest card of all – a library card.

Activities at the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library during Library Card Sign-up Month include story times for children ages birth to five and afterschool activities for older children. School visits to kindergarten classrooms will take place during September to provide an introduction on how to use the library and learn about all the great collections and services. Teens and adults have a wide array of new programming from classes on painting and Mah Jongg, to movie nights, crafts, technology, game days, book discussions and afterschool activities to share with friends! More details can also be found at our website under the Events tab.

Getting a library card is easy. Children can apply for a library card at the age of five with parental permission. Most kids are really excited to have their very own card that coincides with the milestone of entering kindergarten! For all others, cards are issued at time of registration during library hours. We hope you will visit us soon!

### Adult Events

**Mondays at 7:00 – 8:30 pm Contemporary Classics:** Evening Book Discussions with facilitator Marsha Bansavage. Join us for engaging discussions on outstanding and award winning contemporary literature.

September 9 - *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway.

October 7 - *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien.

November 4 - *A Street Car Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams.

December 2 - *Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder.

**Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 pm Mah Jongg Classes with Joanie Fitton.** Mah Jongg classes are one of the Library's most popular programs and a great way to meet new friends. It's a fun, challenging and competitive game that was brought to America in the early 1920s from China. It is commonly played by four players with a set of 136 tiles based on Chinese characters and symbols. Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy and calculation, involving a certain degree of chance. Learn how to play

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and focus on the skills that will make you a patient and avid player while keeping the brain active and agile. Beginners and experienced players are all welcome. Joanie Fitton is a well-known Old Lyme instructor of both yoga and Mah Jongg. All classes will take place in the Community Room. (Please consult with instructor for dates when there are no classes.)

All classes are ongoing. The cost is \$10 per person per class with checks made out to Joanie Fitton. A portion of the fees go to support the Library. All participants must register at their first class and pay in advance. Registrations accepted on a first come basis.

**Tuesdays at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, Watercolor Classes for Beginners with Joan Bernard.** Instructor Joan Bernard, a local watercolor artist, will guide students through composition, color mixing and other basic elements of painting. Each participant will have time to learn and receive feedback from Joan on their compositions and progress. Classes run on a continuous basis throughout the year. Joan has studied fine art at Syracuse University, the Silvermine Art Center and the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts. She has been painting in watercolor for 40 years. She is a resident of Old Saybrook and volunteers on the Art Exhibition Committee at the Library. The six week session begins September 17 for six weeks. Fee \$140 per person. Advanced Beginners meet from 10:00 am -12:30 pm. Beginners meet from 1:00 pm 3:00 pm.

**Thursdays at 11:00 am Phoebe's Book Chats.** September 12, *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Styed. October 10, *The Marriage Plot* by Jeff Eugenides. November 14, *City of Thieves* by David Benioff. December 12, Reader's Choice: Bring a Favorite to Discuss.

**Saturday, September 7, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm, Salt Marsh Opera Lecture: Don Pasquale with guest speaker James Kuslan.** James Kuslan returns with a lively educational discussion of the Salt Marsh Opera's 2013 production of Don Pasquale. Lecture accompanied by musical clips of outstanding operatic performances by the world's most renowned singers.

**Sweet Spot in Your Pocket with Guest Speaker Mary O'Connor.** Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. This interactive program seeks to answer the question of whether joy is really attainable in the world of today, a world marked by devastation and terror and just plain angst—and if it is, how do we go about bringing it into our lives? How do we go about ever again having joy in life after experiencing a traumatic loss or depression?

Presented by Mary O'Connor, author of *Life is Full of Sweet Spots: An Exploration of Joy*, this engaging program builds on the book's premise that sweet spots, those natural places that are the primary repositories of joy, are all around us in life. Mary will present the sources of joy: nature, our physical selves and our minds and souls, through a Power Point presentation and simple activities. Participants will take away handouts that will guide them in future independent exploration. Free and open to the public.

**Artists & Their Cameras: Photography Class with Steve Nadler.** Saturday, September 21, 9:00 - 1:00 pm in the Community

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**Coming Soon! Red Carpet Movie Matinee** A new movie series debuts this fall that will investigate new themes, genres and the runners up for some of film's most prestigious awards. Details TBA.

**Gothic Ghost Tales by Candlelight with Rita Parisi.** Friday, October 11 at 5:00 pm. This theatrical storytelling presentation will feature 20th century ghost stories by female writers that probe the possibilities of other dimensions in time and human consciousness. Rita Parisi has been entertaining audiences for over 18 years in the New England area. In 2002, she founded Waterfall Productions to create shows that highlight her passion for theatre as well as history, literature and costuming. Appropriate for ages from teen to adult. Limited seating; registration required. Free and open to the public.

**Young Adult Events**

New after school activities and games will be coming soon. See the Library's website at [www.oldlyme.lioninc.org](http://www.oldlyme.lioninc.org) for the

latest listings of up and coming activities just for you. Or call the Library at 860-434-1684 for details. Stay tuned.

**Children's Events**

**Mondays at 10:30am: Drop-In Story and Craft Time.** Two to five-year-olds will delight in listening to stories, singing songs, and making a themed craft. All this free fun takes place in the Community Room. Each program lasts approximately thirty minutes. No need to register – just drop in! This fall will also bring back our popular "Today's Toddlers, Tomorrow's Leaders" series featuring leaders within the community as guest readers and speakers. Check the library website at [www.oldlyme.lioninc.org](http://www.oldlyme.lioninc.org) for more information. (No class Labor Day September 2 or Columbus Day October 14.)

**Thursdays 10:15am Drop-In Baby Time.** Children ages birth through age two. Introduce your baby to the library and meet new people. Activities include: sharing books, singing songs and finger plays, and then playtime and exploration with an optional simple craft. Each program lasts approximately thirty minutes. No need to register – just drop-in. (No class Thanksgiving Day November 28.)

**First Tuesday of every month: 6:15-7:00 pm Lullaby Nights.** This program series will take place on the first Tuesday of every month from September-December (9/3, 10/1, 11/5, and 12/3). Join Eleanor Robinson, owner of Sweet Beats, to sing lullabies before tucking in for the evening. With our voices, her

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stringed instruments, and percussive instruments to share, we will enjoy a melodic close to the day. Miss Eleanor has taught music and movement classes for over a decade in libraries, nursery schools, community centers, and churches. She has performed in classic rock and bluegrass bands.

Children in jammies welcome. Favorite stuffed animals too. This series is great for families ages birth to five. Registration is encouraged. Register online at [www.oldlyme.lioninc.org](http://www.oldlyme.lioninc.org) under the "Children's Program" tab or call the Library 860-434-1684.

This program series is generously sponsored by the Bombaci Family Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain. The Bombaci Family Fund is devoted to bringing music based programming to the community and is pleased to be able to sponsor this effort at the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library.

**First Monday of every month: 3:00-4:30 pm CrAfter School.** Join us in making a themed craft the first Monday afternoon of each month through December (10/7, 11/4, 12/2). Materials will be provided. CrAfter School is for children in grades three through five. Register online at [www.oldlyme.lioninc.org](http://www.oldlyme.lioninc.org) under the "Children's Program" tab or call the Library at 860-434-1684. (No class Labor Day September 2.)

**Friday, August 30th 6:00-6:45pm Sign Up for/Bring Your Library Card and Ride the Carousel for FREE.** September is Library Card sign-up Month & our kick-off event will be at The Carousel on Hartford Ave. Friday, August 30th. Show your OL-PGN Library Card between 6:00 - 6:45 pm & Ride for FREE.

Don't have an OL-PGN Library Card? Come on down and sign-up. You need to be five years old and a resident of Old Lyme. Then, you too will be able to use your card for: books, eBooks, computers, CDs, videos, audio books, museum passes, Consumer Reports, Mango Languages, book chats, kids & adult programs, and so much more...like a FREE ride @ The Carousel. Visit your library weekly – it's the community hub of activity.

**October 19 at the OL-PGN: Meet Your New Children's Librarian.** Save the Date. Come meet new Children's Librarian Michelle DeSarbo at the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library. This fun-filled day will feature a yummy craft plus exciting entertainment from some very special guests. Plan to bring your own lunch or pre-order a healthy and delicious boxed lunch from the Old Lyme Ice Cream Shop. Check the library website at [www.oldlyme.lioninc.org](http://www.oldlyme.lioninc.org) for a menu and a listing of the day's activities.

**Thursday, October 31, Halloween.** Trick or Treat on the Library front lawn with the staff dressed in costume! As you parade on Lyme Street with friends and family, stop by to see our ghosts, goblins, and other characters from Phoebe's attic!

**Friday, November 15, 3:30-5:00 pm, The Pigeon Wants a Party.** Why should Elephant and Piggy have all the fun? We're celebrating Mo Willems' beloved series with our very own Pigeon Party. Play themed games, learn how to make your own Pigeon, and munch on delicious treats with your fellow Pigeon-loving pals in the Community Room. This program is best suited for children six and under.

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A recent assessment from the Fitch Agency revised Connecticut's bond rating outlook downward from "stable" to "negative." This negative outlook is based delayed repayment of borrowed funds, added to already high state debt, along with unfunded pension obligations creating an unstable, vulnerable financial position for Connecticut. This warning comes on the heels of another that finds our state to be the only state in the nation without economic growth in the last two years. The message is clear - Connecticut must get serious about controlling state spending and reducing state debt.

Connecticut is currently 46th of the 50 states rated for the cost of doing business. Businesses are reluctant to invest and expand in a state where unpredictable tax policies, state mandates and high health care costs are the price of commerce. For example, the corporation tax was scheduled to expire. This is good news for businesses and consumers. However, short on operating revenue, Connecticut's majority voted to extend this tax for another two years. Is it any wonder that Sikorsky, when awarded an \$800M helicopter contract sends \$600M of this work out of state because business costs are lower and more predictable?

For as long as Connecticut delays repayment of deficit borrowing, imposes historic levels of taxation on citizens and businesses, adds to its already high debt, and spends grant money unwisely, Connecticut will remain economically vulnerable and our fiscal recovery will persist as slow and unpredictable.

— State Representative Marilyn Giuliano

*Marilyn Giuliano represents Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook in the Connecticut General Assembly.*



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Acceptable items for single stream recycling are clearly stamped on your green recycling container.

You can review a complete list of ACCEPTABLE and PROHIBITED items for recycling from the flyer on our website ([www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov)). Let's work together to keep SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING in Old Lyme.

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**Saturday November 23 Tellabration Storytelling.** Introduce your family to the time-honored tradition of oral storytelling at this annual event. Held on the last Saturday before Thanksgiving, Tellabration gives storytellers across the globe the chance to draw communities together with stories that have been handed down through generations. Come to the Community Room for captivating tales that will have the whole family on the edge of their seats. This program is in honor of Rosalind Hinman, former Trustee and founding member of the CT Storytelling Center. Check our website for registration and information about this year's featured storyteller.

**Thursday, December 5, 4:00-5:00 pm, Special Holiday Program: Mrs. Claus Storytime.** Mrs. Claus drops in for a special visit to share tales of the North Pole, elves preparing for Christmas and of course all about Santa Claus and his reindeer!

**Friday, December 13, 3:30-5:00, Minute to Win It: Library Edition.** You've seen the hit NBC game show – now play it with your friends. Contestants will be asked to complete random tasks using common household items (e.g. plastic cups, soda cans) in one minute or less. The contestant who successfully completes the most tasks will win a prize. Refreshments will be served. Register online at [www.oldlyme.lioninc.org](http://www.oldlyme.lioninc.org) under the "Children's Program" tab or call the Library at 860-434-1684.

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## Congratulations!

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- Thomas Peter Casey, Jr. & Heather Lynn Romagna - April 13
- Daniel Seung-Ho Lapolla & Nicole Denkus - May 11
- Kenneth C. Mattia & Roberta L. Smith - May 24
- Michael John Oliver & Caitlin Maureen Ferwerda - June 1
- Thomas Jay Seifert & Lindsay Marie Sablone - June 8
- Herman H. Blanke & Amanda Cushman - June 9
- Andrew William Danko & Krista Lynn Borkowski - June 29

## With Sympathy

We would like to express our condolences to the families of recently deceased Old Lyme residents:

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Emily Boro          | George Howley        |
| Richard N. Brown    | Kenneth John Lee     |
| Raymond C. Cann III | Janet B. Littlefield |
| Irene H. Carnell    | Sylvia Marsh         |
| Rosemarie Coco      | Margaret C. Oliphant |
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| Jean Gordon         | Jane A. Walker       |

— Eileen K. Coffee, Town Clerk,  
Vicki Urbowicz, Assistant Town Clerk

# Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association

The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. distributed either a wheelchair or transport chair to a number of civic and nonprofit organizations in the town of Old Lyme. When Superstorm Sandy caused the cancellation of the Association's annual Health and Wellness Day fair last November the group decided to explore another project that would have a health related beneficial effect in the community. At the suggestion of a Board member, a survey was made around town in regards to the availability at the various sites of wheeled transportation for the members of the public in need of such assistance. At the Old Lyme Selectman's meeting on Monday, May 20th chairs were presented to the Town and to Christ the King Church, Florence Griswold Museum, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts and The Lyme Art Association. Presentations to the local additional recipients were made on other dates. Those recipients were: First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library and Saint Ann's Episcopal Church. In June presentations were made to: First Congregational Church of Lyme and Lyme Library.

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### Fire Safety Tips for Fall

When the weather turns cold most people spend more time inside their homes using fireplaces, furnaces and heaters to keep warm. Here are some safety tips:

- Have chimneys AND WOOD STOVES cleaned and furnaces inspected.
- Make sure your home heating system is in good working order before the cold weather sets in.
- Use a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace.
- Allow at least three feet of empty area around space heaters.
- Never leave a burning fire unattended.
- Make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.
- Never leave candles burning if you go out or go to sleep.
- Never use your stove or oven to heat your home.
- NEVER PUT HOT ASHES INTO A FLAMMABLE OR PLASTIC CONTAINER.

### Back to School Fall Safety Tips

As children return to school in the fall, they are excited and may not be paying as much attention to their surroundings as they should. Keep them safe with these fall safety tips.

- If your child's school bus is equipped with seat belts make sure your child uses THEM.
- If your child walks to school or waits at a bus stop, wearing clothes that are brightly colored makes them more visible to drivers.
- Children that ride bicycles to school should always wear a helmet.
- Have your child use a rolling backpack if possible.
- A loaded backpack should not weigh more than ten to twenty percent of the weight of the child.

Until next time, stay safe out there.

— Firefighter John J. Cody, OLFD Safety/  
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## Trash & Recycling Information

**Curbside trash removal** is performed by Shoreline Sanitation (860.434.0052). There is no trash pick-up on the following Holidays: New Year's Day (Jan. 1), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), July 4th, Labor Day (first Monday in Sept.), Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in Nov.), and Christmas Day (Dec. 25). Trash that would normally be collected on Thanksgiving will be picked up the next day, along with the regular Friday pickup. For Monday holidays, garbage pickup will move up a day, except on Thursday and Friday, which will remain on schedule. This does not affect the curbside recycling program. Additional trash information is available on the Town's website ([www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov)), in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall at 52 Lyme Street. Please phone Michele Hayes (860.434.1605, ext. 212) with additional questions.

Please have trash container out at curbside by 6 am on your assigned day. Containers should be three feet away from any other objects, such as mailboxes, cars, other containers, planters, etc. Please be mindful when positioning your container not to block breakdown/emergency lane or obstructing walkers and/or cyclists. Thank you!

**Curbside recycling** is performed every other week by Shoreline Sanitation (860-434-0052). There is no recycling pick-up on the following Holidays: New Year's Day (Jan 1), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), July 4th, Labor Day (first Monday in Sept.), Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in Nov.), and Christmas Day (Dec. 25). Recycling that would normally be collected on Thanksgiving will be picked up the next day, along with the regular Friday pickup. For Monday holidays, recycling pickup will move up a day, except for Friday, which will remain on schedule. Recycling information is available on the Town's website ([www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov)), in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall on Lyme Street, or at the Landfill/Transfer Station. Please phone Michele Hayes (860.434.1605, ext. 212) with additional questions.

**Single stream curbside recycling** items include clean bottles, cans, #1 - 7 plastics and paper products co-mingled in the green recycling carts every other week. A complete list of acceptable single stream recyclables is available on the Town's website ([www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov)), trash and recycling link on both the Selectman's and Public Works pages, as well as on Shoreline Sanitation's website ([www.shorelinesanitation.com](http://www.shorelinesanitation.com)) and in the Selectman's Office at Memorial Town Hall on Lyme Street, or at the Landfill/Transfer Station. Please phone Michele Hayes (860.434.1605, ext. 212) with additional questions.

Additional automated trash and recycling containers should be ordered through Michele Hayes (860.434.1605, ext. 212) in the Selectman's Office at the Memorial Town Hall on Lyme Street. Containers cost \$80, checks made payable to the Town of Old Lyme.

**2013 Household Hazardous Waste** located at the Estuary Region Hazwaste Facility on Dump Road, Essex. Directions from Route 9 driving north: Take Exit 4, go straight across Route 154, over the railroad tracks and up the hill. Scheduled dates are Saturdays between 9am – 1pm on the following dates: September 7, 21, and October 12, 26. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable materials visit [www.rivercog.org](http://www.rivercog.org) or call 860-581-8554.

**Transfer Station Hours.** The Transfer Station is open: Tuesday-Friday, 7:30am-3:45pm, Saturday, 8:30am-4:00pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. Their phone number is 860.434.2337. Feel free to call Michele Hayes (860.434.1605, ext. 212) with any questions you may have.

**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,

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## Old Lyme Volunteer Ambulance Association

Old Lyme Volunteer Ambulance Association is proud to announce the first recipient of our EMS Volunteer Award is Phil (Bob) Knauff. Bob was an easy selection for us...he does more for the organization than any four people combined. First, Bob has been an active member for twenty-five years. As an EMT, he responds to calls with the same energy and enthusiasm as he has since joining. As our treasurer, Bob keeps a tight rein on our finances with his prudent and practical ways. Those two things alone are impressive but luckily for us, Bob doesn't limit himself to those roles. He is the backbone of our organization and is the "behind the scenes" guy who does and will do anything asked of him. Further, and perhaps most importantly, Bob is the voice of experience and is there for moral support and advice whenever it is needed. OLVA has benefited from having Bob as a member more than we could ever express in one paragraph. We want to say a big "thank you" to Bob for all you do-you are an inspiration to the rest of us. Thanks!

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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.

**Bulky Waste and Demolition:** Vehicles are charged by weight at \$110/ton. Recyclables should not be mixed in the same load with Bulky Waste or Demolition debris. Loads of less than 100 lbs. will be charged a minimum fee of \$5.00.

**Brush** will be charged on a per load basis. No wood or limbs thicker than four inches will be accepted.

**Grass clippings** will not be allowed at the Transfer Station because of chemical contamination from pesticides and fertilizers and cannot be deposited in your trash can. Please compost on your property.

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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## Cooley Gallery 26th Annual Holiday Show: "All Paintings Great and Small"

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## *A New Year Opens a New Chapter at Lyme Academy College*

Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts is entering a new and exciting chapter in its history this fall with the opening of the first student housing ever offered at the College. Two units of brand new town houses, which have been sensitively designed to retain the rural charm of the community, now stand opposite the College set well back from Lyme Street. Housing a maximum of 48 students, the first residents come primarily from the Class of 2017, although some units are being rented to the public this year. It is anticipated that all the units will be rented exclusively by students for the next academic year. Although the College provides the students to fill the housing, we do not own the housing: it was built and will be maintained by a developer.

We welcomed our new freshman class in late August and then, shortly after, those who studied here in years past will return for the Alumni Reunion weekend. The weekend is centered on the Alumni Exhibition 2013 for which there's an opening reception on Friday, Sept. 6, from 6 to 8 pm. There are 89 alumni participating in the exhibition ranging from recent 2012 BFA graduates to artists who studied at the College when it was still an Academy in the 70's and 80's. The general public is invited to attend the reception and to enjoy this unique and diverse display of talent, on view through Sept. 28.

The next day, Saturday, Sept. 7, is reserved for College alumni to enjoy a full day of activities, including faculty and alumni-run workshops and lectures, followed by words from keynote speaker Peter Drake, Dean of Academic Affairs at the New York Academy of Art's MFA program in New York City.

Friday, Oct. 11, is the opening of a new exhibition, "Tim O'Brien: Portraits and Illustrations: A Retrospective," featuring the work of the nationally acclaimed illustrator. A Connecticut-born artist, O'Brien's intricately detailed illustrations have



*Brand new town houses represent the first student housing ever offered at the College.*

been published in numerous publications, most notably in *Time Magazine*, *Newsweek*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, and *The New York Times*. He has created book covers for almost every publisher in his 25-year career and is also the illustrator of the *Hunger Games* trilogy. O'Brien has designed several U.S. postage stamps and has over a dozen paintings in the collection of the National Gallery, Washington, D.C. An opening reception for his retrospective exhibit is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 11, from 6 to 8 pm. The reception is free and open to the public. The exhibition will be on view through Jan. 11, 2014.

O'Brien is also a professor at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and lectures frequently across the country. A popular lecturer, he will be speaking here at the College on Friday evening, Oct. 18. The lecture is from 7 to 8 pm following a reception at 6 pm.



## *Cable Advisory Council Awards Scholarships*

The Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council awarded scholarships to three members of the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Class of 2013. Congratulations to Meghan Nosal, Blaise Berglund, and Lindsey Kneppshield.

The Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council represents the towns of East Haddam, Haddam Neck, Hadlyme, Lyme, Old Lyme and Salem.

In 2010, the Council initiated the scholarship program for graduating seniors from member towns who plan to study communications or in a communications related field after high school.

Twelve local students have benefitted from the program to date. Students who have received awards in previous years include: 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 in late fall 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 are made by the high schools during Senior Year Award ceremonies.

## *The Estuary Council of Seniors*

The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc, in Old Saybrook, CT, is seeking an Executive Director. They are looking for a proven leader with a passion for working with older people, with fund development, marketing and finance experience. Excellent communication skills, including networking, public speaking and the ability to work well with volunteers are also required. The full-time position reports to the Board of Directors.

A Bachelors' Degree is preferred and prior executive experience in non-profit or business sectors would be helpful. Computer literacy is necessary.

Interested applicants should e-mail a cover letter and resume by October 1 to: Sharon Howell, Chair of Search Committee, Execsearch92@gmail.com.

## **Town Hall Schedule**

Town Hall will be closed in observance of the following Holidays:

- Monday, September 2 – Labor Day
- Monday, October 14 – Columbus Day
- Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day
- Thursday & Friday, Nov 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas



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## Lyme Youth Services

**BABIES FIRST** - Tuesdays 9:30-10:45 September 3 October 15, 7 wks, \$56. For expecting moms, or 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 questions, hopes, desires and concerns commonly found during the first year of parenthood. Meeting in the casual child friendly atmosphere of Mimi's Place at LYSB, nursing moms and diaper changing always welcome! Pre-register by calling LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

**ACTIVE LEARNING FOR ONES PLAYGROUP** - Wednesdays, 9:30-10:45, September 4 - October 16, 7 wks, \$56. Fee based on number of meetings. Celebrating your toddler's desire to play. Parents and children come together to explore, discover, and exercise your child's newest skills. Group activities will support your child's emerging curiosity, language, problem solving, motor skills, and cooperation in the gentlest manner. Circle time includes lap play, face time, movement, finger-play, & nursery rhymes. Pre-register by calling LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

**TWOs PLAYGROUP** - Thursdays 10:00-11:15, September 5 -October 10, 6wks. \$48. Fee based on number of meetings. Mimi's Place has a new room-scape for early childhood programs & caregivers including a Cozy Corner, a Group Area, and a Messy Area. Areas for nursing mommies too. Children ages 2 and up will gain social and literacy skills while enjoying circle time, free play, snacks, crafts and outdoor time at Mimi's Place adjacent playground for children up to age 5. Siblings always welcome. Each week the groups will explore a new theme. Pre-register by calling LYSB 860-434-7208 x0.

**YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (YAC)**. Every Wednesday 7:00-8:00 pm. YAC is a high school community service club that participates in a variety of fun projects throughout the year. All high school students in L/OL are welcome to join us any Wednesday night! For questions call 860-434-7208 x0.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:15 to 4:00 pm. Come hang out at LYSB and participate in a variety of crafts, games, and fun activities. Students can walk to LYSB after school and passes for the Late Bus will be provided. This is a drop in program open to any LOLMS student. Registration fee of \$25 and permission form required, available on our website [www.lysb.org](http://www.lysb.org)

**ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**. Every Wednesday 3:00 to 5:00 pm. For grades 2-5. Come to LYSB's Activity Center with your friends to play games, enjoy crafts, snacks, and more. Fun is guaranteed. Students from Center School will be escorted to LYSB. Students from Mile Creek & Lyme Schools will take the bus directly to LYSB. Fee is \$100 for the year. Pre-register by calling LYSB at 860-434-7208 x0.

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**MOMS NIGHT OUT – ZENTANGLE I with Carol Dunn**. Tuesday Sept. 17, 6:30-9 pm. Free. Pre-register by calling LYSB 860-434-7208 x0. What is Zentangle? Zentangle is an easy to learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. Create beautiful designs while discovering a new way to relax and enjoy what happens on your paper. Each design is broken down into step-by-step instructions, so you don't need any artistic or drawing abilities. You will learn a variety of "tangles" (patterns) and combine them in their own unique way. It's easy to learn, and You will be provided with all materials needed in class, and additional materials and books may be purchased to take home, if desired. Resource info will be provided to those who wish to continue creating new designs and patterns. (Starter materials are \$10).

**MADHATTERS THEATRE COMPANY FALL DRAMA PRODUCTION**. "Babes In Toyland." Auditions: September 7th by appointment. Rehearsals on Saturdays at LYSB. To be presented at Chester Meeting House in December. For audition and information contact Madhatters at 860-395-1861.

**LET'S GET SEWING WORKSHOP**. October 3, 10, 17, 24, 4 to 6 pm, 8 and older, Fee: \$90. Join your friends and learn all about sewing on a machine. Design and sew a colorful patchwork pillow, cute and cuddly stuffed animal and a festive Halloween treat bag. Choose your own colorful fabrics, beautiful ribbons and embellishments to complete your projects. All materials included. Machine and hand sewing will be taught. Pre-register by calling LYSB at 860-434-7208 x0.

**GIRLS CIRCLE**. A three week empowerment program for girls. Middle School session (gr 6-8): Three Mondays October 7, 14 & 28, 2:15 - 4:00 pm. "The shortest distance between isolation and belonging is a Circle." Join us each week for a new theme and activity designed to increase girls' self esteem, body image, and social support. During this program girls will:

- Develop connections and feel included
- Build strong interpersonal skills
- Strengthen self-care and well-being, even under stress
- Dissolve barriers to respect, confidence, and empathy
- Nurture friendships

Call LYSB to register 860-434-7208 x0. More info at [www.lysb.org](http://www.lysb.org).

**CASFY: Community Action for Substance Free Youth**. Meets the First Monday of the month at LYSB at 7 pm. CASFY is the prevention coalition for Lyme and Old Lyme and our goal is to reduce substance use among youth through a variety of strategies. We are fortunate to have a strong group of

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citizens who care about this issue. Please join us at an upcoming meeting. Newcomers are most welcome! To learn more about our work, visit [www.lysb.org](http://www.lysb.org) and click on CASFY.

**CHANGE HAPPENS: A program for children of divorce.** Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm, starting in October. Change Happens is LYSB's program for children and adolescents whose families are going through divorce, separation, remarriage, and custody issues. This program was designed to assist children through the continuum of family reorganization, change or upset. We will address self-esteem, issues of loss, communication and transition. Hands on activities will help young people express themselves. All young people who are managing the emotions and hurdles of family transitions will benefit from this program which will be held at LYSB and led by a licensed clinical social worker. Fee: \$90 for six week sessions. Pre-register by calling LYSB at 860-434-7208 x0. All calls are confidential.

**DRUG TAKE BACK DAY.** Saturday, October 26, 10-2 at Lyme Street Fire House. National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is a great opportunity for you to safely dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. Abuse of prescription drugs is on the rise both nationally and locally. Let's keep these drugs out of the wrong hands. Drop off your medications at the fire house and we will safely dispose of them. Co-sponsored by LYSB, CASFY and Old Lyme Police.

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER WORKSHOP.** Tuesday, October 29, 6 -8 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 and 5th grade and their mothers. Cost is \$40 per pair and includes resource materials, goodie bags and a pizza dinner. 860-434-7208 x0.

**LYSB HALLOWEEN PARTY & COSTUME PARADE.** October 31st, Party: 5 -6 pm, Costume Parade: 6:15 pm. A free fun family event including games, crafts, storytelling, face painting, and more! For children ages 12 months through 2nd grade. All "little goblins" must be accompanied by an adult. The costume parade will leave the Old Lyme Firehouse at 6:15 pm. March down Lyme street behind a fire truck!

**LET'S SEW A QUILT WORKSHOP.** November 7, 14, & 21, 4 to 6 pm. Ages 8 and older, Fee: \$85. Cuddle under a cozy quilt you'll design and sew yourself! Learn the basics of quilt making and sew a small lap quilt to keep you warm this winter. Basic machine and hand sewing will be taught. All materials included in class fee. Pre-register by calling LYSB at 860-434-7208 x0.

**SITTER SAFETY CLASS.** Four Mondays: November 11, 18, 25 & December 2, 2:15 to 4:00 pm. 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. Call LYSB to pre-register at 860-434-7208 x0.

**CPR FOR BABYSITTERS.** Monday, December 9, 2:15-4:00 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 2-hour class. Class cost is \$40 and awards a Certificate of Completion. Contact LYSB to pre-register at 860-434-7208 x0.

**HANDMADE HOLIDAYS.** December 5, 12 & 19, 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Ages 7 and older, Fee: \$85. The best gifts are handmade! Let's sew and decorate a beautiful felt stocking, colorful collage frame and yummy homemade cookies. Learn creative hand sewing and crafting techniques. All supplies included in class fee. Pre-register by calling LYSB at 860-434-7208 x0.

**LYSB HOLIDAY PARTIES.** Sunday, December 8th, 5-7 pm. This fun event brings together neighbors to celebrate the start of the holiday season, while raising funds for LYSB. Thirty simultaneous parties in Lyme and Old Lyme. If you are interested in hosting a party in your neighborhood, or helping on our committee, please contact LYSB at 860-434-7208. If you have never received an invitation to our Holiday Parties, we want to include you so please call us to share your info.

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE FAMILY WORKSHOP.** Sunday, December 8th, 12:30-2:30 pm. An LYSB tradition! Your family

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## Chamber Update

Congratulations to the recipients of Chamber scholarships in 2013. Eli Kuhn is entering his second year at the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts and received the Scholarship Award for Promise and Achievement in the Visual Arts. David Muckle, beginning his senior year at Lyme-Old Lyme High School, received the N. Rutherford Sheffield Memorial Junior-Year Award for Entrepreneurial Promise and Achievement. Peter Fuchs received a summer program grant for the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts.

We distributed American Flags to Memorial Day Parade marchers and hosted an information table at the Midsummer Festival. Lyme-Old Lyme suncatchers (only \$10!) were a hit at both events!

Our first dinner meeting of the new Chamber year is Thursday, September 19 at The Hideaway with Michael Perks of Mentoring Corps for Community Development. Come find out how this local initiative benefits our community & how you can get involved. RSVP by 9/13 to email@lolcc.com. Author Todd Gipstein will speak at our October 24 meeting.



*Sheila Wertheimer, Wertheimer & Associates,  
at the Chamber's Midsummer table.*

Fresh Ayer Gallery hosts a Business After Hours "gallery gala" in November. OPEN TO ALL – Enjoy the photography exhibit and support a local business! Enjoy six weeks of holiday magic from November 14 through January 5. Details for Light Up Old Lyme at [www.VisitOldLyme.com](http://www.VisitOldLyme.com)  
Don't forget: BUY LOCAL!

— Catherine Frank, Lyme Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce President

### Beyond the Yellow Brick Road

The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce presents **Beyond the Yellow Brick Road** Oct. 4 – Nov. 3. Visit Wee Faerie Village in the Land of Oz at the Florence Griswold Museum, then wander Beyond the Yellow Brick Road to dozens of participating shops & restaurants to help us find Dorothy, Scarecrow, the Cowardly Lion, Tin Man & other friends from Oz as they search for Toto and the ruby red slippers... Let us know who you spot & where to be entered in a drawing for prizes. Participating locations & special offers at [www.VisitOldLyme.com](http://www.VisitOldLyme.com).

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will make your own Gingerbread House to take home. Leave the mess with us! We supply all the ingredients. Bring your camera! \$10/house. Pre-register by calling 860-434-7208 x0.

**AMERICAN GIRL CRAFTY HALLOWEEN.** Saturday, October 26, 10 to 12 pm, Fee \$20, for Ages 5 and up. It's almost Halloween! Let's celebrate with a festive American Girl party and make a felt pumpkin purse and Halloween accessories. We'll have time for games, stories and yummy refreshments. Dress up if you like! Call LYSB to register 860-434-7208 x0.

**CPR & AED Training for Teens & Adults.** Friday, November 8, 6-9 pm. Friday, December 13, 6-9 pm. If a family member, friend or infant in your care had a cardiac or first aid emergency, could you recognize the signs & respond quickly & appropriately? This course teaches CPR and use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and clearing of an airway obstruction for adults, children, and infants. You will learn everything you need to know to provide quality care during a cardiac or choking emergency and earn 2 year AHA certification. CPR has changed...plan to spend 3 hours learning & practicing the skills

necessary to save a life. Wear comfortable clothing as this is a hands-on class. Fee: \$50. Certification good for two years. Pre-register by calling LYSB at 434-7208 x0.

**AMERICAN GIRL HOLIDAY TEA.** Saturday, December 14th, 10 to 11:30 am, Fee: \$20, for Ages 5 and up. It's time for LYSB's annual American Girl Tea! You'll create festive holiday crafts and have a traditional tea party with china cups and tea cakes! Time for party games and stories too! Call LYSB to register 860-434-7208 x0.

**YOGA FOR TEENS & ADULTS.** Thursdays, 7 pm – 8 pm year round. Relax and restore your mind, body, and spirit. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. \$10/class, drop in. Taught by Joanie Fitton

**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](http://www.lysb.org) For middle and high school youth ages 12 to 18.

## Helping Seniors Transition to a New Chapter

As senior citizens age, their health and lifestyle needs change, sometimes necessitating a change in their retirement living plans. While some senior citizens may welcome the move into a smaller home or into an independent or assisted living community, others may be less enthusiastic. They may be hesitant to leave the home where they raised their families, enjoyed their neighbors, or tended to their gardens. They may worry about losing their independence, or about not fitting into their new community.

It is helpful to everyone involved in this transition when there is as much support as possible during this time. This can come from a network of family, friends and caregivers, or from the “welcome teams” found at most retirement and assisted living communities who help residents manage change.

The welcome team at The Saybrook at Haddam retirement and assisted living community in Haddam includes a recently hired, full-time social worker. She offers support and care for residents and their families during the move-in transition, and

is able to respond immediately and personally to any other concerns. She also works to educate families and staff so they can provide the best care (and lifestyle) in their new home.

During this transitional time, experts suggest helping loved ones by focusing on the positive sides of the move. Celebrate the things that do go well during this time and reinforce that the right living decision was made. Have a card or small “care package” arrive the day your loved one makes the move. If you can, join them for a welcome visit to share lunch or dinner right away (remember to set up a date for the next visit before you leave). Also, if they do move into an assisted living residence, try to attend one or two social events held at the community together.

You are helping them start an adventure, another chapter with new friends, group activities, daily walks and exercise, lectures and classes, and more (perhaps even a new garden).

— Kathy Ryan, Executive Director  
of The Saybrook at Haddam

## Lyme Art Association

**Summer Painting and Sculpture Exhibition – and The Sporting Life.** On View: August 2 to September 21. The Sporting Life is an exciting new themed exhibition of works depicting activities such as fishing, hunting, sailing, skiing, field games, and equestrian sports. The annual Summer Painting and Sculpture Exhibition includes a wide variety of themes.

**New England Landscape Invitational.** On View: September 27 to November 9. Opening Reception: Friday, October 4, 6 – 8 pm. Lyme Art Association Member artists and select invited artists will be exhibited in this annual presentation of landscape paintings from around New England.

**Deck the Walls and Work by Newly Elected Artists.** On View: November 15 to January 4, 2014. Opening Reception: Friday, November 22, 5 – 7 pm. The Lyme Art Association’s annual show and sale featuring more than 200 works of art in all sizes and mediums by member artists. Work by artists who have just been chosen to become Lyme Art Association Elected Artists will be hung in the back gallery.



Christine Ivers, Higher Elevations, Pastel 12 x 9.

## Lymes’ Senior Center

As the new coordinator at the Lymes’ Senior Center, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Stephanie Lyon and I am a native of Connecticut. Since my start in May, I have received a warm welcome from many in the town. We are offering several innovative programs at the center and would love for those 60 and over to check out what is new. We send out newsletters to our 500+ members monthly as well as have a limited amount of copies placed in the library and at the town hall for you to take as well. The newsletter can also be found on the town website [www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov) If you would like to be a member and receive the newsletter by mail, feel free to call the Senior Center at (860)434-4127 or just stop by. Some special events taking place this holiday season will be a performance by the Christmas Chorus and Swinging Star Dancers on Friday, December 20th at 1:30pm and a Holiday Concert by the Old Lyme Town Band on Sunday December 29th at 4pm. Both of these programs are free and open to the public. So bring your spouse, your kids, and your grandkids and get into the holiday spirit with us!!



Stephanie Lyon, coordinator  
at the Lymes’ Senior Center.

## Florence Griswold Museum

*Harry Holtzman and American Abstraction*, on view through January 26, is the first retrospective of abstract painter Harry Holtzman (1912–1987). Drawing primarily from the holdings of the Holtzman Trust, the exhibition brings new attention to the role he played in shaping abstract art in America. In 1934 Holtzman traveled to Paris and developed a friendship with Dutch painter Piet Mondrian that would form the rest of his career. Adopting a Neoplastic style inspired by Mondrian, Holtzman went on to produce an extensive body of work that explored pure geometric form in drawings, paintings, and sculptures.

This exhibition is the third presented by the Museum that brings a better understanding of modern artists that lived in the greater Lyme area. Holtzman was part of a local community that has been little studied but included significant artists. In 1962 Holtzman chose a monumental barn along the country roads of Lyme to personally convert into a home and studio workspace. He lived and worked there until his death in 1987.

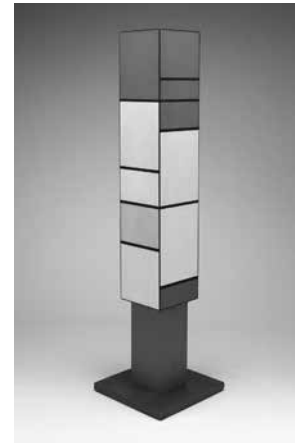
In 2010, the Museum presented a rediscovery of the work of the Bauhaus-influenced artist and Yale professor Sewell Sillman, followed by a 2011 retrospective of the work of photographer Walker Evans, who discovered the artistic community in Lyme in the 1940s and lived here in the last decades of his life.

On view through January 5 is the holiday favorite, *The Magic of Christmas*. *Miss Florence's Artist Tree* has become a holiday icon for the region. Nearly 150 artists have donated works to this one-of-a-kind tradition. The Florence Griswold House evokes a 1910 Christmas with historically accurate decorations that reveal homespun creativity and the use of surprising materials.



Visitors of all ages enjoy the celebration that includes Miss Florence's Artist Tree.

*Harry Holtzman and American Abstraction* features roughly 60 paintings, sculptures, and drawings featuring many works not exhibited since Holtzman's death and highlights the different facets of his role as perennial stalwart of the New York avant garde.



## Wines for Fall

Fall is on its way and the cooler temperatures call for some fuller-bodied red and white wines. Two great varietals that come to mind are Malbec and Torrontes, which are both mostly produced in Argentina.

The red varietal, Malbec, originated in France, and is used for blending in small amounts in Bordeaux, and in larger quantities in Languedoc. In France, Malbec tends to be drier than in Argentina due to the soil and the climate. The long warm season in Argentina allows for Malbec to become full and juicy, which enables it to stand on its own as a varietal in the wine-making process. The flavors are rich with dark fruit such as black cherry, cassis and blackberry. Malbec does maintain its dry finish and also can acquire a slight spicy component. Malbec is also blended with Cabernet Sauvignon, Bonnard, and Syrah in Argentina to create huge red blends that knock your socks off. These blends can be over-looked due to the

huge popularity of red blends in California right now, but they are definitely worth trying for a fuller, spicier mouth-feel.

Torrontes is a white varietal widely grown in Argentina. It is a unique and unusual varietal showing a floral nose with complex fruit flavors of apricot, and citrus fruits with a medium dry finish. Torrontes has a heavier mouth-feel, like that of a Chardonnay, but with a lighter finish. This varietal is a great pairing for lemon chicken or heavier seafood dishes.

Although the lazy days of summer are slowly dwindling away, the beautiful New England fall weather calls for more barbecues and gatherings. Being extremely versatile, both Malbec and Torrontes pair with almost any fare you choose to serve up! So take a step away from your every-day go-to wines and serve up some South American treats!

— Art LiPuma, Manager, SeaSide Wine & Spirits



## High Hopes

Through our year round therapeutic riding and horsemanship programs, High Hopes offers opportunities for skill building and achievement to individuals of all ages who face a multitude of challenges each day. The High Hopes experience combines the healing power of the human animal bond with targeted and attainable goals reached through individualized equine assisted activities. An accredited premier PATH Intl. center, High Hopes serves the profession nationally and internationally through its PATH Intl. approved instructor training program.

High Hopes has a 12-week lesson semester in the spring and fall, a 6-week semester in the summer and winter, and a summer camp program. Lessons take place in groups and individually using our indoor and outdoor arenas and expansive trails. For more information please visit our website [www.highhopestr.org](http://www.highhopestr.org) or call 860-434-1974.

**Volunteer Opportunities.** High Hopes is a recognized leader in providing volunteer opportunities to over 600 individuals in our community who are an integral part of daily life at our center. No matter your interest or skill, we have a place for you at High Hopes!

- Love horses? Volunteer by assisting in the riding program as a leader or sidewalker, or help care for our horses.
- Have office experience? Help file, type, answer phones and more. With special events all year round we always need volunteers to help with planning and supporting our annual June major benefit, our fall holiday market and numerous receptions and demonstrations.
- If you have experience as a photographer, videographer or IT skills we need you too!

We are currently accepting volunteer applications to assist with our fall program and daily feeding of our herd. Experience is not required, training is provided.

For more information contact Courtney Bernard at [cbernard@highhopestr.org](mailto:cbernard@highhopestr.org) or 860-434-1974 ext. 121.

### **Lyme Hunter Pace Event to Benefit High Hopes, Connecticut Valley Pony Club, and Lyme Trails Association.**

The Lyme Hunter Pace cross-country ride will be held Sunday, September 22 at Lord Creek Farm in Lyme. Awards will be presented in the following divisions:

- Hunter: Experienced in the hunt field and want to take the course at a faster pace, traditionally a fox hunt pace.
- Hilltopper: A more leisurely pace than Hunter, about 25% slower for the novice horse and/or rider.
- Don Siluk Memorial Award: must consist of a youth pony clubber and their parent/guardian riding as a team and is closest to the ideal time for the division in which they entered.

For an application or more information please visit the High Hopes website [www.highhopestr.org](http://www.highhopestr.org) or contact Sarah Carlson, 860-434-1974, ext. 115 or [scarlson@highhopestr.org](mailto:scarlson@highhopestr.org).

**Fall Fashion Show.** This October High Hopes will be hosting a fashion show featuring the latest fall looks from Saybrook Country Barn. Dates and information will be sent out soon and posted on the High Hopes website [www.highhopestr.org](http://www.highhopestr.org).



*Volunteer in our riding program.*

**High Hopes Annual Meeting and Open House - Sunday, October 20.** High Hopes will hold its 39th annual meeting at its facility on Town Woods Road from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, with a demonstration, awards ceremony and reception.

Preceding the meeting, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm will be High Hopes Annual Open Barn Day. Activities will include barn tours, and the chance to meet members of our fantastic herd. Both events are free and the public is welcome.

**High Hopes Holiday Market - Sunday, November 17.** Come to a festive celebration with a kick at the High Hopes Holiday Market to be held on Sun., Nov. 17, 12:00-4:00 pm at High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc., in Old Lyme, Conn. There will be 60 booths with crafts, gourmet food and other items for sale, live music, children's entertainment, a raffle with great prizes and door prizes. For more information call 860-434-1974 or visit our website [www.highhopestr.org](http://www.highhopestr.org).

**Field Trips.** High Hopes provides opportunities for mounted and unmounted field trips for a variety of organizations and groups such as public school groups, scout troops and residential group homes.

**Pony Power.** Pony Power offers off-site educational demonstrations to the public, school groups, day care centers, residential treatment programs, hospitals and nursing homes, long term care facilities, and anyone else in need of Pony Power! Demonstrations take place outdoors, generally last one hour, and include hands on grooming and care.

**Birthday Parties.** High Hopes birthday parties are two-hour visits which include a mounted riding lesson led by a PATH Intl. Certified Instructor and trained volunteers. Enjoy our beautiful grounds and facility with your party of up to twelve children.

For more information about any of these events or programs please contact us:

- Visit our website [www.highhopestr.org](http://www.highhopestr.org).
- Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook/highhopestr](http://www.facebook/highhopestr)

## It's A Small World

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Former Selectman Mervin Roberts has recent proof that the world may be shrinking.

"From Chiang Rai in Northern Thailand, formerly known as Siam, we have news from Neel Roberts, who was born on Whippoorwill Road about 50 years ago.

His sister Edith Ann just returned home to Lebanon, Connecticut after spending a school year in Chiang Rai teaching English as a Second Language.

One morning while she was in Thailand, Edith Ann inadvertently locked herself between her house and her front gate at 6 am.

Desperate for a second set of keys, she called her brother, Neel, two blocks away, but her call wasn't answered because he was in Burma and his wife doesn't answer the phone at 6 am while he is away.

So, Edith Ann called her father, Merv Roberts, at his home on Duck River Lane in Old Lyme, to describe her predicament.

Merv offered to call his granddaughter (Edith Ann's niece) in Thailand on her cell phone. When he called, awakening her, she sleepily told him she needed at least an hour to bathe, get dressed and dry her hair before she could leave to help her aunt. "Grandpa" suggested that perhaps her younger sister could respond faster. The next thing Merv heard over the phone was a loud, "Charlene, Charlene, GRANDPA WANTS YOU to run over to Aunt Edith's house with keys."

Merv reports that the shout was clearly audible even without a telephone from half a world away."

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Board of Selectmen	Mary Jo Nosal	434-1605 x212
Board of Selectmen	Skip Sibley	434-1605 x212
First Selectwoman	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder	434-1605 x211
Building	John Flower	434-1605 x230
Emergency Management	David Roberge	434-1605 x231
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Finance Director	Nicole Stajduhar	434-1605 x232
Fire Marshal	David Roberge	434-1605 x231
Harbormaster	Michael Moran	434-1605 x212
Health	Vijay Sikand, M.D.	434-1605 x214
Information Technology	Ruth Roach	434-1605 x237
Town Historian	John Pfeiffer	434-8829
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Parks and Recreation	Don Bugbee	434-1605 x235
Police	TFC Gary Inglis	434-7080
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Public Works	Ed Adanti	434-2461
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Social Services	Ruth Roach	434-1605
Tax Collection	Judith Tooker	434-1605 x216
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### Old Lyme - Community Listings

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## The Old Lyme-Lyme Volunteer Connection

### Now a Free Community Resource Thanks to a Grant

Noah Christiano, the founder of the Old Lyme-Lyme Volunteer Connection, has announced that the Volunteer Connection was recently awarded a grant from the Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation. Receiving this grant is a big milestone for this fledgling startup community service organization. The funding will cover the annual software system lease expense for two years and, most importantly, will allow qualifying service organizations to now participate for free. If you are the leader of or the volunteer coordinator for a qualifying organization and would like to participate in the Volunteer Connection please contact Noah at ollvolunteer@gmail.com.

The Old Lyme-Lyme Volunteer Connection, <http://volunteer.truist.com/ollvolunteer>, is an online resource for the communities of Old Lyme and Lyme that matches the skills and interests of volunteers with the needs of community based organizations, including non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and town committees, located within or providing services to the two towns. Setting up an account for your organization and listing volunteer opportunities is straight forward and does not require any specialized computer skills.

In addition to the grant, this past spring Noah Christiano was awarded the silver level of the President's Volunteer Service Award for the development of this community resource. The President's Volunteer Service Award program was created by

the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation in 2003 as a way to recognize, "thank, and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service".

### Check the Volunteer Connection for Opportunities to Get Involved this Fall

If you are a student heading back to school this fall, you may be deciding on what activities you want to participate in this year, your school may have community service hours to fulfill, or you might be looking for ideas for a longer term project. If you are a high school student you may also be interested in exploring volunteer opportunities that may help to develop career interests and strengthen your college application. If you are a parent whose youngest child is heading off to kindergarten or college, you may finally have some extra time to give back to the community. The Old Lyme - Lyme Volunteer Connection website, <http://volunteer.truist.com/ollvolunteer>, now lists twenty-four organizations with a wide range of community service opportunities. Participating organizations include the Lyme Ambulance Association, Literacy Volunteers, the Lyme Land Conservation Trust, the Old Lyme Land Trust, and the Old Lyme Historical Society. Please visit the website for the complete listing of organizations and their contact information.

## Special Event – Old Lyme Grange #162

Just a friendly reminder that Bridget A. Yuknat, a fire inspector and board member of the New London Firefighters Burn Foundation will be presenting a power point presentation on Sunday, September 29 at 2:00 pm sharp, at the Old Lyme Grange Hall, 55 Lyme Street, Old Lyme.

380 years of membership to the order will be honored that afternoon as well, with the following members receiving their letters, seals & certificates. Gertrude Kwasniewski - 75 yrs; Justin Layden - 70 yrs; Doris Johnson - 65 yrs; Phyllis Knutson - 60 yrs; Rev. A. Tom Norton - 60 yrs; Frank Balboni & Craig Norton - 25 yr certificates. Quite the year as this will also be our 108th Anniversary.

Come and join us for a great afternoon with Bridget and recognizing our outstanding members! Any questions please call Barbara C. Kulisch, Community Service Chairperson at 1-860-669-7780.

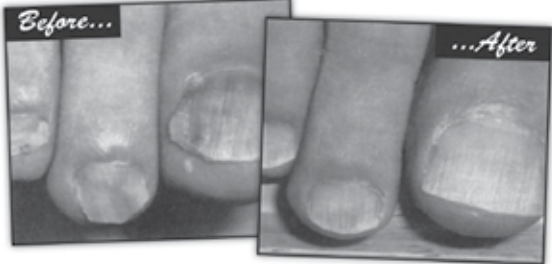
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## Duck River Garden Club

Duck River Garden Club membership is open to those who enjoy working in the garden or arranging flowers. Club goals are to stimulate a greater interest in gardening and landscaping, learn the elements of floral design, create a greater awareness of nature and conservation, and maintain the beauty of our town.

The Club begins its year September 9, 7 pm, at the Lymes' Senior Center. Guests and potential new members are welcome to a Pressed Flower Demonstration by local artist Lisabeth Billingsley, who will show how to make a gift card or picture from pressed flowers.

Members are expected to help maintain town garden sites, help at the Annual Plant Sale and provide a floral arrangement for the library once a year. Call Vice-President/Membership Chair Bruce Baratz, 860-625-1808 or Club President Kathi Green, 860-434-7106 for information.

Next year's Annual Plant Sale is Friday, May 9 from noon to 7 pm and Saturday, May 10 from 9am to 1pm. Club members offer geraniums, annuals, herbs and vegetable plants, perennials, hanging baskets, garden implements and home-baked goods, as well as divisions from their own gardens.

Two annual \$1,000 Duck River Garden Club scholarships may be awarded to a Lyme-Old Lyme senior planning to study horticulture, botany, environmental studies or a related field, or college student from Lyme-Old Lyme who meets the eligibility criteria. Previous scholarship recipients may apply for



*Duck River Garden Club members huddle under a tent on a rainy Plant Sale day*

a "Former Graduate Scholarship" if they are continuing with their Duck River Garden Club approved major. Applications are due by the end of April. A transcript, faculty member recommendation and short explanation of the applicant's interests is required. Contact Linda Cotton 860-434-5033 or Barbara Kenyon 860-434-2244 for more information.

## Eastern Connecticut Ballet

ECB, the shoreline's preeminent school for dance education with a 22 year history of exceptional quality programming, will begin classes in September, for ages 2 to adult. Look for Ballet, Bounding Boys! Pointe, Repertory, Jazz, Modern, Tap and Mommy & Me. A complete program of adult classes including Ballet, Tap, Modern and Jazz is also available at the newly expanded state-of-the-art facility at 435 Boston Post Road, East Lyme.

We will also be launching Ballet and Jazz classes in Old Saybrook this fall at the Estuary Senior Center, 220 Main Street, lower level. Experience the same excitement, energy and beauty characteristic of classes held in ECB's home school in East Lyme. Three levels of Jazz will be held on Mondays: ages 3-5, ages 5-7 and ages 8-10. Three levels of Ballet are offered on Thursdays: Ballet A/B ages 3-4, Ballet C age 5 and Ballet D age 6. Ballet D students are eligible to audition for participation in the region's Nutcracker of choice to be performed Dec. 13, 14, and 15 at the Garde Arts Center.

A mandatory Nutcracker parent information meeting will be held on September 6 at 6:00 pm. Nutcracker auditions for this age group will be held on September 7 from 4-4:45 pm. All students will have the opportunity to perform in ECB's spring showcase.

Ballet classes will be taught by Marylu Clark, Director of ECB's Young Children's Ballet Program, with the same age and developmentally appropriate focus and curriculum

emphasized at ECB's main campus. ECB faculty member and Saybrook resident, Amy Brady, will lead the Jazz program.

Call Today to Register at 860-739-7899 or to receive additional information on East Lyme & Old Saybrook classes. Visit the website at easternctballet.com for a full listing of audition and class times. Eastern CT Ballet is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Fun, Friendly and First-class! Photos: V. Murgio & T. Giroir.

### Elephants in Winter Sale

The annual Elephants in Winter Sale at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme on Ferry Road will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 9 am to 12 noon. For sale will be Christmas decorations and gifts, handmade items, international and tribal craft items, and coffee and donuts. Great holiday shopping!

## Scholarship Winners



Shown in picture (L to R) Taylor Texeira, Kayla Carberry, Amber Vernacatola, Old Lyme VNA Board President Michelle Davis, Carly Mangs and Anthony Ramiro-Goncalves.  
Not shown in photo Georgia Cummins.

The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. is pleased to announce their 2013 scholarship winners. The Mary H. Noyes Memorial Scholarship was awarded to two graduating seniors of Lyme-Old Lyme High School: Georgia Cummins, who will be a major in Nursing at the Catholic University of America and Amber Vernacatola, a major in Nursing at Quinnipiac University.

This year four Lyme-Old Lyme graduating seniors shared the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association Scholarship: Kayla Carberry, who will be a Nursing major at Quinnipiac University; Taylor Teixeira, a Nursing major at the University of Rhode Island; Anthony Ramiro-Goncalves, a Dietetics and Nutrition major at Central Connecticut State University and Carly Mangs, a Physical Therapy major at the University of Connecticut.

## Light Up Old Lyme

The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce presents **Light Up Old Lyme** from November 14 – January 5. Light Up Your Holidays all season long in Lyme & Old Lyme during six weeks of holiday magic: Holiday Hoedown & Market, Holiday Teas, Art Exhibits & Sales, Walking Tours & Carriage Rides on Historic Lyme Street, Musical Masterworks performances, The Magic of Christmas at the Florence Griswold Museum & much more. Participating locations & special offers at [www.VisitOldLyme.com](http://www.VisitOldLyme.com).

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Raw milk cheese has been blamed for many illnesses, hence the ruling against it here in the States. According to the CDC (Center for Disease Control), between the years 1993 to 2006 over 121 outbreaks occurred, causing over 1,500 illnesses and two deaths. Older people, pregnant women, children and those with weak immune systems are the most vulnerable.

First, we need to understand the difference. Raw milk is milk straight from the animal with no processing done to it. Pasteurized milk is raw milk that has been heated to a high enough temperature to kill most of the harmful bacteria present. You might be aware of the 60-day rule, which simply states that no cheese under 60 days old is allowed to be imported. The reason is that young raw milk cheeses are associated with salmonella, E.coli, and listeria, just to name a few. So why the 60-day rule? The reason is that any harmful bacteria present in the milk or cheese does not survive past this time period. So, if a cheese is over 60 days old, it is considered safe for consumption.

As a general rule, cheeses made from raw milk taste better than those made from pasteurized milk. The issue then becomes the taste quality of raw milk cheese vs. the safety of pasteurized milk cheese. I agree that raw milk cheese has more depth in flavor, more complex aromas, and a better finish than pasteurized cheese.

Europe takes a different viewpoint on raw milk cheese. Some countries allow distribution of raw milk cheese, while others do not. Scotland bans them, while England, Wales and Northern Ireland allow them. France is the biggest proponent of raw milk cheese, considering it a sacrilege to use pasteurized milk in cheese production. There does not seem to be any issue for France when it comes to eating raw milk cheese. The thought is that they have built up immunity to the raw milk bacteria and, as a result, they don't get sick from them.

In any case, you will not find raw milk cheeses such as Brie or Camembert in the United States anytime soon. The older cheeses, beyond 60 days old, are available and considered safe. The decision is yours. I enjoy them, but as stated earlier, pregnant women, children, the elderly and those with weak immune systems might want to proceed with caution.

— Paul Partica, *The Cheese Shop Of Centerbrook*

## *Estuary Council*

**ESTUARY COUNCIL OF SENIORS, INC.** has been serving seniors in the nine-town Estuary region for 38 years. Call us to receive our *Gazette Newsletter* or go to [www.ecsenior.org](http://www.ecsenior.org) for our online newsletter, events calendar, menu, and more.

**NINTH ANNUAL AUTUMN ON THE DOCK AUCTION AND WINE TASTING – September 21 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.** The event is usually held at the Dock & Dine Restaurant, "on the dock", but because of the extensive damage to their building from Hurricane Sandy, the event will be at the ECSI facility at 220 Main Street in Old Saybrook. There will not be a dock this year but there is a breathtaking view of the marsh and Connecticut River. The event will be featuring a wine tasting from the Wine Cask, great food, live music, live auction, and raffles.

ECSI is the sole provider of Meals on Wheels for the towns of Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook, Clinton, Killingworth, Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Madison. All proceeds from the event go toward the Meals on Wheels program.

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**CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES:** Board Games, Billiards, Ping Pong, Yoga, Exercise Classes, Mah Jongg, Wii, Cribbage, Writer's Group, Book Club, Quilter's Group, Needlecrafters, Hand and Foot, and more! Check the Gazette for all of our programs.

**ESTUARY THRIFT SHOP:** Open 10 am - 3:45 pm, Monday - Friday; and from 9 am - 12:45 pm on Saturdays. Clothes (men, women, and children), kitchen items, crafts, and more available. Donations are accepted and volunteers always needed.

**THE MARSHVIEW GALLERY AT THE ESTUARY:** Open daily 8 am - 4 pm, and from 9 am - 1 pm Saturdays. The art on exhibit changes monthly and highlights the talents of local artists from along the shoreline. The artists donate a portion of their art sales to the Estuary Council of Seniors. An artist's reception is held the second Friday of each month from 5 - 7 pm. Refreshments are served, and a door prize is drawn each month. All ages are welcome. Call 860-388-1611 for information.

**DONATE YOUR CAR OR BOAT TO THE ESTUARY COUNCIL** - Turn your car or boat into a tax deduction by calling: 1-800-716-5868. Proceeds benefit the vital services we provide for seniors in the nine-town Estuary Region.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Call Judy at 860-388-1611.



## Social Services

Old Lyme Social Service is pleased to announce early start-up for the CT Energy Assistance Program. The Energy Assistance Program provides financial aid toward the primary source of heat for qualifying individuals and families. The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) serves low income households in need of assistance for their home energy bills. The program goal is to assist low income households who pay a high proportion of their income toward fuel bills. Priority is given to "vulnerable households" made up of young children, elderly or disabled individuals. Program services include: financial assistance towards a household's energy bill, emergency assistance if a household's home energy service is shut off or about to be shut off, and a range of other energy-related services such as weatherization improvements, utility equipment repair and replacement.

### Applications are taken by Appointment Only

Tuesday – Thursday 9 am to Noon at the Town Hall Social Service Office located on the lower level. For an appointment please contact, Valerie Goncalves, Social Service Coordinator at (860) 434-1605 Ext. 228 or email [vgoncalves@oldlyme-ct.gov](mailto:vgoncalves@oldlyme-ct.gov)

Please bring all information listed below that applies to your household. The processing of your application will be delayed if you do not bring all necessary information to your appointment. New documentation is required each year. Previously submitted documents cannot be used for your application.

### Required Information Needed for your Appointment

- Social Security numbers for ALL household members.
- Birth dates of ALL household members.
- A current active utility bill. The bill must be in a listed household member's name that is age 18 or older.
- Current copy of lease, mortgage statement or rent receipt with all landlord information including; name, address and phone number. If you receive Section 8, bring your Section 8 letter.
- Current and complete statements of ALL liquid assets for every household member. (e.g., savings and checking accounts, bonds, stocks/shares, Certificates of Deposit, Annuities and Individual Retirement Accounts). Fill out

Asset Declaration Form for all household members over 17 years old.

### CURRENT INCOME DOCUMENTATION FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

- The last four (4) consecutive week's pay stubs (1 pay stub if paid monthly, 2 pay stubs if paid bi-weekly or 4 pay stubs if paid weekly) and/or workman's compensation benefits for the four (4) weeks prior to your appointment date; showing gross income, tips, commissions and bonuses.
- Current MONTHLY Social Security, SSI and/or Veteran's benefit income.
- Pension or annuity check stubs, or a letter from the payer on their letterhead stating the gross amount.
- All bank interest and dividend payments for the past month (if more than \$10.00 per month).
- Unemployment Statement from the website [www.ctdol.state.ct.us](http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us) or unemployment History Printout (within 24 hours prior to appointment) showing the last four (4) consecutive weeks or fill out an Unemployment Compensation Form and bring to your appointment.
- Income from alimony and/or child support from Child Support Enforcement (letter or printout), a bank statement if payment goes directly into a bank account or fill out the Affidavit Certifying Non-Receipt of Child Support Payments.
- Rental Income: Current Documentation verifying the amount of rent you collect from your tenant(s).
- Self-employment – Must fill out the Self-Employment Worksheet, have it notarized and bring your most recent tax return with all schedules attached.
- DSS Cash Assistance award letter – Showing current income for household.
- A signed statement indicating the amount and frequency of payments from friends and relatives who are contributing toward your household's support that includes the name, address and telephone number of the contributing person.

FAILURE TO BRING ALL DOCUMENTATION MAY RESULT IN DENIAL OF BENEFITS

## Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut

The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut is Connecticut's leading source of information for the thousands of people who have epilepsy. The Foundation works to ensure that people with epilepsy are able to participate in all life experiences through information, education, recreation, advocacy and support.

A seizure is an abnormal electrical discharge in the brain. Seizures can be caused by head injuries, lack of oxygen at birth, brain tumors and other health condition. People often think of seizures only as jerking and shaking uncontrollably; however, not all seizures are convulsions. There are many different symptoms of seizures, which can include eye fluttering, staring and laughing. Recurring seizures can be a sign of epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut has many programs to offer those living with epilepsy. In particular, we offer seven support groups throughout the state. Our newest group is meeting in Guilford for adults living with epilepsy and parents of children with epilepsy. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 p at Guilford Parks & Recreation 32 Church Street, Guilford.

Those interested in attending meetings are asked to please RSVP, to the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut by calling 800-899-3745 or emailing Allison at [Allison@epilepsyct.com](mailto:Allison@epilepsyct.com). Offices are located at 386 Main Street, Middletown, CT.

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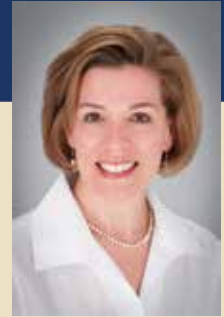
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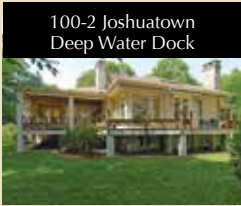

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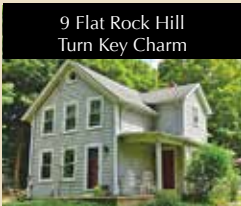
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