



## President's Newsletter – Spring 2023

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or our Facebook page: **LBI Historical Association**

### President's Message:

*We managed to open last year for a full standard schedule of 10:00 – 4:00 daily although we were “thin on the ground” – often only one person per shift with no backups.*

*The Fisherman's Cottage: The Cottage received the Ocean County Historical Preservation Award for the best building restoration in 2022 during an event on April 13th. There is no money awarded; but we have a five-minute video about the Cottage which the County sponsored the Pinelands Regional High School to produce for us.*

*Tracy Anderson passed the baton in late 2021 to Denise Cleveland as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Denise kept us going again this year and reorganized the Sign of the Whale Shop and updated the bar coding system.*

*After 10 years as LBIHA President (plus several prior years as VP and Trustee), I am stepping down this August. I was 70 when I became President – now I am 80, with a lot less energy. Dr. Denise Cleveland - Volunteer Coordinator and Shop Manager for the past two years - has expressed an interest in running for President in August. Denise is a retired Education Administrator. She is also the Chairman for the “Island Voices” oral history project, which I feel is a very important project to attract new and younger people to the museum. I am not the only “long-timer” serving as a museum officer, and now is the time for some new, younger people to step up to replace the current “administration” while we are still around to assist with the transition.*

*Stay Healthy, Ron Marr*

**April:** We will be open, and a stop on the Southern Ocean County Chamber Wedding Road Show on **April 23rd** from 11-4.

**Psychic Fair:** Last October's Psychic fair was very popular, and we have scheduled another one for **May 13th**, the Saturday of Mother's Day Weekend to avoid the crowded October calendar. Museum members may make a reservation now by emailing Trustee Ellen Kehr: [lbimuseumevents@gmail.com](mailto:lbimuseumevents@gmail.com). Reservations will be open to the public the end of April. We have 12 Readers lined up and 5 local vendors, so far.

**Volunteers:** Denise will be having Volunteer orientation meetings **May 20th** 11-1 and **June 17th** 10-noon and will email you with the information later. Please see if you can encourage

some of your friends to volunteer for admission Docents or other events – **remember that we offer a free membership for the first-year volunteers.**

**“Island Voices” Oral History Project:** A Sandpaper article is shown that describes the Voices project which is still in the final planning stage. We are looking to do our first interviews in June and July, with an initial presentation in August.

**Attendance:**For 2022 our overall attendance was still only 81% of 2019-the last pre-covid year. However, paid Museum admissions were 103% of 2019. The situation was that attendance at Monday Night Talks, Chocolate Fair, Ghost Fest, and Celebrate the Season were down. For comparison, last year the Surflight Theater admissions were at 75 to 80% of 2019. People were still afraid of crowds.

**Fall 2022 Activities:** As mentioned above, event attendance in August and the Fall was still lower than before Covid. This was partially offset by the Psychic Fair being in October. CAP Tree Lighting attendance in December was not SRO as it usually is, but was much better than last year

**Winter 2023:** We had a Webelos Den from Barnegat visit in January and they had a good time.

### **2023 LBI Museum Preliminary Calendar** – as of 10 April 2023

- 17 April Friday - **Spring Cleaning**, 9 am
- 23 April Sunday - **Wedding Road Show**, museum open 11-4
- 13 May Saturday – **Psychic Fair**, noon-4
- 20 May Saturday – **Volunteer Orientation #1, 11-1pm**
- 27 May Saturday - **Memorial Day Weekend, start open Sat & Sun noon-4**
- ?03 June Saturday - **11-3 Bay Village Corvette Show 50/50**
- 08-11 June Thurs – Sun - **Lighthouse International Film Festival in Museum**
- 17 June Saturday – **Volunteer Orientation #2, 10 - noon**
- ?17 June Saturday - Island Singers 8 pm
- 24 - 25 June Saturday/Sunday - **Trash n Treasures Sale noon-4 Sat & Sun**, pack up Mon
- 26 June Monday - **Commence open daily 10-4**
- 27 June Tues – **Tues & Wed 7 pm Ghost Tours** continuing through Wed 30 August
- 27 June Tuesday - **Tues & Fri 10 am Historic Walking Tours** start - through Friday 01 September
- 04 July Tuesday – **Museum open, 10 - 4**
- 10 July Monday – **Life 100 Years Ago**, Kids 4-13, 10:30 - noon
- 10 July Monday –Monday Night Talk, **History of Tuckerton, the Bay and LBI**, Steve Dodson talks and signs books, 7.30 pm
- 17 July Monday – **Life 100 Years Ago**, Kids 4-13, 10:30 - noon
- 17 July Monday – Monday Night talk, 7:30 pm
- 14 July Monday – **Life 100 Years Ago**, Kids 4-13, 10:30 - noon
- 24 July Monday – Monday Night talk, 7.30 pm
- 31 July Monday – **Life 100 Years Ago**, Kids 4-13, 10:30 - noon
- 31 July Monday – Monday Night talk, 7.30 pm
- 03 August Thursday – **Chocolate Fair, 6-7.30 pm**
- 07 Aug Monday – **STEAM, Cartesian Divers**, Kids 5-13 program, 10:30 - noon

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 14 Aug Monday – **STEAM, Design a Puffmobile**, Kids 5-13 program, 10:30 - noon  
 14 Aug Monday – Kids Movie Night, Feature TBA, 7.30 pm  
 20 August Sunday - **General Membership Meeting**, 4.30 pm  
 21 Aug Monday – **STEAM, Build a Lighthouse**, Kids 5-13, 10:30 - noon  
 21 Aug Monday – **Voices of LBI** talk, 7:30 pm  
 28 August Monday – **STEAM, Egg Drop Challenge**, Kids 5-13, 10:30 - noon  
 ?28 August Monday – Monday Night talk, 7.30 PM  
 01 September Friday – last day for 10-4 daily  
 01 September Friday – last day for Walking Tours  
 02 September Saturday – **begin Sat & Sun noon-4**  
 03 September Labor Day Sunday - **Fall Flea Market** in Veterans Park, 9-4  
 28 October Saturday - **Ghost Fest in Haunted Museum**, Firepits, noon-4  
 25 November Saturday - **Celebrate the Season, Elves Workshop, Fisherman’s Cottage, Firepits**,  
 Noon-4  
 02 December Saturday - **CAP Community Caroling and Tree Lighting** 6:30-9 pm

**2023 LBIHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Please mail to: Long Beach Island Historical Association, PO Box 1222, Beach Haven, NJ, 08008  
 Reminder: if you are a Life/Family Life permanent member (“P” on your mailing label) you are not required to pay dues. **However, donations are badly needed for the Fisherman’s Cottage and Museum .**

TYPE: ( ) INDIVIDUAL @ \$35.00  
 ( ) FAMILY @ \$45.00  
 ( ) MERCHANT @ \$100.00 ( ) MEMORIAL @ \_\_\_\_\_ In Name of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME: (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Your address is only needed if it has changed**

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**( ) YES! I will give an additional \$100 (or other amount \_\_\_\_\_) for the Museum General Fund.**