A Few Words from Our President

Denise Cleveland, Ed.D.

To all our valued members and supporters, we wish you a joyful and prosperous 2025! Your dedication and passion continue to inspire us, and we're thrilled to embark on another exciting year together. Let's make this one unforgettable!

We ended 2024 on a high note with our successful fundraiser, *Spirits & Culprits, Sherlock Holmes, and the Ghostly Fisherman*, held on October 26th. See some of the event highlights here. We also held our annual Celebrate the Season, Elves Workshop on November 30th. Both events had a great turnout and we received wonderful feedback from attendees. A heartfelt thank-you to our incredible volunteers who worked tirelessly to make these events happen.

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Remembering Suzette

Suzette Whiting
1935 - 2024

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of Suzette Whiting, a lifelong resident of LBI and a beloved community member. Among her many passions, Suzette had been a part of the LBI Historical Association since its inception. She served as President for two terms, once in 2001 and again in 2005. Suzette remained a board member and active volunteer, serving on many committees and always contributing her wisdom, passion, and leadership, as well as her sweets and cakes, to many events. While we are eternally grateful for all her support, she was a true pillar of the LBI community. She and her husband, Kneeland, were owners of the iconic Holiday Snack Bar for almost 40 years. Suzette's community service extended beyond our doors to the Holy Innocents Church and their ECW, the SOCH Auxillary, and the Surflight Theater as well as being named an honorary member of the Beach Haven Fire Company. Suzette will be missed. Our thoughts are with her family during this time.

2025 Special Events Lineup!

Start planning your summer on LBI!

These are events you WANT on your calendar!

www.lbihistoricalmuseum.org/events

The 4th Annual Psychic & Wellness Fair
May 10, 2025

Get ready to "tune" in to an extraordinary experience as our Psychic & Wellness Fair makes its fabulous return for the 4th year! Connect with some of the most talented Readers, Mediums, Psychics and Wellness Practitioners who will help illuminate your path and provide insights for a vibrant summer ahead! Plus, don't miss the chance to explore unique gifts from local vendors for a little bit of local flair! So, come one, come all, and let's celebrate our community's spirit together at this enchanting event! More details are just around the corner.

Annual Trash & Treasures Sale
June 21 & 22, 2025

Get ready for this event that you absolutely can't miss! Join us for two days of treasure hunting where you'll uncover unique finds at prices that will make your wallet sing! From gently used pots and pans to charming small furniture, vintage gems, games, toys, and books, there's something for everyone! Everything must go, so grab your friends and family and make a day of it—because who doesn't love scoring a fantastic bargain? Plus, don't forget, not all treasures are buried; some are just waiting for you to discover them right here at our museum!

The 18th Annual Chocolate Fair!
August 7, 2025

Get ready to indulge in the most scrumptious event of the Summer? Join us for an evening filled with delectable treats that promise to awaken the inner child in all of us. Picture this: a delightful spread of cookies and candies, along with an array of mouthwatering chocolate delights that will leave you craving more! And for our adult guests, a special "over 21" section featuring tantalizing morsels crafted to please your sophisticated palate. This sweet soirée is designed for everyone, ages 1 to 100, who wishes to satisfy their sweet tooth and create unforgettable memories with friends and family.

Monday Night Talks
Mondays, 6/25 - 9/8, 2025
Doors open at 7:00 PM

We are thrilled to celebrate an incredible 48-year legacy of the Monday Night Talks at the Long Beach Island Historical Museum, This year, we are excited to

Kids S.T.E.A.M Program
Mondays, 7/14 - 8/25, 2025
10:00 AM

Get ready for creativity and fun at the Summer Kids S.T.E.A.M Program! Designed for kids aged 5 to 13, this exciting adventure

Historic "Summer Cottages" & Landmark Walking Tours
Tuesdays & Fridays @ 10:00 AM

Stroll through time as we explore the iconic "Summer Cottages" of the island's

announce that we are expanding our series into June and September, providing even more opportunities for both locals and visitors to delve into the rich history of our beloved island. With a diverse lineup of speakers and topics, there is truly something to ignite interest and inspire curiosity in everyone. Visit our **website** for the full summer lineup.

blends STEAM activities with fascinating historical artifacts. Every week, families dive into a brand new design challenge that sparks imagination and teamwork, turning problem-solving into an unforgettable family affair. The program will run Monday mornings in July & August. More details will be coming soon as we update the curriculum for this summer!

early families. Uncover their fascinating stories—how they arrived at LBI, the lives they led, and the lasting contributions they made to the growth of Beach Haven and beyond. Learn about the hunters and fishermen of the early days, the visionaries behind the first hotels, and the families who built the foundations of the vibrant Beach Haven we know today. Learn more **here.**

We're also proud to continue partnerships with the Friends of Beach Haven for *Beach Haven Heritage Day* and the Lighthouse International Film Festival. Visit their websites for more details.

Island Voices

We're thrilled to announce that *Island Voices*, our oral history project, is now available online! Last summer we had a soft launch of Island Voices with a new exhibit and demonstrating our new kiosk technology, but today you can access Island Voices online. Explore these captivating stories on our **website**.
If you'd like to contribute your story, please **email us.** We are always in need of audio/video editing help. Please contact us at the same email address if you are interested.

Looking Ahead to 2026

The Museum will celebrate its **50th Anniversary** in 2026, and we're gearing up for a year filled with special activities and surprises. If you're interested in joining the 50th Anniversary planning committee, **email us!**

Summer 2025 Events at a Glance

Be sure to save these dates on your calendar as you plan your summertime on LBI!

- **5/10/2025:** 4th Annual Psychic & Wellness Fair, 12:00 - 4:00 PM
- **5/17/2025:** Beach Haven Heritage Day (*partner event, see their website*)
- **5/25/2025:** Memorial Day Weekend Open, Saturday & Sunday, 12:00 – 4:00 PM
- **6/4-8/2025:** Lighthouse International Film Festival (*partner event, see their website*)
- **6/21-6/22/2025:** Annual Trash & Treasures Sale, 12:00 - 4:00 PM
- **6/23/2025:** Museum Open Daily (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

- **6/23/2025:** Ghost Tours Every Tuesday Night at 7:00 PM (*partner event*)
- **6/30/2025 - 9/8/2025:** Monday Night Talks, Doors open at 7:00 PM
- **7/1/2025:** Historic Walking Tours (Tuesdays & Fridays at 10 AM through 8/30)
- **7/14/2025 - 8/25/2025 :** Kids Summer STEAM Program Every Monday at 10:00 AM
- **8/7/2025:** The 18th Annual Chocolate Fair
- **8/18/2025:** General Membership Meeting at 4:30 PM

We are excited!
Only 117 Days Until
Our 1st Event of the Season!
See You @ the Psychic & Wellness Fair on May 10th!

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