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LEARN HOW TO MANAGE YOUR LANDSCAPING CORRECTLY

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, June 15, at 7:30 pm

**PLACE: Smith-Wever American Legion Post 651,
23 Foster Avenue, Sayville**

Our guest speaker is James Sottilo, a recognized leader in organic plant health care and sustainable environments since the mid 1990's. James has honed a proven and propriety chemical-free approach to green landscapes that encourages and enables each landscape to become a living system. Presentation will be on the sustainable landscape, how managing the landscape correctly can reduce nitrate run off and increase carbon holding capacity while developing beautiful landscapes.

Directions: Take Sunrise Highway to Exit 50 Lincoln Ave. South on Lincoln to the end which is Montauk Highway (Main Street). Make a left, then a quick right onto Foster Ave. The Legion is just past True Value Hardware. Parking is across from the Legion's driveway.

GREEN CHOICES FOR YOUR ENERGY NEEDS

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm

**PLACE: Bayard-Cutting Arboretum State Park,
Carriage House, River Room, East Islip**

An expert in Long Island's electricity supply and management will explain differences between our past electric company, LILCO, and our current authority, LIPA; how those differences affect our energy supply and choices available to homeowners. Various energy options for homeowners will be covered, including the Green Choice program*, free energy audits, rebates, small business incentives, tax credits, financing options, and more. Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Montauk Hwy. (27A) & Union Blvd/Great River Rd., East Islip NY 11730, 631-581-1002. Park is on west bank of Connetquot River, across from Dowling College, south of Montauk Hwy., 1/2 mi. east of SSP. No parking fee charged. Beware of on-line directions, you may end up at Dowling College. BCA is in East Islip, not Oakdale.

Directions: From Montauk Hwy - entrance is on south side of Montauk Hwy. just east of East Islip Public Library and Southern State Pkwy. From Southern State Pkwy - exit 45E (east), 27A - Montauk Hwy. (last exit before Hecksher Park). Entrance is 1/2 mi. east of parkway on south side. From Sunrise Hwy. - take exit 46 (46A from points east) Carelton Ave./Southern State Pkwy south. Stay on service road past Carleton Ave. to parkway south. Take 2nd exit, 45E (east), 27A - Montauk Hwy. Entrance is 1/2 mi. east of parkway on south side.

DON'T MISS IT!

MOVIE "CARBON NATION"

**DATE & TIME:
Thurs, June 16
7:00 networking &
food
7:30 film begins**

Free admission to a showing of the award winning film "Carbon Nation" at the Sustainability Institute, Molloy College, Farmingdale (at Republic Airport). Free local foods, popcorn and beverages at 7:00 pm. The film starts at 7:30 and runs for 82 minutes. To RSVP or for information call the institute at 516-678-5000 ext. 7562.

**FREE! FUN AT THE GOLF CLUB DAY Sat, July 30th 12:00-9:00pm
Pine Ridge Golf Club, Coram, NY - see back cover for details**



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MAKE THEM DO IT

By Mark Kinnucan, Chair



There's a story commonly told about FDR that he once told a group of activists who were pressuring him in a meeting, "You've convinced me. Now go out and make me do it." It isn't clear when he said it – or even if he did – but it has become part of the political lore, especially in the last two and a half years. Then-candidate Barack Obama is said to have retold it himself during the 2008 election.

I was reminded of this story this week when I read an account of President Obama's April 15 meeting with climate activists attending the Power Shift 2011 gathering in Washington. According to activists at the meeting, the President said that he wanted the same things they did, but he also told them "it was our job to push the envelope and it's his job to govern." (<http://www.thenation.com/article/160001/obama-thousands-young-climate-activists-push-me>).

There are many ways to "make the government do it." One that the Sierra Club uses frequently is to file lawsuits against Federal agencies to force them to enforce existing environmental laws. Some examples of recent lawsuits include:

- A suit against the National Park Service to protect Blair Mountain in West Virginia from coal companies
- A suit against the Fish and Wildlife Service to force greater protection of panthers in Florida
- A suit against the Defense Department to prevent the military from using fuel from Canadian tar sands

One that I have a special interest in is a suit against the Federal Housing Finance Administration (the regulator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) to prevent the FHFA from issuing a regulation that has the effect of strongly discouraging the use of property assessments as a way of financing energy retrofits in individual homes. This issue hits home on Long Island because the Town of Babylon is one of 20 or so municipalities in the nation that has such a program, and is directly affected by the FHFA's action. In fact, Babylon has filed its own lawsuit against the FHFA on the same issue.

Needless to say, the outcome of all of these suits, and many others, will be closely watched by the environmental community.

Did you attend Power Shift 2011 in Washington last month, or another recent environmental gathering? If so, and if you would be interested in writing an article for our next newsletter about your experience, please contact me using the contact information at the left.

NORTHPORT VILLAGE DELAYS ACTION TO LOWER NITROGEN LEVELS IN BAY

By Harry Whittelsey

At a recent Hearing at Huntington's Town Hall, Northport Village Deputy Mayor Henry Tobin continued to stall members of the Northport Harbor Water Quality Committee, consisting of Northport Village, Huntington Town, Suffolk County, and State of New York officials, and a representative of Congressman Steve Israel. The committee was formed last year to try to eliminate the pollution of Northport Harbor, which is referred to as the second worst polluted harbor in New York State.

Northport Harbor's Water quality is affected by effluent from the Northport Sewage Treatment Plant, which must be upgraded to meet 2014 EPA nitrogen standards; and by storm water runoff. There are 46 illegal discharge or outflow pipes in Northport, according to the former Huntington Bay Constable, plus the general run-off that sweeps down the village's steep hills whenever it rains.

In addition, local residents have been alarmed by a report from Stony Brook University researchers who discovered a type of toxic algae in Northport that they said had never before been found in New York waters at the levels seen in Northport.

Deputy Major Tobin responded to the algae finding by saying that he is not convinced that it has anything to do with the nitrogen coming from the Northport sewage plant. He said he is unwilling to spend any money without more conclusive information.

Northport Harbor's Beaches have been closed to swimming for years, and shell-fishing has also been prohibited for many years.

The newly found algae, *Dinophysis acuminata*, produces a toxin that can cause stomach illness.

As a result of the algae findings in Northport, and the presence of other pollutants, Centerport Harbor's Huntington Beach may also be closed this summer and for years to come. Beaches in Asharoken and Huntington Bay might also be affected.

Furthermore, people at the meeting expressed concern that the algae will spread to other harbors through Greater Huntington Bay (Duck Island Harbor, Eaton's Neck, Lloyd Harbor and Huntington Harbor) and cause them to have to close their beaches and waters to clamming, fishing and swimming as well. Some have expressed concerns that algae could get moved by the tides into Long Island Sound.

In addition, as has been known for years, the harbor receives rainwater polluted by fecal matter from dogs, pesticides and nitrogen from lawn treatments.

Below are links to articles from the Northport Patch: Village Board Defends Intentions Regarding Sewage Treatment Facility, April 21, 2011

<http://northport.patch.com/articles/village-board-spars-with-residents-over-water-quality>

Northport, Asharoken Focus of Water-Quality Committee, October 20, 2010

<http://northport.patch.com/articles/northport-harbor-focus-of-water-quality-committee>

DEC Awards Village \$2M in Water-Quality Improvement Grants November 17, 2010

<http://northport.patch.com/articles/dec-awards-village-2m-in-water-quality-improvement-grants>

PLASTIC BAGS and how to deal with anger

By Harvey Miller

Elyse called me last night. She was angry. Elyse is not quick to anger. Actually, she usually finds laughter in almost everything. But she had a question and hoped my answer would get her back on a more even keel. She saw someone buying sodas in her local supermarket and they were using two plastic bags to carry each bottle out to their car. Knowing the effect that plastic bag use has on our planet, not to mention plastic bottles and cars, she did everything she could to bite her tongue but wondered, now, how she could deal with the lingering feelings still pent up in her fanatic heart.

I've felt the same as Elyse in the past and still get bitten by that sense of outrage more than I'd like to but I know human nature enough to change my perspective in ways that allow me to stay legal and therefore keep my alarm toned down a bit.

I realize that the great majority of people don't do things as a result of careful, rational thought. They do things because it's easier, it's a habit, or because it's fun, because it's less expensive, or because they have little choice. Yes, sometimes we do things because that's the best, most rational thing to do, but let's face it, if we were completely rational we'd never eat ice cream, we'd never smoke, wouldn't listen to rap music ever, and probably think twice before blithely using plastic bags for things like packing the groceries.

So I told Elyse that we can't blame individuals for what's so easily, cheaply and conveniently offered to them, that it's up to industry and maybe even the law to proscribe this kind of behavior and if she'd focus on that she'd feel a lot better. She did and so our call ended with Elyse's laughter. I, though, felt a persistent sense of responsibility, the kind that propels me to try and do something about it all even though, personally, I've been using recycled cotton bags for the last six years. Perhaps I can change my part of the world for the better by actually reducing the use of these single use plastic bags, at least in my neighborhood.

The fact is that, worldwide, a TRILLION of these bags are used every year, 300 BILLION of them in the U.S. They are used for an average of 12 minutes each and the great majority isn't recycled. In entering our world as garbage, they find themselves staying there for hundreds of years, breaking down eventually into little bits that choke animals to death by the millions, each year. They even get into our oceans where the now famous 1500 mile swath in the Pacific can be seen floating aimlessly. And to think, if we'd all use other things, like the kinds of recycled cotton bags sold at www.ecobags.com or, for kitchen waste, at <http://www.greenmamagoods.com/products/Bio-Bags-16-Gallon-Trash-Bags.html> (the larger 16 gallon bags give you the extra room needed to tie the bag up when done) we'd solve the problem, but most of us won't. At least not unless we get industry into the act, in the supermarket, at the stores we go to and, sadly, that's probably what it will take.

There's a lot more to say on this topic, but not enough room here. So, I'll say it, more, on our LI Sierra Club website. In the meantime, if you'd like to volunteer for efforts made in reducing the use of these bags on LI, send me an email at hmiller@optonline.net because we're about to form a committee for this very purpose.



Outings and Events

Note: For further details on our hikes or events, including Ex Com meetings, call the L.I. group voicemail at 516-826-0801.

For a complete list of outings, or any changes in outings, please check our website at www.LISierraClub.org

E – educational information will be shared as we walk and there will be 1 to 3 educational stops.

All outings – Bring beverage, sun protection and your own snacks.

For information: Jane at 631-689-1568 or jfas1@optonline.net.

June 2011

Sun, June 12 (E) HIKE 1:00pm

Setauket Woods exploratory

Exploratory walk, mostly flat but with some slightly rolling spots. 2 - 3 mi but could be longer if we get “turned around.” Leave up to 2 hrs. to discover some of the things that live here and listen for birds (or the wind, whichever is louder). This area is loved by mountain bikers but we should be able to avoid them. Bring tick repellent. Rain cancels. Park on east side of Belle Meade Road (right side as you travel north from 347 to Upper Sheep Pasture Road) at the north end of the wooded area. Look for my red Hyundai Accent. Information: see header.

Sun, June 26 (E) KAYAK 11:00am

Carmans River, South Haven (west of Shirley)

Travel down river to a beach on the east side of Bellport Bay for a short respite before the return trip. You will learn about the condition of the river, plants we encounter, and birds we see. Differences between the river and the bay life will be pointed out. Rentals not available – you must bring your own equipment. A **floatation device must be worn** while in your boat. Rain or lightning cancels. Take William Floyd Parkway (LIE exit 68 South or Sunrise Hwy exit 58 South) to Montauk Hwy. Turn right. Immediately after crossing the bridge over the river, turn right into the parking lot on the right side of the road. Information: see header.

July 2011

Sat, July 2 (E) HIKE 9:30am

Avalon Park & East Farm, Stony Brook

Enjoy the hills of this small, varied, interesting park. Forest, shrub land, open fields, stone steps, a boardwalk, an old mill and mill pond, lots of birds (bring bird seed if you like, not bread!), and man-made outdoor art make this a very unique place. After the walk, visit a local eatery just a block away. 3 to 4 miles in 1.5 hours (unless you dawdle). “Educational” information will be shared as we walk and during two stops. Heavy rain or lightning cancel. Take Nichols Rd North to 25A. Turn left (west) to Stony Brook. At the third light (bottom of the long hill) turn right onto Main St. Park anywhere along the road by the pond on your left. We meet by the mill house. Information: see header.

Sun, July 3 BICYCLE 12:30pm

Manorville

9-11 mile ride on almost totally flat roads at a slow pace; good for beginners. Leave 1½ hours. Our loop runs through

some Pine Barrens land. A trail map will be provided though the actual route will depend on the ability and desires of those riding. We can add or subtract miles as desired. **Helmet required.** Rentals not available. Start at and return to the west end of the King Kullen shopping center behind the McDonalds at the intersection of CR111 and Chapman Blvd. (just south of L.I.E. exit 70). Rain cancels. Contact: see header.

Sat, July 9 (E) KAYAK 1:00pm

Cocles Harbor, Shelter Island

This protected harbor is an ideal place to kayak. See osprey nesting platforms and many water birds. Tide permitting, stroll the once inhabited island for shells and other “debris” to identify. Rentals are at the shore but you must call to *make your own arrangements* (Shelter Island Rentals 631-749-1990). A **floatation device must be worn** while in your boat. Ferries to Shelter Island run from Greenport or Sag Harbor for a fee. Rain cancels. Meet at Burns Road on Shelter Island. Information: see header.

Thurs, July 14 BICYCLE 5:30pm

Heckscher Park and more, Islip

An easy evening ride on flat land for people who want to exercise after work or who find the mid-day too hot. We will do a crooked loop which will include the park and some local streets. Plan to do 10 to 14 miles in 1½ hours. **Must wear a helmet** and have your own bike. Meet at the JFK elementary school on Woodland Drive in E. Islip. Information: see header.

Sat, July 16 (E) KAYAK 1:00pm

Nissequoque River, Smithtown

Begin where the river is narrow and reedy and meandering downstream (with the tide) passing lots of reeds and marsh. Learn how the marsh protects the land and what role it plays in the ecosystem. Before the river empties into the Sound pull off the river onto the sand and gravel beach on your left. **Floatation device must be worn.** Kayak rentals through Nissequoque River Cane Rentals (631-979-8244) are at the site but you must *make your own arrangements*. The company takes renters and some non-renters back to their cars for free. If you rent, please mention that you are with the Sierra Club group. Park in the nearly hidden parking lot off 25A southeast of the Smithtown bull statue. Leave 2½ hours. Rain cancels. **Registration required.** Contact: see header.

Sat, July 23 (E) HIKE 10:00am

Edgewood Preserve, N.E. Deer Park

4 plus mile walk in 3 hrs on flat land with brief educational stops that relate the history of the Preserve and its man-made features. You'll also learn about some of the natural

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things that make this preserve so valuable. We'll look for signs of wildlife. The preserve is 843 state-owned acres which is Long Island's only pitch pine scrub oak wildlife habitat (www.friendsofedgeWOODpreserve.org). Rain or lightning cancel. Meet at the Edgewood parking lot on the east side of Commack Road south of the LIE (exit 52) where a dirt island separates the N and S traffic lanes. Information: see header.

Sun, July 24 BICYCLE 1:00pm Massapequa Preserve to Bethpage Park

An easy ride on mostly flat terrain-approximately 13 miles in 2+ hours depending on how long we stop at Bethpage Park. We ride along a stream for a good distance (flat) but once we leave the stream, we encounter a few short hills. Heavy rain or lightning cancels. **Helmet must be worn.** Directions: Sunrise Hwy to just west of the Massapequa RR station. Take Broadway North (under the RR trestle) and turn right immediately. Pass through the first parking lot into the second. Park at the far right near the entry to the park. Info: see header.

Sun, July 24 HIKE 1:30pm Sunken Meadow State Park

The terrain is largely hilly. The app. 4 mile hike will take about 2-3 hours. This beautiful North Shore State Park features a variety of terrain, from wooded hills to sandy beaches and saltwater marshes. Enjoy some fabulous views from the steep bluffs which overlook Long Island Sound. Then we'll explore the interesting salt marsh habitats along Sunken Meadow Creek. The focus of this hike is nature education, and the hike guide, Jan Porinchak, is a naturalist who will discuss the various plants and animals that will be encountered. Consider bringing a nature journal so you can take notes about what we observe! Beverage, insect repellent, recommended. **Not recommended for small children.** Significant rain will postpone this hike. NOTE: There is a fee to park of \$8 per car. For information and REQUIRED REGISTRATION Contact Jan Porinchak at 631 327-1268 or beachtowell@verizon.net Directions: Take LIE (495) to Exit 53 (north) or the Northern State Parkway to Exit 45 (north) or the Southern State Parkway to Exit 41A (north) to the Sunken Meadow Parkway (north). Take Sunken Meadow Parkway North all the way into the Park. Once past the toll booths, proceed down the causeway, taking the exit to the parking lot on the right, directly before the bridge over Sunken Meadow Creek, which is parking lot No. 4. We'll meet next to the playground.

Hike leader Jan Porinchak with a group of hikers at Blydenburgh Park in Hauppauge.



Sun, July 31 (E) HIKE 4:00pm David Weld Preserve, Nissequogue

A short 3 mile walk on somewhat hilly terrain includes open fields, a stop at a pond, a brief walk onto the beach (on the L.I. Sound), woods, a kettle hole and a rather large glacial erratic (i.e. a BIG rock). There are many plants, birds, "drowned" trees and more to see and learn about. Rain cancels. Reg. and info: 631-689-1568 Directions: On Route 111, a short bit south of the intersection of Route 25A (Jericho Tpke) with Rte. 111, is an Uncle Giuseppe's store. Park in that lot, close to Route 111 near the south end. Have a sheet of paper that says HIKE to identify yourself as a hiker. Using the vehicles that hold the greatest number of people, carpool to the Preserve. Carpool vehicles may have to park in the village hall parking lot and walk back to the preserve (about a half mile on the road). For directions to the preserve from Uncle Giuseppe's call Jane at 631-689-1568.

August 2011

Sat, Aug 6 (E) KAYAK 11:00am Northport Harbor & Bay

Travel from the harbor, into the bay, and across to Asharoken beach where you can stretch your legs, search for beach "debris" to learn about, then head back. Rentals available at Glacier Bay Kayak on 25A (631-262-9116). Rentals are totally on your own. Renters from Glacier Bay "put in" behind the store. Those with their own kayaks put in at Scudder Beach. A **floatation device must be worn** when in your kayak. Take 25A to the Centerport/Northport boundary where the Glacier Bay store is located. Non-renters take the first street to the east of the store, Woodbine Ave. Take the first left onto Beach Ave and then a left onto Ketchum. There should be plenty of parking but you MAY have to pay \$5. Information: see header.

Sat, Aug 20 (E) KAYAK 12:00 noon Bulls Head Bay, Sabonac

6 miles in 3 hrs with a break for a swim and self-provided snack. Beautiful mixture of wild and developed water fronts. Visit the pond, creeks, and wander into Peconic Bay. This is one of the Island's best kept secret kayaking spots with lots to explore and learn about. During our beach stop we will learn about tides, who lives in some of those shells, what seaweeds do, and more. **Floatation devise must be worn** while in your boat. No rental at this site. Sunrise Hwy east over the Shinnecock Canal. Turn **left** at the Southampton College light (Tuckahoe Rd). At the four corners, stay leftish onto Barkers Island Road. When the road takes a hard right bend, keep going straight to the beach. Park at the end. **Registration required.** Rain cancels. Contact: see header.

Sat, Aug 27 BICYCLE 10:30am Westhampton Beach

10 flat miles at a slow pace. More miles if everyone is up to it. Leave a little over an hour for this ride. Paved roads surrounding the village with little traffic. Beginner friendly. At least one bay side beach pause. **Helmet required.** The town is about 1/2 mile from the end of the ride. You are welcome to stop and shop, have lunch, or continue back to your car. Rain cancels. Directions: Sunrise exit 63 South (Rte. 31) to Montauk Hwy. Turn right. In 2 blocks turn left onto ONeck Rd. Cross Mill Rd and turn into the parking lot on your right.

EDUCATION AND THE SIERRA CLUB

If it is April, it must be Earth Day. Schools K-12 are reminding students of the need to protect the environment as well as enjoy it. The Sierra Club has been participating at several Earth Day fairs. Hands-on presentations included East Islip H.S., Bayshore H.S., BOCES Nassau, and the Town of Huntington. Upcoming events will be held at Freeport Elementary School on May 24 and the Town of Oyster Bay, Marine Education Day on May 25, 2011 at the TDR Park. If you would like the Sierra Club to make a presentation for your organization contact Sue Watins, Education Chair.



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TURTLES by Jan Christopher Porinchak

The warmer temperatures of late spring and summer spur activity among Long Islands reptiles, and these seasons are when we are most likely to see turtles and snakes. This article will focus on turtles, which are the most recognizable but misunderstood of our local reptiles. Both aquatic and terrestrial turtles are frequently encountered in May and June because most species are traveling to and from their nesting sites at this time of year. Even aquatic species such as the large Common Snapping Turtle will travel quite a distance from water to locate a suitable nesting site on land. Unfortunately Long Islanders are likely to see turtles attempting to cross roadways in an effort to nest. Road kill mortality is an issue in the decline of some species. If a turtle is seen crossing a road it is best to leave it. Unfortunately, well meaning people sometimes assume the turtle is "lost" and try to return it to a pond or other distant but "safe" location. This will result in the animal attempting to make the journey again, and perhaps being subjected to more hazards. Turtles don't get lost – people do!

Turtles are uniquely constructed creatures with their shells being their most prominent feature. This protective adaptation acts as armor. It is a structure comprised of bone, which includes the reptile's ribs, and also keratin. Keratin forms the outer layer of the shell, protecting the bone, and adding strength. Scales on the shell are called scutes. Keratin is a protein, that is the same material human fingernails are composed of. The top of the shell is called the carapace, while the underside shell is the plastron. This reptile's shell is not its "house" that it lives in, but an integral part of the animal's anatomy. It is really an amazing example of nature's engineering for survival.

Turtles do not have teeth, but are well equipped to eat with beak like jaws which can be quite sharp, and in some cases are equipped with serrations. Turtles are not aggressive, but keep in mind they can defend themselves with a bite if harassed.

To round out the physical description of these creatures, we observe that they will have four scale covered legs with claws and a tail. Their overall form can vary depending on their lifestyle. Aquatic species will tend to have a more streamlined appearance, while land dwellers tend to be blocky in build. All turtles, whether terrestrial or aquatic, lay shelled eggs on land, usually in an excavated nest in sandy substrate.

With the exception of some sea turtles, turtles are cold-blooded. Their internal temperature varies depending on external environmental influences.

There are a number of turtle species found on our island, most of which are aquatic. I'll focus on those types the casual nature enthusiast is likely to encounter while exploring the outdoors. The common names of all the Long Island species are: Common Snapping Turtle, Common Musk Turtle, Eastern Mud Turtle, Spotted Turtle, Painted Turtle, Eastern Redbelly Turtle, Yellowbelly Slider, Red-eared Slider, Eastern Box Turtle, and the Northern Diamondback Terrapin.

In the next installment we'll continue to familiarize ourselves with more of Long Island's turtles, and other reptiles and amphibians.

ENVIRONMENTALIST OF THE YEAR AND STUDENT COMPETITION AWARDS LUNCHEON Saturday, March 26, 2011



Mark Kinnucan,
LISC Group Chair,
presents a
watercolor painting
created by
SallyAnne Keller to
Environmentalist of
the Year
Susan Harder of
International Dark
Sky Association.

Left to right: Nidhi
Kamer, Alexander
Hayden, Paige Buzard
and Kathrine Boyce
receive their awards
from Sue Watins,
Education Chair.



ART SHOW IN RIVERHEAD

On **Friday June 3, 2011**, the Sierra Club Art Group will be exhibiting their beautiful paintings and photographs at the Riverhead Library for the months of June and July. East End Artist **Jo-Ann Corretti**, celebrating 30 years of painting and photographing Long Island, will be displaying her latest North Fork Art. **SallyAnne Keller** of the Sierra Club's executive committee is LISC's watercolor artist. She will be displaying her works as well as promoting her limited edition 2012 Water Sentinels Calendar. Personal signed watercolor calendars will be available for sale at the reception. Also proudly displaying will be **Carol Boye**, our oil painter whose paintings capture the beauty of the East End of Long Island and are displayed in various galleries throughout the Hamptons, and **Susanne Corbelletti**, our terrific oil painter of diversity who prominently displays and sells on the West End of Long Island.

Join us and meet some of Long Island's talented artists whose fabulous creations helps make a difference in our community. The artists will be at the Riverhead Library Friday June 3rd 7:00PM – 8:30PM.

Pine Ridge Golf Club & Sally Anne's Watercolors Presents

FUN AT PINE RIDGE GOLF CLUB

A fundraiser for Long Island Sierra Club/Water Sentinels

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday July 30, 2011 12:00pm to 9:00pm

Live Music by

* RANDY JACKSON*

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Fine Art & Trade Show

Pine Ridge Golf Club Drink Specials & BBQ

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Pine Ridge Golf Club: 1 Avalon Pines Drive, Coram, NY (631) 331-7930. Directions: Take the LIE to Exit 63 North.
Go 5 miles, make right onto Pine Drive then a right into to Pine Ridge Entrance, the club is on your left.

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