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Outdoor Fun, this Weekend & Next



On Arbor Day (April 30), May Day, and next week, several great events are scheduled to celebrate the other natural resources of the Hamptons, beyond the bays and oceans.

On Friday, kids 11-17 can plant tree saplings at the Rogers Memorial Library - and take them home! The Arbor Day Foundation supplied the Library with several red oak saplings, which should stay in their recycled pots for the first year. After a year, the trees can be transplanted.

Plant a Tree. Friday, April 30, 4:15 -5:00 p.m. Rogers Mem. Library, 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. For info: teens@myrml.org; or 631-283-0774.

On Saturday is the opening of one of the most outrageous gardens on the East End, LongHouse Reserve, featuring acres of eye-popping plantings, ponds, pools, gardens and awe inspiring sculpture like the enormous bronze elephant standing on its trunk, Yoko Ono's life size chess set, enormous Tibetan bells that kids ring with a giant mallet. The gardens and new art works will be on view in the fantastic (in every sense of the word) outdoor space.

Longhouse Reserve Opening, Saturday, May 1, 2-5 p.m. \$10 entry fee.
133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, Longhouse.org, 631-329-3568

Last Friday, LongHouse celebrated Arbor Day with a fifth grade class from Southampton Intermediate School who were guests of arborists from Ray Smith and Associates (see photo). The students learned about planting, pruning and specimen identification of trees like the Corkscrew Willow and Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar - immortalized by George Harrison in "Beware of Darkness"- they just grow and grow.

Next weekend, on May 8, is the Peconic Family Fun Day, bringing together folks from the Peconic Estuary Program, Group for the East End, Peconic Land Trust, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Peconic Baykeeper and the Children's Museum of the East End (CMEE).

The free event is planned to entertain and educate families with children ages 5-10 about water management, agricultural sustainability, recycling, and environmental stewardship. This first Fun Day features games, a live touch tank, crab races, arts & crafts stations to make shell necklaces and fish prints, a seed planting station and taste testing. There's also a Poster Contest. Children 10 and under can submit a drawing or painting that illustrates what the Peconic Bay means to them. Entries due at CMEE by May 1. All artwork will be displayed at the event, and prizes will be awarded.

Peconic Family Fun Day, Saturday, May 8, 10-noon, rain or shine. Free, reservations unnecessary. Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridge/Sag Turnpike. For Poster Contest info: (631) 537-8250.

In another effort toward reduce, reuse, and recycle, the "Everything but the Kitchen Sink Mega-Tag Sale" will be held at the Sag Harbor Elementary School on Saturday, May 8, from 10 am - 3 p.m. (In the field if it's nice, in the gym if it rains.) Just in time for Mother's Day, you'll find all sorts of gifts and great stuff - from antiques to sports equipment to clothing to household goods - you name it.

The yard sale is open to the community to come, get a great deal, and enjoy refreshments.

Sag Harbor Elementary Mega-Tag Sale, Saturday, May 8 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Rain or shine.

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