

# Old Field Farm, Ltd.



Steven Bellone, County Executive



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# WHO WE ARE

Old Field Farm, Ltd is a non profit 501 ( c )( 3 ) organization preserving and operating historic Old Field Farm County Parkland-a Suffolk County Parkland.

The Farm is located on 13 scenic acres in the historic Three Village area adjoining 88 acres of protected wetlands overlooking Long Island Sound on the north and the West Meadow Creek wetlands to the south.





# HISTORY

Long Island philanthropist Ward Melville built Old Field Farm, originally known as the North Shore Horse Show Grounds, in 1931.

Melville commissioned architect Richard Haviland Smythe to create a unique equestrian facility located on a distinctive waterfront setting on Long Island's North Shore.

The stable complex is composed a Main Barn and courtyard, numerous free standing stables and a large Old Fashioned wooden grandstand, all designed in the Colonial Revival style.

Old Field Farm was originally known as the North Shore Horse Show grounds.



Photo: Three Village Historical Society

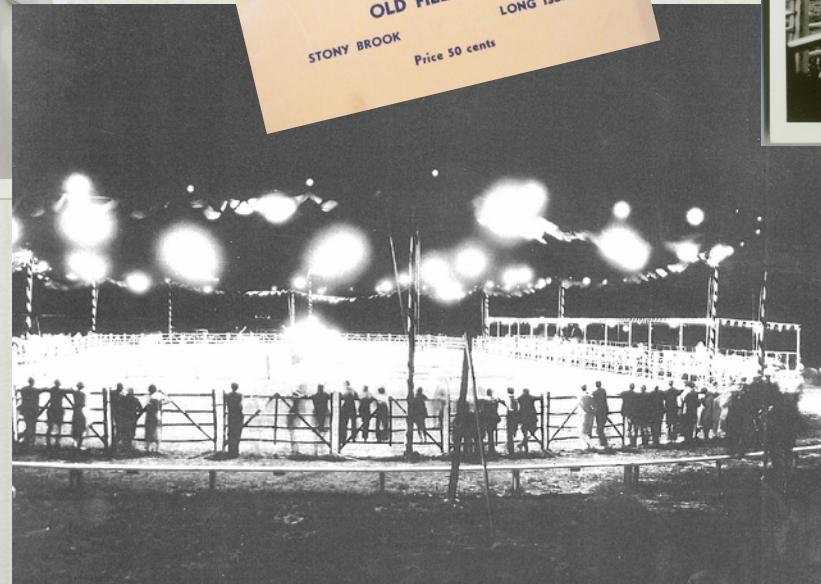


# HISTORY (con't)

Focus: history, tradition, preservation, education.



Photos: Three Village Historical Society





# MISSION STATEMENT

Old Field Farm, Ltd.- preserving Long Island's equestrian past, present and future.

- ❖ The Mission of Old Field Farm, Ltd. is to restore and operate this landmark equestrian parkland in conjunction with Suffolk County Department of Parks, as it was originally intended- as an important venue for equestrian and related community events, education and culture.
- ❖ Old Field Farm, Ltd. works to have the Old Field Farm County Parkland serve as a living model for Long Island's equestrian interests past, present and future and the importance of preserving these traditions and culture for the enjoyment of all.



# RESTORATION HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ The parkland required extensive restoration and rehabilitation.
- ❖ Old Field Farm, Ltd. has performed extensive restoration activities in conjunction with Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.



# Restoration of Grandstand and Main Ring

After

Before





# Restoration-Richard Haviland Smythe Main Barn

Before



After





# Rehabilitation of six stall stable buildings

Before



After





# Hunt Course Renovation

Before



After





# Schooling Ring Renovation

Before



After





# EVENTS

The farm hosts wonderful events throughout the year including:

- ❖ Horse Shows : Hunter Jumper
- ❖ Horse Shows: Special Needs
- ❖ Long Island Dressage Association
- ❖ Equestrian Education
- ❖ Pony Club Summer Education
- ❖ Book Club & Book Signings
- ❖ Cultural Events
- ❖ Field Trips
- ❖ Art Events
- ❖ Summer Outdoor Vintage Movie Nights
- ❖ Other events
- ❖ Most events are offered free of charge and include the general community.



# Horse Shows: Hunter Jumper

Premier events are hosted at the farm such as 5 **United State Equestrian Federation** Horse Shows: Hunter Jumper





# Horse Shows: Special Needs





# Horse Shows for All

- ❖ Our horse shows are enjoyed by riders and spectators alike.
- ❖ The community has embraced some of our special events as annual traditions ( e.g. August Clambake during the Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's Association Annual Show has been dubbed "Our Hampton Classic".)
- ❖ There is no charge for anyone from the general public to attend our shows and spectate and learn about horse sports.
- ❖ We have docents and a Spectators Guide to help folks understand and further enjoy the traditions of equestrian sport and will sit with them in the grandstand and explain the events taking place.
- ❖ An informal series of "Schooling Shows" or practice shows provide an opportunity for those interested in lower key competition, value oriented fees and the chance to show at these legendary show grounds.



The Grandstand ready for guests.



The beloved Osprey Family



Pony Competitors



Riders lining up for competition.



## Spectators, Equestrians and Community enjoying a traditional celebration.



S.T.A.T.E. students create "Recycling Ponies"



Chef Mario recycles!





# LI Dressage Association- a USEF sanctioned Dressage Show.





**Long Island Dressage Association  
Dressage Summer Classic  
July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Judge: Sara Schmitt "S"**

**Opening Date: June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
Closing Date: July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**At Historic Old Field Farm, Setauket, NY**

**[www.lidressage.com](http://www.lidressage.com) for Prize List and further information.**



# Equestrian Education



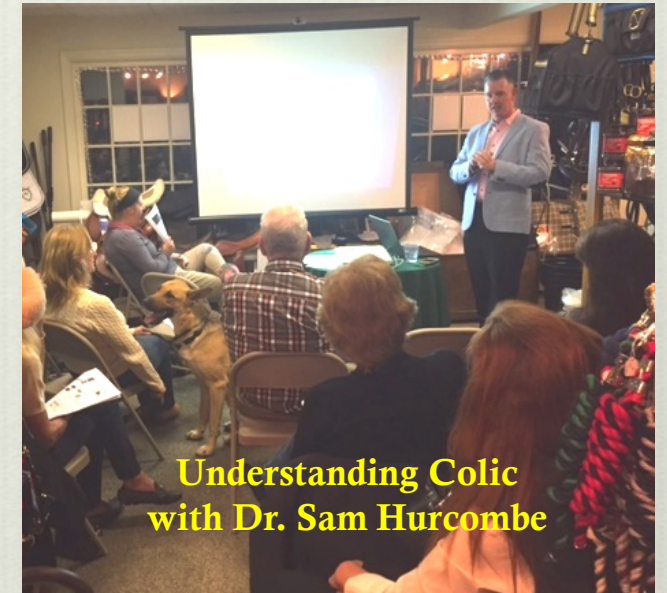
How to show young horses "In Hand" and evaluate conformation with the legendary Ray Francis



Starting the young horse



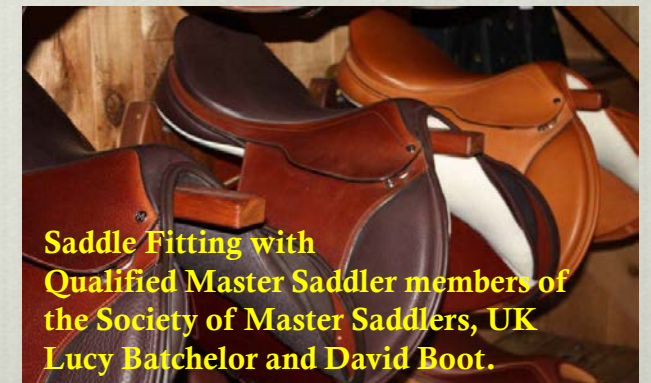
First Aid and Emergency Basics with Dr. Isaiah Robinson



Understanding Colic with Dr. Sam Hurcombe



Be a better horseperson and rider with 3-time Olympian Michael Page



Saddle Fitting with Qualified Master Saddler members of the Society of Master Saddlers, UK Lucy Batchelor and David Boot.



# Pony Club Summer Education





Lecture on Land Conservation geared toward horse keeping.

## The Many Benefits of Land Conservation...

with a special eye on horse keeping.

A talk by Stephen Searl of The North Shore Land Alliance

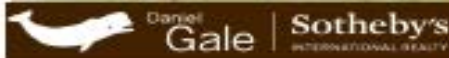
with Denise Speizio, President of Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's Association

**NEW DATE DUE TO IMPENDING WEATHER CONDITIONS**

**Thursday, March 19th, 2015 ~ 6:30pm**

Old Field Farm, Horse & Home, Ltd. 690 Route 25A Setauket, NY 11733 RSVP 631 751 3600 (seating limited)

*Please join us for an enlightening discussion on recent developments on the federal, state and local level regarding incentives for land preservation and the potential tax benefits available to preserve the open space needed for the sport we love. Non equestrians welcome!*

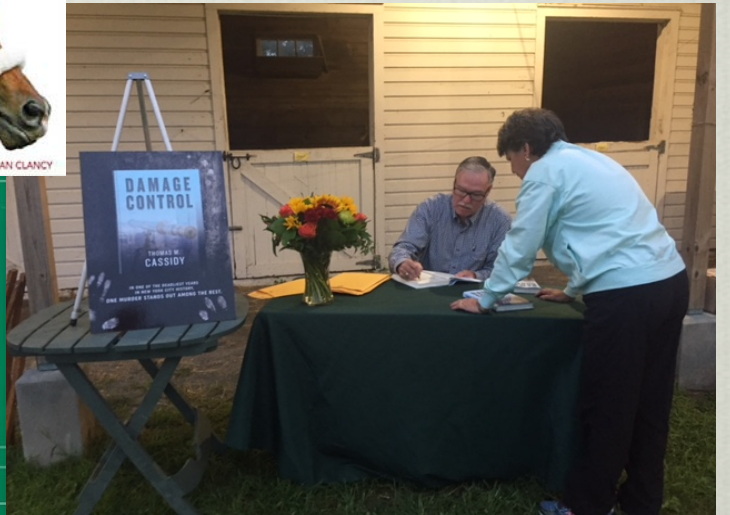
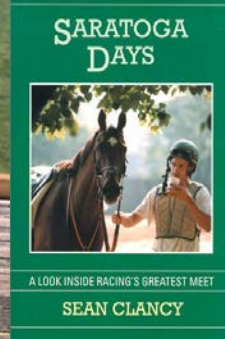
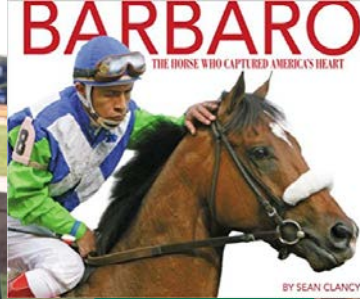
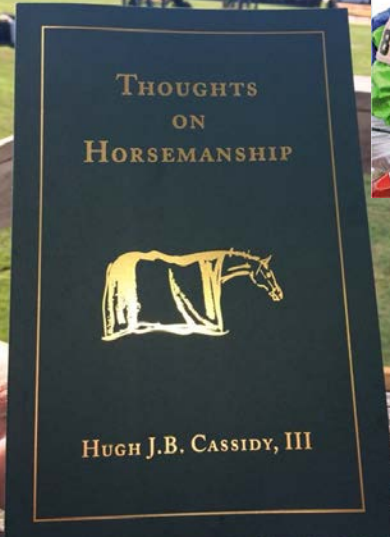
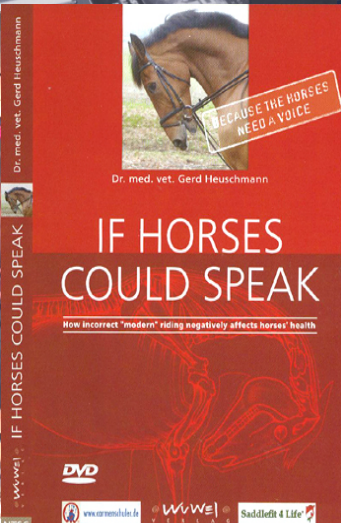
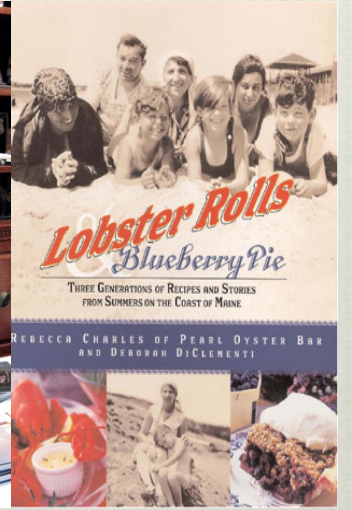
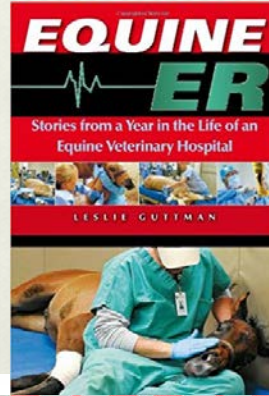
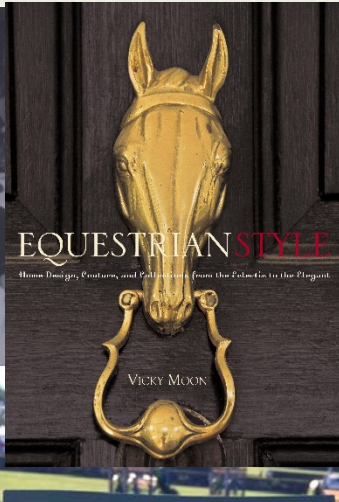
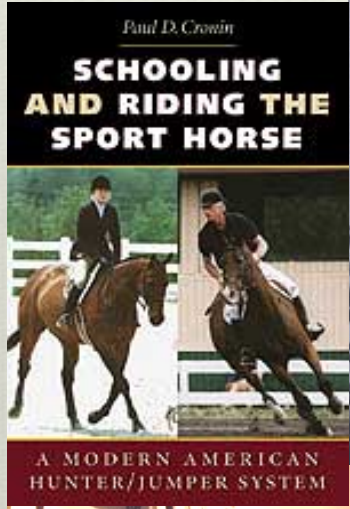


*Co-hosted by Frances Gates of Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty and Old Field Farm, Ltd.*





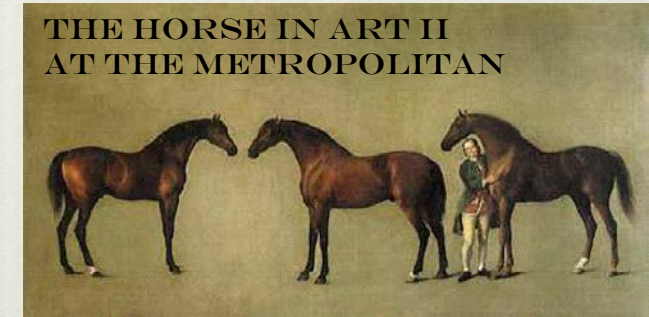
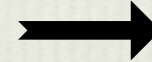
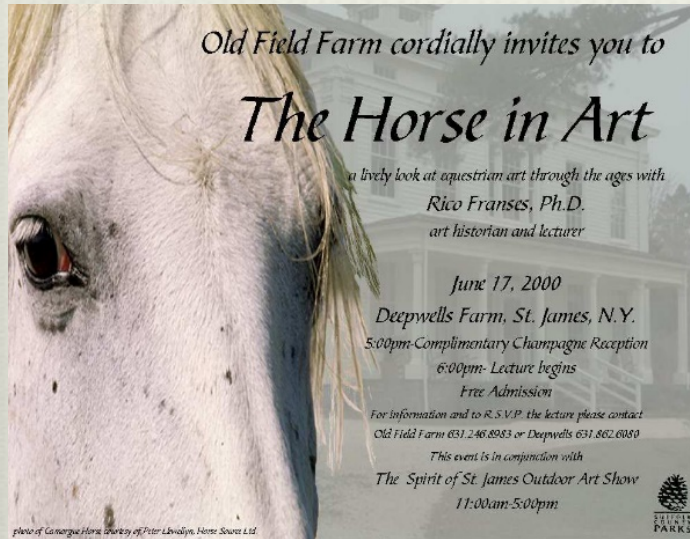
# Old Field Farm Equestrian Book Club and related author Book Signings





# Cultural Events

## Evening Lecture and Reception: The Horse in Art at Deepwells



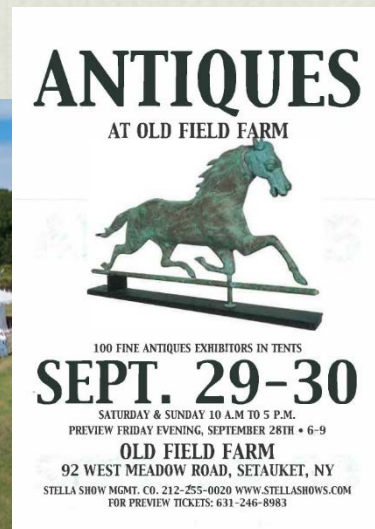
## Holiday Designer Show House: Planting Fields “The Tack Room”

created by Rena Fortgang Design and Old Field Farm, Ltd.



## Antiques at Old Field Farm

80 Antiques vendors and special events filled a weekend of antiquing.





# Spring Vineyard Ride

A wine tasting tour on horseback that visits four vineyards and ends with a farm to table tented luncheon. It is a gathering of enthusiasts from many disciplines to appreciate Long Island's open spaces critical to our sport. The event invites and includes non riders to participate as hilltoppers to follow/photograph and enjoy the spirit of the day.





# Field Trip #2: Murrays Cheese shop Bleeker St. NYC

*Class: How to Build a tailgate for Hunt, Show & Polo*



## *On the Hunt: Perfect Cheese Tailgates*

*An Old Field Farm Field Trip  
with Jamesport Vineyards*

*to the legendary Murray's Cheese Shop located  
in the Heart of Greenwich Village.*

*Please join us for a very special evening where we will explore the  
history and tradition of some of equestrians most enjoyed celebrations!  
We will look at the elements of what makes a great movable feast and  
special cheeses paired with celebratory beverages that reflect the  
traditions of these festive occasions.*

*October 8th, 6-8pm*

*Murrays Cheese Shop*

*254 Bleeker Street*

*New York, NY*

*212-243-3289*

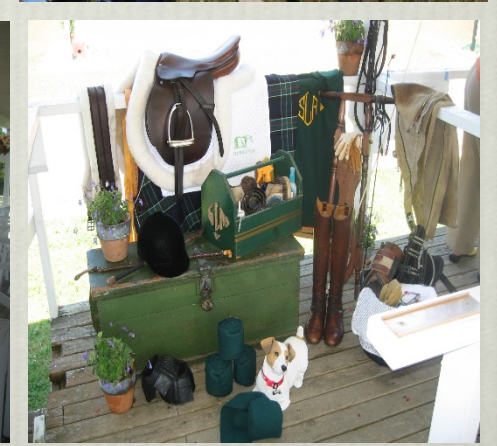
*Attire: Hacking or Formal Attire suggested!*





# Art Events

Reboli Center for Art and History, The Atelier,  
Gallery North –The Reboli Wet Paint Festival,  
The Anderson Gallery





# Summer Outdoor Vintage Film at Old Field Farm



2003



2004: The Horse in Film



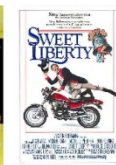
PLEASE JOIN US!



2005: History, Mystery and Intrigue!



2006: By the Sea-A Tribute to our Seaside Location



2008: Made on Long Island



2010: A Tribute to Classic American Musicals



Old Field Farm Summer Film Series



2007: Adventure Through Transportation



2009: Suspenseful Sleuths



2011: Everything Audrey!

2012: The Best of Old Field Farm

Ten Years of Outdoor Summer Fun!

Select your three favorites to be shown and  
send your choices to:  
[oldfarm@optonline.net](mailto:oldfarm@optonline.net)

Dates to be determined.





# Three Village Historical Society Candlelight House Tour

**A glimpse of the Richard Haviland Smythe Main Barn during  
The 34th Candlelight House Tour of the  
Three Village Historical Society**



Jamesport Vineyards poured local wine while vintage holiday film played. Landscape design firm Ireland Gannon decorated for the season.



Artists exhibited equestrian and canine artwork.



Oreo, a beloved local mascot greeted guests by the Old Field Farm Christmas Tree.



**Four Harbors Audubon**



Riders talked to guests about Horse Sports.



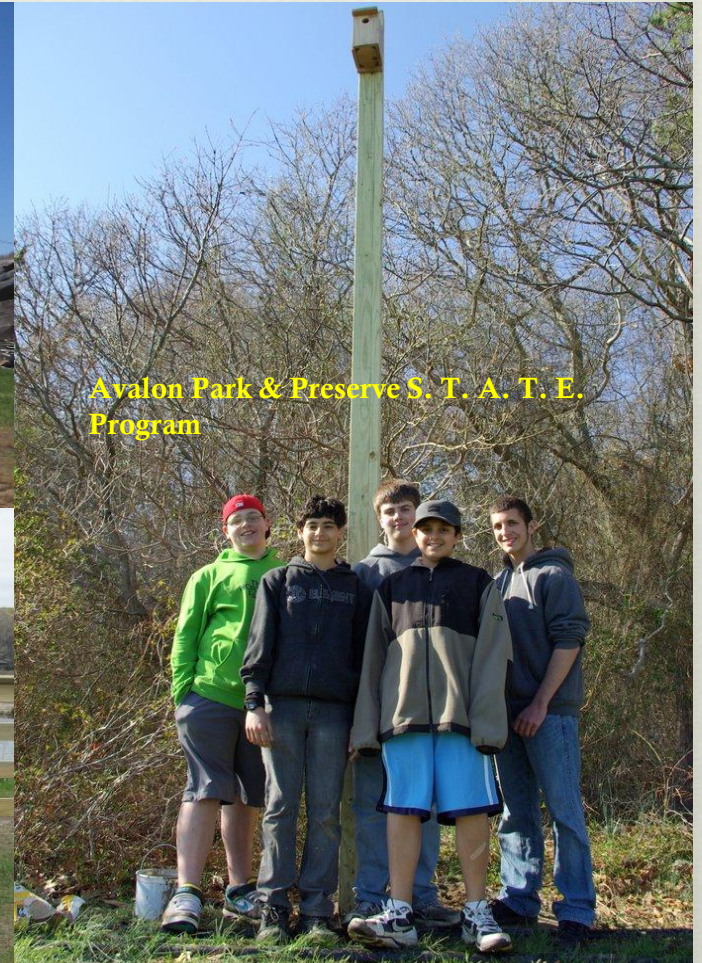
Stalls were decorated by non profits such as Avalon Park & Preserve S. T. A. T. E. program and Four Harbors Audubon.

All telling the story of their mission.



# COMMUNITY

Several volunteer groups dedicate their time to help restore the farm





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Three Eagle Scouts have dedicated their time and toward projects on the farm and achieved Eagle Scout status:

- ❖ Philip Baigent
- ❖ Eric Mis
- ❖ Patrick Vitale





# HOW IT HAPPENS

Old Field Farm works hard to gain support from the community , granting organizations and revenue generated from events to continue our work.

1. Events
2. Donations
3. Grants
4. Volunteers

To make a donation or volunteer contact:  
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# RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

- ❖ Three Village Women of the Year: Sports
- ❖ The Hampton Classic Sportsman of the Year
- ❖ Three Village Historical Society Awards
- ❖ Horseability Special Needs Equestrians Annual Awardee
- ❖ The Carriage Association of America
- ❖ The National Registry of Historic Places
- ❖ The United States of America Equestrian Trust



THANK  
YOU!

