



April / May
2022

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What's Happening

vipmv.org

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Beach Day Clean-up April 23 from 10 am to Noon.

The Vineyard Conservation Society is providing materials for beach clean-ups at most island beaches. Erin will be heading to Menemsha Beach if you want to join her there. Ally will be at State Beach in Oak Bluffs.

Also on April 23, Felix Neck is having a volunteer day from 9 am to noon. If you wish to help them spruce up, call (508) 627-4850 to register.



Colin checked out Menemsha Beach recently.

Welcome Spring with Art Sessions facilitated by Judi



We will be having three Sunday afternoon art workshops at the old Chilmark Chocolates site. Weather permitting, we will gather near the pond. In case of rain, we will move inside. We hope to produce a 2023 VIP calendar featuring the art work from these afternoons, and have an art show too.

2:00–4:00 pm each time

April 24
May 1
(Not on May 8-Mother's Day)
May 15



Please sign-up so we have plenty of materials on hand. Call Marney at (508) 560-1567 or Allison at (508) 645-9081. Come to one or all. VTA bus is available leaving the Steamship about 1:00.

Ally's Walk at Polly Hill Arboretum

Saturday May 7 at 2:00 pm

Enjoy the colors of Spring and visiting with friends while learning about the plants at Polly Hill.

The VTA bus #2 leaves the Steamship at 1:27 and will stop on request at Polly Hill, State Road, West Tisbury.



Enjoying the sites of Oak Bluffs in March



Save the Date:

VIP General Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 5:00

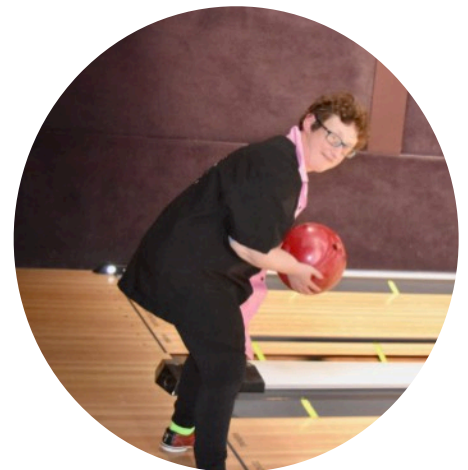
Slough Farm, Edgartown

Beginning with a tour to see the animals and barns. Meeting and light supper to follow.

Bowling Season ends with a Bang!

by Greg

We all had a wonderful time bowling, and having a delicious lunch, two weeks in a row. We remembered Rita Gale, Robb's mom. The next week I talked about Timmy Cantwell, and how my mom and his mom worked to get our house going. I got two strikes in a row, but Kiefer won that game! It was fun to have such great turnouts. VIP is so grateful to Ann for organizing another fun bowling season!





VIP Friends

Featuring businesses and individuals who share VIP's mission to make opportunities for a full Island life available to all



A dramatic addition was made to VIP's activity schedule when the Vineyard Playhouse director MJ Munafo and her great staff lifted the curtain on Virginia's Drama Club in February of 2016. Named in memory of Virginia Hackney, who loved theatre and fun, the club meets weekly during the off-season. VIP members learn about staging techniques, do voice exercises and create improvisations and skits. While laughter is often the sound track, participants gain a serious amount of self-confidence in the supportive atmosphere MJ has created. In addition to club meetings, the playhouse has hosted art shows for VIP members, provided acting opportunities in productions as well as discounted tickets to theatre events. The Playhouse is a place where everyone's creativity is encouraged and respected. Applause!

If you have ideas for other VIP friends, contact Sundy at sundysmith@icloud.com



MJ



Beach Grass Planting in Aquinnah

by Allison

Many folks joined the effort sponsored by the Wampanoag Tribe to help restore the dunes at Lobsterville Beach on Saturday, April 9. I enjoyed reconnecting with some former Chilmark Chocolates co-workers.



Marcella, Allison, Berta, Sophia and Ocie taking a short break.



Alexander with Judi, Ida and Ally after hanging his artwork at Mocha Mott's.

Alexander at Mocha Mott's

Alex's new art pieces are on display at Mocha Mott's for the month of April. If you want to purchase one or have questions, feel free to call Alexander at (508) 221 1176. He would be happy to meet you at Mocha's to chat about his art.

You may see Martha there, using the gift certificate she won from the VIP April contest. You still have a little time. The contest ends April 30. Check out the website—www.vipmv.org for details.

Volunteering at the Edgartown Library by Celeste

I volunteer in the children's room of the Edgartown library on Tuesday afternoons. My supervisor is Elyce Retmier. I've been friends with Elyce for a long time. I have many duties including checking library materials in and out. I've learned how to use the scanner, the mouse, and the computer. I've made friends with the library staff including Lisa Sherman, the director of the library. I've helped plan parties and programs and have helped with the story book walk. One of my favorite things about the children's room is Margot Datz's mural. My friend Sam brings me to volunteer and the Lift brings me home.



Keen Eyes Keenan by Martha

Les Mis at the High School *****

It was very well done, very romantic and had a lot of wonderful singing.

CODA at the Film Center *****

This movie is about a girl and her family members, who are deaf. It relates the difficulty she has getting along with them. It is also very romantic and cute.

Virginia's Drama Club *****

Thanks to MJ, JP and Laura. It was fun to be back in person.

Robb enjoys a visit from MJ's poodle Lollie after drama club.

Riding Bear by Erin

This is my new horse Bear. I ride at Pond View. My riding schedule is a bit flexible depending on the weather and other things I am doing. I usually ride Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. I love it!



Ida, Greg, Ally, Tony and Mark watch the performers. They will be next on stage in a skit that takes place at the Stop and Shop. Characters include two shoppers, a fridge repairperson, store manager and butcher.

Thanks to the Tisbury Printer's fine yet speedy work at a great price.

