

Fall, 2025



What's Happening

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VIP is a 501-c3; our ID # is: 04-2867826

Potluck Dinner and Dance,

Saturday, October 25, 6:00-8:30 pm,

with DJ Ben Starz at the Chilmark Community Center
Halloween theme--costumes optional. Bring a dish to share
and your own beverage.



Archery at Camp Jabberwocky

Tuesday, October 28 from 4:00-5:00 pm. will be our last this season:
Followed by pizza at Rocco's. Archery will be cancelled if there is a
storm, but we will still enjoy pizza!

VIP Board Meeting Sunday, November 16 at 1:30,
followed immediately by the

General Meeting at 2:00, Howes House, West Tisbury
near the West Tisbury Library

- *Thanks and Giving Meeting
- *Winter events planning
- *Board elections



Special event at Native Earth Teaching Farm on October 25th starting at 4 pm. This is a chance to wish Rick Bausman well before he goes on an extended trip to Africa and Haiti. He will be sharing his music overseas. Drop by the Farm on your way to the Dance - Costumes welcome!!



VIP Bowling at the Barn

Saturday, November 8 at 11:30 sharp.

Bring money for food.

Please let Ann know by the prior Wednesday if you plan to go (508) 287-2847.

Also 12/6 and 01/10/2026 and more after that!

VIP November Art Exhibit at the West Tisbury Library beginning November 3

Reception Wednesday, November 12 from 3:00--5:30.

Featuring art produced in the past year which will be in the 2026 calendar. Calendars will be for sale at the reception.



Special Olympics Bowling with Island Autism (IAG)

Island Autism has a team and invites VIP to join. Bowling is on Tuesdays from 2:30 - 4 beginning in December. Regional playoffs and the State Tournament happen in the New Year. There are really cool shirts and it is lots of fun. Sign up with Beth (774) 563-8391 if you are interested and she will let Kevin McGrath the coach know. Special Olympics also welcomes volunteers as well as bowlers.

Everyone is invited to see Unified Basketball at the High School; every other Weds from 2:45-3:45. November 5 is the next one. Kevin coaches this as well.

Art Sessions at the Chilmark Arts Kitchen

Sundays from 2:00-4:00 pm



Natalia, the house manager, created a special gathering to celebrate Greg's birthday in his yard. The Seven Hills Band played favorite songs. Many friends and staff enjoyed the delicious food. It was a festive evening. Greg was delighted.



Amanda and Greg.

In early September, Amanda celebrated her birthday with her parents at their lake house in Maine.



Ally heads down the slope

Our annual weekend to New Hampshire is expanding to three nights in 2026--so folks have more time together. The trip will be February 5 to 8.

Please let JP know (508) 560-8243 if you are interested in skiing, drinking cocoa, and just having lots of fun in the snow!

Ida, Ally, Beth, Greg and more enjoying cocoa after a day on the snow.





Bonnie Dietz, the founder of VIP's archery program, died on Sept 19, which was her 67th birthday. Bonnie created a safe program, with clear instructions. She was a master teacher and believed we could ALL learn to be archers. Together with her daughter, Jackie, she encouraged and guided us for the past 8 seasons.

Martha wrote that Bonnie's funeral was well attended, and was a lovely tribute. VIP is grateful for the gifts received in memory of Bonnie.



Other news

- * Greg won a ribbon for his painting at the MV Agricultural Fair.
- * VIP is working with other island groups and State Senator Julian Cyr's office to plan ways to learn about upcoming changes to Medicaid and other benefits. VIP will start by gathering information about services we all use.
- * Tony has been a welcome addition to the volunteer team at the Island Food Pantry
- * In September, Betty's friends "the nurses" resumed their tradition of spending a week in Chilmark.
- * Martha had a wonderful visit with her sister Maggie from Oregon. Maggie even came to a VIP board meeting, seeing her sister in action as co-treasurer. She also joined us at archery and art!
- * Alexander's nephew, Artie, and his parents recently had a wonderful visit. Alexander is looking forward to turning the big 4-0! on Nov. 5th. He has very happy memories of turning 30 in Ireland!
- * Celeste had a terrific time at her cousin Ray and Kate's wedding in Aquinnah.
- * In October, Jillian's brother, Alex and his Alexandria were married in Edgartown. Jillian was in the wedding. It was a glorious day.
- * Diamond had a fantastic time at Ladyfest with her sister, Naushon, and several of their nieces.

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