



Critical Update on the Legislative Scene

The news this year from Albany is not good. The Governor has committed himself to tax cut his way out of the state budget deficit. He committed to across-the-board cuts in state spending in every program, but public safety. This means that our already stressed environmental agencies will be stressed even further.

Consequently each regional Sierra Club group will have to shoulder a stronger component of lobbying to get bills passed. Here is where our membership MUST take a more active role and NOW!

We need people to become POLITICAL WATCHDOGS to assist our two Political Chairs by visiting the 75 elected officials representing L.I. A watchdog establishes the relationship by visiting them, monitoring their voting records and reporting back to the Political Chairs.

It is a known fact that personal contact with a local legislator always has a stronger impact than a lobby presence in Albany. The Sierra Club currently has only one lobbyist in New York state.

This job is daunting for your two L.I. Political Chairs. While they have established contact with some legislators, it is impossible for them to visit and monitor all of them.

For more information contact **MIKE CAFARO** at michael-cafaro@aol.com and **ERIC MORGAN** at cgdz33a@aol.com.

Fund Raiser at Vineyard

Saturday, May 17, Jamesport Vineyards in Jamesport



A spring afternoon of live music, delicious food, wine and a chance to mingle on Long Island's beautiful North Fork. The afternoon will begin with a leisurely hike at noon at Cranberry Bog Nature Preserve, Riverhead led by Tom Stock, naturalist and nature enthusiast! Please bring beverage & snack/lunch.

At 3 p.m. we will gather at the Jamesport Vineyards for tasty refreshments, a sampling of local wines and a tour of the winemaking facility. The afternoon festivities will be beautifully accompanied by the music of local artist Ed Kaercher.

Jamesport Vineyards is a father-son collaboration that began in 1981, making it one of the North Fork's oldest vineyards. The majority of plantings include Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet Franc.

Due to space restrictions, this event is limited to the first 100 people. Be sure to RSVP quickly to reserve your place among us!

Upon receipt of your payment and registration, additional information and directions will be sent to you with your ticket(s). Contact Bonnie at 631-587-9073 for additional information.

Start: 3-5 p.m. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, space permitting. Use the registration form on the back page.

Annual Folk Dance

Friday, March 21, West Islip Community Center

Back by popular demand! The annual Folk Dance Event will take place again this year **Friday, March 21st, 6:30 p.m.** at the West Islip Community Center. Learn dances from around the world as well as U.S. novelty, country and square selections.

This year's event will be combined with a potluck supper. Admission price will vary depending on whether you bring a dish for the table or not and if you pay in advance. If your check is received by Friday, March 14th the cost of admission will be \$10 with a dish

and \$15 without a dish. If you pay at the door the cost will be \$15 with a dish and \$20 without one.

Partners Not Needed - Singles Welcome. Door Prizes awarded.

Reservations are a must! This will allow us to know in advance if we have enough food for everyone. Please call Marie at 516-541-0615 to reserve by phone and get info on where to send the check.

See page 3 for directions to the event.



From the Chair

I was recently approached by a couple of people who wanted to do "something" about pesticides and started to talk about contacting some of their elected representatives. It was pretty clear that one of the things we need to work on is educating folks who want to be active on what level of government is likely to have the jurisdiction or to take action on particular types of issues.

Open Space: This is an issue that can be at any level of government—or in multiple ones. It may depend on the size, location, and reason for preserving the property. The bulk of our open space purchases here are done by the state or Suffolk County. Several Towns also have open space acquisition programs and Huntington, for one, has actively partnered with Suffolk County in a number of instances. Although Nassau County has no such program, it has committed to partnering with the Town of Oyster Bay and NY State in the purchase of most of the Underhill property. In every place the voters have been asked to decide about an open space program, the referendum has passed with good margins!

Trash: On Long Island, trash and recycling is handled by your Town or Village. Each municipality makes its own arrangements and sets its own rules (while complying with state regulations). If you look out for curbside recycling buckets, you'll quickly realize that each Town (or Village) has purchased its own design. For example, the Village of Sea Cliff has quite unique aqua-colored recycling buckets, while the Town of Smithtown is the only municipality on Long Island that supplies two buckets (green/square for papers and orange/round for jars and bottles).

Water: This is a tough one. Content and testing requirements are set by the federal government, the state government and possibly the county health departments. But it's your local water supplier that is ultimately responsible for providing, testing, and protecting your water supply. The Suffolk Water Authority is the largest water supplier on Long Island, but there are also a large number of smaller suppliers—mostly public, but a few private. And there are still homes (primarily on the east end) that have their own private wells. If you live in a public water district, you have the opportunity to elect your water commissioners on the first Tuesday of December.

Pesticides: The question here is what is being attempted. Any municipality has the ability to control its own actions on its own properties and so can set an example for its population. The Town of

Huntington has taken the lead on going organic with its town golf courses. Suffolk County has chosen to control (reduce) pesticide use on county properties. But local governments cannot regulate anything that impacts on interstate commerce; they can only control the use within their own jurisdictions. Any larger measures, therefore, must be undertaken at the state or federal level. The federal government has banned some pesticides in the past. There is currently a measure being proposed in NY State to ban the use of any "aesthetic" pesticide application (those only used to make a lawn look pretty, for example).

I guess my point is that before starting to contact an elected official, do your research so you know who is the appropriate person to contact. If you want to be notified when we need your help on issues, please join our Group listserv (directions below). If you'd like to help us by keeping in touch with one of your representatives, please e-mail our Chairman of the Political Committee, **michael-cafaro@aol.com**, and tell him where you live. From what I'm hearing about the state budget proposed by our governor, things don't look good in Albany right now. Get involved! We really need your help.

—Laurie Farber, Chair
Larus2407@aol.com

Numbers Count!!

Make your membership more active by signing up for our e-mail notification list. Send an e-mail just as you see below (only be sure to use your own name):

To: LISTSERV@LISTS.SIERRACLUB.ORG

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Important Note: You must type the message line as you see it, using the Caps Lock key where indicated and using upper and lower case letters when you type your name. Any problems, please e-mail **sier-ramemberli@aol.com**.

Join the many members who are now a part of our growing network of news, events, and action contacts.

Directions
West Islip Community Center
90 Higbie Lane, West Islip

Sunrise Hwy. From West:

- Exit 40 towards (Rt. 231/Northport/Babylon) stay on Service Rd.
- Follow sign (Higbie Ln./Udall Rd/82)
- Make RIGHT at Higbie sign then a LEFT onto Higbie Ln.
- Go SOUTH on Higbie, at sign 82S make right (that's still Higbie), cross over RR tracks Approx. 6 or 7 blocks, the Community Center is on right

From East:

- Exit 40 (Rt. 231/Babylon/Huntington). Make IMMEDIATE RIGHT at Higbie Ln. sign. Then a quick LEFT
- Take all the way SOUTH on Higbie and follow as above

Southern State From West:

- Exit 39S (Babylon/Rt. 231)
- At exit make LEFT on Sylvan which parallels Pkwy. (no street sign)
- RIGHT on Rt. 231 (bearing LEFT at fork to get on 231 rather than Deer Park Ave.). Cross over Sunrise Hwy. (27) & continue SOUTH to sign (John St./Babylon/W Islip. Take this exit.
- Make RIGHT at stop sign onto Union Blvd. Go .55 mile to light and sign 82S.
- Make RIGHT at 82S (that's Higbie Ln.) Follow .24 mile to the Community Center on your right

From East:

- Exit 39S (Rt. 231)
- Cross over Sunrise Hwy. (27) & continue as above

April 4th New Member Social
West Islip Community Center, West Islip, 7 p.m.

This meeting is for new and “not so new” members. This will afford everyone an opportunity to meet like-minded people, learn a little more about the workings of the Sierra Club and hear a wonderful speaker.

Tom Stock, a poet and naturalist who has hiked the challenging 125 mile trail on the Paumanok Path in Suffolk County, will be our guest speaker. Tom will share his tale and read a poem or two.

Directions to the Community Center are to the left of this article.

June 6th Community Meeting

Unitarian Church, Garden City, 7 p.m.

“Continuing America’s Tradition of Conservation” will be the topic. The featured speaker will be Bart Semcer who is an Associate Representative in Sierra Club’s Washington, D.C. office, working on wildlife and habitat conservation issues.

Prior to joining the Washington office, Bart served the Sierra Club’s Atlantic and New Jersey Chapters as a volunteer and was a member of the National Wildlife and Endangered Species Committee and a member of the Wild Planet Strategy Team.

Directions to the church at 223 Stewart Ave., Garden City: Take the Meadowbrook Pkwy. To Exit M1 WEST. RIGHT onto Old Country Rd. LEFT onto Clinton Rd. RIGHT onto Stewart Ave. Cathedral is just East of the Garden City Country Club on the corner of Stewart Ave. and Nassau Blvd.

And the Winners Are...

Laurie Farber, Ray Andreasen and Marie Pendzich, three current Executive Committee members who have won reelection for another two-year term as voted by our members. Also elected were Eric Morgan and newcomer Tara Beardsley. Congratulations to this hard working group!!!

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Outings and Events

Sierra Club outings are open to everyone. No fee is required unless indicated. **Registration is not required** for every outing, but we **strongly recommend** it in case an outing is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Hiking boots are not necessary for LI events unless indicated. Smoking is prohibited. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL BIKE TRIPS.** If there is a hike you are familiar with, volunteer to lead it! For more details contact: **Ed Hyshiver (631-331-2762)** or attend a general membership meeting.

For an up-to-date list of other Sierra Club outings in the metropolitan region log on to: newyork.sierraclub.org/outings

MARCH

Fri 21 Annual Folk Dance & Pot Luck Supper, West Islip Community Center Starts at 6:30pm. Partners not needed, singles welcome. Fun for everyone. Advance reservations a must. Prepaid admission with dish \$10, without \$15. Payment at door with dish \$15, without \$20. Door Prizes!! Call *Marie Pendzich* at 516-541-0615 to reserve.

Sat 22 Signs Of Spring, Bethpage State Park, Farmingdale What's happening in nature on the first day of spring? Find out on this nature hike joint with the Sierra Club with naturalist Joanne Tow. You'll explore a piece of Nassau County's rare Pine Barrens, as well as other local habitats, on a search for some signs of spring. This free, family nature program is presented by the Seatuck Environmental Association. For reservations & directions call SEA at 631-581-6908. Time: 10:30am-12:30pm.

Sun 23 Silent Walk - Tiffany Creek Preserve, Oyster Bay Cove Listen, observe & notice the stirrings of Spring. In silence, we are able to open & connect to the natural world. Take a break from the "noise" of everyday life & enjoy the silence. (1-1.5 miles) Meet at 10am in the parking lot near the stables. Space limited. E-mail to reserve your spot & for directions. Leader: *Debbie Steinke* at dlsteinke@aol.com.

APRIL

Wed 2 Executive Committee Meeting, 7:15 pm Call our hotline 516-826-0801 for location. All members welcome.

Fri 4 New & Not So New Members Social, West Islip Community Center, 7 pm Tom Stock, poet & naturalist will discuss his challenging 125 mile hike along the Paumanok Path in Suffolk County. He will also read a poem or two. All welcome. Details on page 3.

Sat 5 Bike Commack -Sunken Meadow Joint ride with Trail Boss Bike Club. Hilly, 12 miles, approximately 2 hours. Meet at 9:30am, ride by 10am. Helmets mandatory. For directions contact the leader,

George Waldbusser at gjwbiker@optonline.net. Call only as a last resort at 631-499-3953

Sat 12 Bike Bethpage State Park-Jones Beach State Park Mostly flat 30 miles with a short beach walk. Approximately 5 hours. Most of the ride is on the busy bike/roller blade/jogging path. Bring helmet & bike lock. Concession stand & bathrooms may be open at beach. Meet at Bethpage at 9:15am for a 9:30am sharp departure. Joint outing with Trail Boss Bike Club. For more info check website <http://hometown.aol.com/gjwbiker/index.htm> or e-mail gjwbiker@optonline.net. Call leader *George Waldbusser* only as a last resort at 631-499-3953.

Sat. 19 Bike Bethpage State Park-Jones Beach State Park We are going to have so much fun we will do it again this week. See Sat., April 12th for details.

Tues 22 EARTH DAY

Sat 26 & Sun 27 Spring Festival Heckscher State Park, East Islip Two-day tabling event open to all environmental groups for Earth Day. Volunteers are needed to help pass out literature at the tables for the Sierra Club. No experience necessary. Meet new people enjoy the spring weather. Contact *Marie Pendzich* 516-541-0615.

MAY

Sun 4 Wildwood State Park, Wading River Mountain Bike trip, easy to moderate terrain, easy pace. Helmets required, approximately 2.5 hours. Bring lunch & liquid. Meet in main parking lot at 10:30am. May be an entrance fee to the park. Rain cancels. *Bruce & Carolyn Kagan* 631-929-5621.

Wed 7 Executive Committee Meeting, 7:15 pm Call our hotline 516-826-0801 for location. All members welcome.

Sat 10 Target Rock Walk, Dinner Social & Book Revue Café, Huntington Saunter thru this wildlife refuge to the beach that overlooks Huntington Bay & Lloyd Harbor. We will meet to carpool at 4pm in Huntington in front of the post office opposite the parking lot on Gerard St. After approximately 2 hours of walking we will return to dine at the House of India restaurant followed by a visit to the Book Revue. Call for restaurant reservations. Leaders *Ron Cohen* 631-289-4612 and *Ed Hyshiver* 631-331-2762.

Sat 10 Bike & Picnic Wading River/ Wildwood State Park
Flat and hilly, approximately 18 miles, 3 hours. Lunch in park following ride. Joint with Trail Boss Bike Club. Helmets mandatory. Meet at Wildwood @ 9:45am for 10am sharp start. Parking fee. For directions & info check website <http://hometown.aol.com/gjwbiker/index.htm> or e-mail gjwbiker@optonline.net. Call leader George Waldbusser only as a last resort at 631-499-3953.

Sat 17 Jamesport Vineyard—Wine Tasting, 3-5 pm
Live music, refreshments, sampling of local wines & a winemaking tour. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. **Optional hike at noon** at Cranberry Bog County Nature Preserve in Riverhead. Use the form on the back page of this newsletter to make reservations.

Sat 17 Nissequogue River, Canoe the Greenbelt
We go thru salt, fresh, and intertidal wetlands with numerous waterfowl and other birds. Canoe & kayak rentals available. Easy trip. Suitable for beginners. Accessible by train. Leaders: Don & Lisa Scott, 322 River Road, St. James NY 11780. Call 631-265-2198 or e-mail lisawscott@hotmail.com.

Sat 17 Southaven Saunter Meet at Yapank train station at 11am for an interpretive hike in Southaven Park. 4 to 6 miles—moderate pace. Contact *Dave* at 631-208-8028 or e-mail *karin* at karg64@hotmail.com for more info. Bring water & lunch.

Sat 24 Bridgehampton-Watermill Bike and Beach Picnic
Leisurely, flat 20 miles. Approximately 4 hours. Joint with Trail Boss Bike Club. Helmets mandatory. In Bridgehampton on RT. 27 turn right (South) on School St. (between Bridgehampton Community House and the Candy Kitchen) & make the first left into the municipal parking lot. Meet in the back of lot at 10:15am for a 10:30am start. For directions & info check website <http://hometown.aol.com/gjwbiker/index.htm> or e-mail gjwbiker@optonline.net. Call leader George Waldbusser only as a last resort at 631-499-3953.

Sat 31 Avalon (Paul Simons) Park & Preserve, Old Stony Brook Village Short hike in this new jewel that is adjacent to the Nature Conservancy Preserve. Approximately 3 miles. The Avalon naturalist manager will discuss the natural history. Picnic possibilities overlooking the harbor following the walk. Meet at 10am at the Old Grist mill on Harbor Rd. by the duck pond off Main St. Leaders: *Ed Hyshiver* 631-331-2762 and *Ettie Taichman* 631-473-4904.

Sun 1 Bicycle Shelter Island

JUNE

Join us to bike this beautiful island before the crowds arrive. Approximately 20 miles, challenging hills in spots but easy pace, 3.5 hours. Helmets required, bring lunch & liquid. Meet at Greenport Ferry parking lot at 10:30am. Rain cancels. *Bruce & Carolyn Kagan* 631-929-5621.

Wed 4 Executive Committee Meeting, 7:15 pm
Call 516-826-0801 for location. All members welcome.

Fri 6 Community Meeting, Unitarian Church, Garden City, 7pm Guest speaker Bart Semcer from the Sierra Club's Washington, DC office. Bart will discuss "Continuing America's Tradition of Conservation." For travel directions see page 3.

Sat 7 Interpretive Hike Sears-Bellows/Hubbard Park, Flanders Meet at 10am at Spinny Rd off Route 24. Plant identification & bird watching. 4 to 6 miles—moderate pace. Contact *Karin* at karg64@hotmail.com or *Dave* at 631-208-8028 for more info. Bring water and lunch.

Sat 14 Nissequogue River, Canoe the Greenbelt
We go thru salt, fresh, & intertidal wetlands with a naturalist to point out numerous waterfowl and other birds. Canoe & kayak rentals available. Easy trip. Suitable for beginners. Accessible by train. Send SASE envelope to leader: *Lenore Swenson*, 60 E 9th St. #529, NY NY 10003 or e-mail co-leader *Bobbie Josepher* at bsj5@cornell.edu. No calls please.

JULY

Fri 4 Jones Beach Hike, Dinner, Fireworks, Walk
Hike along the sands in the Zachs Bay area; then return to cars to collect picnic stuff: food, blankets, BOOM BOX—for the simulcast, then head to the beach to enjoy dinner, conversation, & fireworks. After the fireworks we will leisurely walk the boardwalk until the parking lot empties. We will pass the bus stop. Meet parking lot 5, Zachs Bay at 6:30pm, at eastern end near the children's playground on the parking lot side. There is a bus/LIRR package. Ask bus driver to let you off at the East Bath house—walk west in front of the building to the tunnel leading under the road—it leads to the east end of parking lot 5. Parking fee will be collected, free with Empire Pass. If there are no fireworks— we will walk the boardwalk. *Joanne* (no phone, no e-mail).

Sat 12 Peconic River Canoe
Explore this tranquil Long Island river in a canoe or kayak. We will be paddling at a relaxed pace & stopping periodically to enjoy the beautiful scenery. This trip is suitable for beginners. Some portaging will be required. Canoe rentals are available. There is no public transportation. Will attempt to arrange a carpool if there is interest. Write, including a SASE & phone number, to Leader: *Eric Girolamo*, 1 Birchwood Ct #4C, Mineola NY 11501 or e-mail at edgust103@yahoo.com

July 19 Lower Carmans River Easy paddle with a dual purpose. As we paddle through the Wertheim Wildlife Refuge we'll pick up any litter that we see. Plus we'll have a naturalist along to point out plants, birds, and other wildlife both in the wetlands & on the short walk we'll take in the upland wooded area. Accessible by train. Send SASE envelope to leader: *Lenore Swenson*, 60 E 9 St. #529, NY, NY 10003 or e-mail co-leader *Bobbie Josepher* at bsj5@cornell.edu. No calls please.

A New Step in the Fight...

We are considering forming a Long Island Environmental Network. For the first step, the Long Island Group of the Sierra Club would like to host a day of strategic planning training—how to plan a campaign. This would be targeted to the leaders of our environmental community. We are looking for a date in mid-late March or early April.

This session will include topics such as—but not limited to—setting goals, identifying strengths and weaknesses, tactics and timelines, and fundraising to finance the establishment of a L.I. Environmental Network.

We're fortunate that Mike D'Amico has volunteered to lead us in a strategic planning session. Mike brings to the table 15 years of network/coalition building in South America, North America, and Europe and I can attest to his work along the Atlantic seaboard and successes from Georges Banks to the Everglades.

If you would be interested in participating in this or helping to host the day (or if you know a location to hold this full-day session), please contact **Laurie Farber**: Larus2407@aol.com or 516-938-6152.

Helping the Environment By Helping the Candidates

Getting a pro-environmental candidate elected to office is becoming more important than ever since open spaces are slowly disappearing. It's important to elect officials that understand how to balance the needs of a growing population versus the needs of maintaining a balanced ecology for L.I.

To ensure that elected officials choose wisely between development and preserving the few remaining green spaces left, the Political Committee has begun organizing for the 2003 election season.

To get more pro-environmental votes from our elected officials at all levels of government, our members are going to have to become more involved for endorsed candidates. The level of participation could be as little as showing up for a rally, stuffing envelopes one evening, or handing out literature one morning at a train station.

Since the Sierra Club has no party affiliation and only endorses a candidate after a strict process has been followed, club members should be able to find a candidate that they feel comfortable with that doesn't conflict with their non-environmental issues.

Contact the Suffolk Political Chair **MIKE CAFARO** at michaelcafarofaro@aol.com and the Nassau Political Chair **ERIC MORGAN** at cgdz33a@aol.com to learn what you can do to help.

VOLUNTEER FOR EARTH DAY

No experience necessary! Help staff tables and hand out environmental literature at

**Heckscher State Park, East Islip
Saturday, April 26 & Sunday, April 27**

Many other parks have not yet finalized their Earth Day Celebrations. As we receive them they will be posted on our website.

**newyork.sierraclub.org/longisland
To volunteer call
Marie Pendzich, Education Chair
516-541-0615**

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Long Island To Take the Offshore Wind Power Plunge

Wind energy is the world's fastest growing energy source. Worldwide, in the last five years, there has been an average growth rate of 31%. Countries such as Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and some regions of Spain now have between 10-20% of their electricity needs being served by wind energy.

The Irish Government has just approved plans for the world's largest offshore electricity-generating wind farm, to be built on a sandbank in the Irish Sea south of Dublin. When completed, the 200 turbines will produce 10% of the country's electricity.

In the U.S., wind power installations increased 66% in 2001 to 4,261 megawatts, which is enough electrical capacity to serve approximately one million average American households (American Wind Energy Association).

So when Gov. Pataki recently announced, "he would direct that 25% of the state's electricity supply must come from sources like solar and wind power," green energy supporters and environmentalists were electrified.

This announcement gave a tremendous boost to LIPA and civic and environmental activists known as *The Long Island Offshore Wind Initiative*. They instituted exhaustive studies on the impact of installing a "wind farm" 2.5 to 3 miles offshore L.I.

In a recent announcement, LIPA stated that they "want to lead the state in renewable technologies." By the third quarter of this year, a developer will be selected for this project. The environmental studies, engineering design and state and federal regulatory permits should all be in place by mid-2005. The "wind farm" could be operational by 2007.

This 100-140 MW project with approximately 33 windmills is expected to encompass about five square miles offshore and supply the electricity demands of 100,000 to 140,000 homes.

LIPA is seeking a developer who would pay all costs for the project. In exchange, LIPA would purchase the power from the developer. They estimate that the costs to the consumer would be competitive with electricity from traditional sources. At best, the world's supply of oil is estimated to last only another 50 years.

No matter the costs, we must transition to clean, renewable sources of energy which will help

stabilize the increasing and volatile fossil fuel prices, ease supply shortages and disruptions, lessen our dependence on foreign supplies of energy and clean up dangerous air and global warming pollution from fossil fuels.

—Marie Pendzich, Energy Chair
memepond@netzero.net

What You Can Do

Log on to **www.lioffshorewindenergy.org** (devoted entirely to the wind project) and **www.seali.org** (devoted to discussions on all forms of renewable energy for L.I.).

The Sustainable Energy Alliance (SEA) is urging you to e-mail your comments, questions and concerns to **info@seali.org**.



Tree Preservation Regulations

The American Indians consider trees sacred. Environmentalists consider them essential to our planet. The Township of Huntington considers that trees warrant protection from over zealous developers.

The Sierra Club has secured the new *Tree Preservation Regulations for the Township of Huntington*. We have made copies and want to send you one. Simply mail us a SASE or come to our next meeting and pick up a copy—that will be more fun and you'll save 74¢!

Trees are an endangered species and maybe by learning of these new limitations we'll be able to help protect them.

Sierra Club
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North Fork Fundraiser Jamesport Vineyards, Jamesport

3-5 PM, Saturday May 17, 2003

Live Music, Refreshments, Sampling of Local Wines & a Winemaking Tour
Optional Hike at Noon, Cranberry Bog County Nature Preserve, Riverhead
\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, space permitting

Upon receipt of your payment and registration, additional information and directions will be sent to you with your admission ticket(s). **Contact Bonnie** at **631-587-9073** for info.

Thank you for supporting the environmental work of the Long Island Sierra Club! Remember to bring along a friend or two!

Please return to: L.I. Sierra Club, PO Box 210, Syosset, NY 11791-0210, Att: Spring Fundraiser

Name _____ Phone _____

Address (including zip code) _____

Number of Attendees _____ Amount enclosed _____ @ \$25. per person

____/we plan on attending the hike at Cranberry Bog County Nature Preserve, Riverhead at Noon.

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