Celebrating 50 Years of History!

As we do each spring, we're busy preparing the museum for a brand-new season—but this year is truly special. In 2025, the LBI Historical Association proudly marks its **50th Anniversary**.

Throughout the year, we'll be honoring the visionaries who brought this institution to life—our founders, past presidents, dedicated board members, tireless volunteers, generous patrons, and, most importantly, the community that continues

to give us purpose and support. This museum was created by the people of this community, for the people of this community—and this milestone is a celebration of that enduring spirit.

A Few Words from Our President

Denise Cleveland, Ed.D.

If you've never had the chance to read our Mission Statement or Charter, we'd love to share a glimpse with you here:

The Long Beach Island Historical Association (LBIHA) is committed to safeguarding the history of LBI and ensuring that it continues to make an impact. As a non-profit organization, our aim is to educate and inform future generations about the region's heritage and the individuals who have lived here. We strive to create a shared sense of community through our programs, exhibits, and resources, and foster a deep understanding of the past and its impact on the present.

This year, as we celebrate the LBI Historical Association's 50th Anniversary, you'll see our mission in action like never before. Through a rich lineup of events and community programs, we're deepening our commitment to educating visitors, members, and sponsors about the significance of our past—and why preserving it matters for future generations.

To help everyone be part of this special milestone, we'll also be launching membership and sponsorship drives. It's the perfect time to join us and show your support as we honor five decades of shared history.

I can't wait to welcome you back to the museum for an exciting start to the 2025 season! We'll kick things off with our always-popular Psychic & Wellness Fair on May 10th, open for Memorial Day weekend and officially open daily starting June 23rd.

Be sure to mark your calendars—you won't want to miss what we have in store. **See you at the museum!**

Only 31 DAYS Until ...

The 4th Annual Psychic & Wellness Fair on May 10th!

SIGN UP TODAY!



Support the Legacy of Long Beach Island: Join the LBI Historical Museum Membership and Sponsorship Drive

The Long Beach Island (LBI) Historical Museum is a treasure trove of local history, preserving the rich past of our beloved island for future generations to explore and appreciate. As the museum continues to grow and enhance its offerings, we are excited to announce our Membership and Sponsorship Drive, inviting you to become an integral part of our mission. Whether you are a local resident, a frequent visitor, or someone with a deep connection to LBI, your support can help us continue to celebrate and protect the history that defines this special place.

By becoming a member or sponsor, your financial support will go a long way to helping us maintain both the museum building and the Fisherman's Cottage, enhancing our exhibits and visitor experience as well as continuing our much loved community programs.

To learn more, visit both our <u>Membership</u> and <u>Sponsorship</u> pages of our <u>website</u> to sign up today! *Together, we can continue to celebrate and preserve the history of LBI!*

Start planning your summer on LBI!

These are events you WANT on your calendar!

www.lbihistoricalmuseum.org/events



The 4th Annual Psychic & Wellness Fair May 10, 2025

Get ready to "tune" in to an extraordinary experience as our Psychic & Wellness Fair makes its fabulous return for the 4th year! Connect with some of the most talented Readers, Mediums, Psychics and Wellness Practitioners who will help illuminate your path and



Annual Trash & Treasures Sale June 21 & 22, 2025

Get ready for this event that you absolutely can't miss! Join us for two days of treasure hunting where you'll uncover unique finds at prices that will make your wallet sing! From gently used pots and pans to charming small furniture, vintage gems, games, toys,



The 18th Annual Chocolate Fair! August 7, 2025

Get ready to indulge in the most scrumptious event of the Summer? Join us for an evening filled with delectable treats that promise to awaken the inner child in all of us. Picture this: a delightful spread of cookies and candies, along with an array of

provide insights for a vibrant summer ahead! Plus, don't miss the chance to explore unique gifts from local vendors for a little bit of local flair! So, come one, come all, and let's celebrate our community's spirit together at this enchanting event! Click here for more details.

and books, there's something for everyone! Everything must go, so grab your friends and family and make a day of it—because who doesn't love scoring a fantastic bargain? Plus, don't forget, not all treasures are buried; some are just waiting for you to discover them right here at our museum!

mouthwatering chocolate delights that will leave you craving more! And for our adult guests, a special "over 21" section featuring tantalizing morsels crafted to please your sophisticated palate. This sweet soirée is designed for everyone, ages 1 to 100, who wishes to satisfy their sweet tooth and create unforgettable memories with friends and family.

2025 Weekly Events

For Kids and Adults of All Ages
Add these to your LBI Summer Must-Do List!



Monday Night Talks Mondays, 6/25 - 9/8, 2025 Doors open at 7:00 PM

We are thrilled to celebrate an incredible 48-year legacy of the Monday Night Talks at the Long Beach Island Historical Museum. This year, we are excited to announce that we are expanding our series into June and September, providing even more opportunities for both locals and visitors to delve into the rich history of our beloved island and local area. With a diverse lineup of speakers and topics, there is truly something to ignite interest and inspire curiosity in everyone. Visit our website for the full summer lineup.



Kids S.T.E.A.M Program Mondays, 7/14 - 8/25, 2025 10:00 AM

Get ready for creativity and fun at the Summer Kids S.T.E.A.M Program! Designed for kids aged 5 to 13, this exciting adventure blends STEAM activities with fascinating historical artifacts. Every week, families dive into a brand new design challenge that sparks imagination and teamwork, turning problemsolving into an unforgettable family affair. The program will run Monday mornings in July & August. Check out our website for the Summer Schedule!



Historic "Summer Cottages" & Landmark Walking Tours Tuesdays & Fridays @ 10:00 AM

Stroll through time as we explore the iconic "Summer Cottages" of the island's early families. Uncover their fascinating stories—how they arrived at LBI, the lives they led, and the lasting contributions they made to the growth of Beach Haven and beyond. Learn about the hunters and fishermen of the early days, the visionaries behind the first hotels, and the families who built the foundations of the vibrant Beach Haven we know today. Learn more here.

Island Voices

We're thrilled to announce that *Island Voices*, our oral history project, is now available online! Last

summer we had a soft launch of Island Voices with a new exhibit and demonstrating our new kiosk technology, but today you can access Island Voices online. Explore these captivating stories on our website.

If you'd like to contribute your story, please **email** us.

Note: We are always in need of audio/video editing

help. Please contact us at the same email address if you are interested.



EXPERIENCE
Island Voices
An Oral History Project
Unveiling
the Stories
of LBI's Past
Listen to the echoes of history





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The LBI Historical Museum is on the lookout for enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers ready to dive into the exciting world of history while making a difference! Whether you're a high school student eager for a summer adventure, a college scholar seeking a rewarding internship, or simply someone with a passion for the rich history of Long Beach Island, we want you to be part of our vibrant team! Join us in crafting an exceptional visitor experience or providing essential behind-the-scenes support that keeps our museum thriving. Visit us today to learn more!

The LBI Historical Museum is dedicated to preserving and weaving together the past and present. Our tireless preservation efforts are fueled by the unwavering support of passionate volunteers, committed members, and generous donors who share our vision for this extraordinary island.

Your support is not just appreciated; it is essential in helping us continue this remarkable journey of discovery and connection. Join us in making history come alive!

<u>Donate today</u>. We thank you!

Join our vibrant community on Facebook to stay updated on the incredible events and programs we have lined up, designed to make your summer truly special. When you need a break from the sun and sand, our museum offers a refreshing escape, featuring captivating exhibits that delve into fascinating history. **Engage in thrilling** treasure hunts that promise fun for both kids and adults, ensuring that every visit is filled with discovery and joy. Don't miss out-make our museum a top destination on your list of must-do activities this summer and create lasting memories with us!

Looking Ahead to 2026

The Museum will celebrate its **50th Anniversary** and we're gearing up for a year filled with special activities and surprises. If you're interested in joining the 50th Anniversary planning committee, **email us!**



Summer 2025 Events at a Glance

Be sure to save these dates on your calendar as you plan your summertime on LBI!

- 5/10/2025: 4th Annual Psychic & Wellness Fair, 12:00 4:00 PM
- 5/17/2025: Beach Haven Heritage Day (partner event, see their website)
- 5/25/2025: Memorial Day Weekend Open, Saturday & Sunday, 12:00 4:00 PM
- 6/4-8/2025: Lighthouse International Film Festival (partner event, see their website)
- 6/21-6/22/2025: Annual Trash & Treasures Sale, 12:00 4:00 PM
- 6/23/2025: Museum Open Daily (10:00 AM 4:00 PM)
- 6/23/2025: Ghost Tours Every Tuesday Night at 7:00 PM (partner event)
- 6/30/2025 9/8/2025: Monday Night Talks, Doors open at 7:00 PM
- 7/1/2025: Historic Walking Tours (Tuesdays & Fridays at 10 AM through 8/30)
- 7/14/2025 8/25/2025 : Kids Summer STEAM Program Every Monday at 10:00 AM
- 8/7/2025: The 18th Annual Chocolate Fair
- 8/18/2025: General Membership Meeting at 4:30 PM



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