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# Spring 2014 Newsletter



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## Hand-Stitched Hamlet!

Oyster Bay has become a living, thriving work of art! Several months ago, OBMSA and the OB-EN Chamber of Commerce teamed up with the Knitted Purl and world-renowned fiber artist Carol Hummel to design and execute the first ever fiber arts installation of this size on Long Island!

Since December 2013, hundreds of volunteers - of varying ages and experience - have been meeting in locations all over Oyster Bay for "crochet boot camps." Together they successfully crocheted over 2,000 yards of craft cord into the colorful panels you see throughout the downtown!

Finally completely installed, we would like to thank all of our hard working volunteers and many many sponsors for making this entire installation possible and helping us raise \$1,000 for the Youth and



Scene from a Crochet Boot Camp  
hosted by  
The Madd Potter of Oyster Bay

Family Counseling Agency of Oyster Bay. We invite everyone to enjoy the new colorful look of the downtown before it is removed in the Fall! For more information and photographs of the Hand-stitched Hamlet click: [Here](#).

## OBMSA's Facade and Sign Grant

We began this small grant as a means to help business owners and building owners in the downtown with small improvements while simultaneously keeping true to our design guidelines. Now in its second year, this grant serves as an incentive for businesses to avoid cheap flashy signs and to draw attention to businesses with well designed, durable signs to last them for years to come.

We are still accepting applications for our 2014 grant. For more information about our grant, examples of past recipients, and access to our application click: [Here](#).



## Work in Progress: South St. Lamp Post Install!

OBMSA purchased sixteen street lamps set to adorn South Street through generous donations from supporters like you! All of the street lamps will be installed by the Town of Oyster Bay, spanning from just below West Main Street to just north of the intersection of Audrey Avenue and East Main Street.

The cost of these lamps will be reimbursed through our [New York Main Street Grant](#) and those funds will be put right back into the downtown through the production of another group of street signs for the downtown. (For more information about street signs already designed and installed by OBMSA click: [here](#)).

The Chamber of Commerce has been raising money to purchase and maintain hanging baskets to adorn these historic street lamps. These hanging baskets full of flowers bring such a quaint and beautiful touch to the downtown. If you haven't already, consider making a donation to the Chamber to ensure there will be hanging baskets on every single post!



## Third Annual Garden Tour!

The Gold Coast of Long Island's North Shore springs forth once again as the Oyster Bay Main Street Association presents its 3rd Annual Garden Tour. The Garden Tour returns with even more vigor after a one year hiatus inflicted by Superstorm Sandy to present enchanting gardens to all budding horticulturists and backyard gardeners alike. The tour will take place on **Friday, June 13th from 10:00am-4:00pm**. Registration is available [online](#) and check-in will occur at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park in Oyster Bay. Rain date is Monday, June 16th.

Garden Tour co-coordinators, Colleen McKean and Danielle Olesen have spent the past two years scouring Nassau County for intriguing locations and all are sure to impress. This year's event will include a mapped journey to four different locations, which will include private gardens in Locust Valley, Mill Neck, and a home in Oyster Bay that features its own Little League field. The most unique location on the itinerary however, is The Locust Valley Cemetery. While it might seem an unconventional choice for the Garden Tour it is, in reality, an exceptional location designed by world famous landscape architect, Fredrick Law Olmstead, the creator of New York City's Central Park.

After viewing the gardens, visitors will gather for a luncheon catered by Periwinkles Café at the Hay Barn located in Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park. Tickets will cost \$85 and will include the tour, luncheon and parking at the Planting Fields. There is also a "tour only" option available for \$60. Tickets are available for purchase through this [Link](#). Purchase yours early for an event that is sure to become a perennial favorite!



## The Fourth Season of Dancing in the Street!



Dust off your dancing shoes! OBMSA is thrilled to announce the return of "Dancing in the Street," a series of free dance evenings on the streets of historic, charming Oyster Bay.

Following on the success of last year's "Dancing in the Street," OBMSA is calling dancers of all ages, skills, and styles—even those with two left feet—to come out for delightful evenings of pure

fun under the stars. Once again, BMW of Oyster Bay has most graciously offered to sponsor the entire series.

Mark your calendars now for the four Fridays in July: Friday, July 4th (we'll kick off [literally!] the holiday weekend); Friday, July 11th ; Friday, July 18th; and Friday, July 25th. The hours are 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., on Audrey Avenue around the Bandstand. Bring a chair if desired.

Music and dance instructions will be provided by several of Long Island's most popular DJs/Dancers. All steps are geared for singles and couples alike!

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Oyster Bay Main Street Association (OBMSA) is dedicated to enhancing and promoting an attractive and thriving downtown, while maintaining its historic integrity. We are a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit using the national Main Street Approach® to downtown revitalization.

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