

The Fanny Dwight Clark Memorial Garden, Inc.

Invites You to

Sunday Seminars on Long Island and New York History

At Clark Botanic Garden, Albertson, NY

Join us at Clark Botanic Garden on various Sundays, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Clark House for an interesting and informative presentation on various topics of Long Island history. This series features noted history buffs and historians. Check clarkbotanic.org for more details about each event or a downloadable registration form. Each presentation is \$15 per person

Sunday, June 29, 2025- History of Long Beach, The City by the Sea with Doug Sheer



Long Beach - a name that brings to mind warm summer days on the beach, walks on the boardwalk, concerts along the water's edge and the end of the line for one branch of the LIRR. We all know that the City of LB is much more than that short list of pleasantries.

If we were to go back to 1837, there was a ship sailing to NYC with immigrants that ran aground just a few hundred feet from the southern end of Franklin Blvd. All of the passengers of that ship died and Walt Whitman would write a poem of that disaster. Forty-three years later, a group of investors would invest in the construction of the largest seaside hotel in the world. That hotel's fate would be a tragic fire in 1907 that destroyed the LB Hotel. The following year a boardwalk would be built and the Nassau Hotel would also go up alongside it. With those events, the beginning of The City by the Sea would be on the drawing boards thanks to a developer known for building communities in Brooklyn and the famous Dreamland of Coney Island - State Senator William H. Reynolds. Since the early days of tragedy, the island of LB has gone through many changes. A presentation on the history of LB will cover those changes and the events that has made LB what it is today. Doug, a former LI Social Studies teacher, is a popular speaker on a variety of topics. He is very active in both the Long Beach Historic Preservation and the Rock Hall Museum.

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Kindly mail your check (\$15 per person attending) along with this form, to FDCMG, Inc. at Clark Botanic Garden, 193 I.U. Willets Road, Albertson, NY 11507-2298. Any questions, contact Roellyn at roellyna@yahoo.com or Maria in the office of The Fanny Dwight Clark Memorial Garden, Inc. at fdcmgoffice@gmail.com

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