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Alive After Five® Gets Its Full Run

Alive After Five®, which for the first time this year ran for five straight Fridays, went off with no rain cancellations.

There was perfect weather for the first three. In the fourth, a strong thunderstorm delayed the opening by about an hour but those who waited it out got to see a beautiful double rainbow stretched across Main Street.

On the final night, thunderstorms threatened and the police closed things down about an hour early because of what appeared to be an advancing storm.

Crowds were huge this year, forcing a doubling of security after the first night. Main Street merchants, restaurants and vendors reported good business. Thanks to Marian Russo and Mindy Skura for chairing.



A double rainbow over Main Street provided a bonus for Alive After Five® visitors on the third night.

Boat In Fatal Accident Was Spectator Favorite

In July Patchogue played host to hundreds of 8 foot dinghys and their young captains in the Optimist National Championship Regatta. August 22–24, it was the time for a very different competition featuring some of the fastest (and sometimes dangerous) racing boats in the world.



About 80 racing teams were in town for the second leg of the Miss Geico Triple Crown Series, sponsored by Great South Bay Racing, Inc., with proceeds benefiting Friends of Shorefront Park.

In the final race on Sunday afternoon, the driver and throttle man of the 37 foot twin engine catamaran *Aero Express* were killed when the boat flipped on the southwestern turn of the race course off Shorefront Park. An estimated 5000 spectators were on hand.

The boat, one of the largest and fastest in the event, mounted on its side on its trailer parked in front of the Patchogue Theatre, was among dozens of boats, trailers and trucks, displayed Friday night along East and West Main Street.

The display drew crowds that were as big or bigger than those attending Alive After Five® on the five previous Fridays. The visitors were able, not only to see the boats, but to talk to their crews, and the *Aero Express* crew was especially visible.

Newsday quoted several witnesses who said they had met and talked to the two men, Kevin Graff of Port Washington and Phil DeJana of Bayville. The mother of a 7 year old Holbrook girl told *Newsday* that the girl had wished one of the men good luck and he had given her a stick-on tattoo bearing the team name.

Save These Dates

Through September 13—Gateway's The Producers, Patchogue Theatre, 631-286-1133.

Saturday, September 6—Canine Companion For Independence Graduation Ceremony for the August/September Team Training Class, Islandia Marriott, 3635 Express Drive North, Islandia, 2:30-4:00 p.m., 800-572-BARK.

Sunday, September 7—Installation of new Pastor, In Koo Chung, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, corner of Church Street and South Ocean Avenue, 4:00 p.m. A reception will follow service, 631-475-0381.

September 9-October 3—Art exhibit by St. Joseph's College professor Jacqueline Gelfuso, Board Room, O'Connor Hall, 631-447-3323.

Tuesday, September 9—Temple Beth El of Patchogue's 14th Annual Golf Outing, Calverton Links, 149 Edwards Ave., Calverton. \$155.00 per Golfer, 631-475-1882.

Tuesday, September 9—AARP monthly meeting, Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center, 39 Montauk Hwy., Blue Point, 12:30 p.m., 631-588-4752.

Wednesday, September 10—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Stroke Support Group 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Conference Room 2A, free., 631-654-7240.

Saturday, September 13—Soul-Food Coffee House, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, music by Nightsong, 8:00 p.m., \$5, 631-475-0381.

Sunday, September 14—BMHMC Annual Hospice Cocktail Party and Food Extravaganza at the Bellport home of Gordon and Carol Lenz, 631-687-4483.

Friday, September 19—Legend of Rock, 7:30 p.m., Patchogue Theatre, \$30, \$25, & \$22, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, September 20—Scrabble Crossword Game Tournament sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven Parks Recreation and Sports and Cultural Resources at Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center, Blue Point, 9:00a.m.-5:00 p.m., pre-registration required by 4:00 p.m., Sept. 1, 631-363-5193.

Saturday, September 20—Rock This Town for Prostate Cancer Awareness, Patchogue Theatre, \$30, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, September 21—Chamber Music Series: Svet Stoyanov, Percussion, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., \$15/\$12, 631-207-1313.

Tuesday, September 22—Shaolin Kung Fu Studios presents Kung Fu Fitness at the Pat-Med Library between 4:30-5:30 p.m. Open to children in K-5th grade. 631-205-1590.

Thursday, September 25—Live In The Lobby: The Point, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$10, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, September 26—Knights of Columbus Night@the Races Mary Immaculate Benefit, full dinner, wine & beer, \$15.00 per person, 38 West 1st Street Hall, Patchogue, 631-207-0725.

September 26-28—The Owl and the Pussycat, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College, 631-654-0199.

Saturday, October 4—2nd Annual Town of Brookhaven Women's Conference "Be All That You Can Be" 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Brookhaven Town Hall, 631-698-2074.

Saturday, October 4—The Shenole Latimer Quartet "In the Key of LIVE". 8:00 p.m., Patchogue Theatre, \$35, \$25 & \$15, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, October 4—2nd Annual Town of Brookhaven Women's Conference "Be All That You Can Be" 8:30 am to 3 p.m. at the Brookhaven Town Hall, 631-698-2074.

Saturday, October 4—Knights of Columbus Blood Drive 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 38 West 1st Street Hall, Patchogue, 631-207-0725.

Monday, October 6—Night of Inspiration" & Gala at Manhattan's Gotham Hall, sponsored by Canine Companions for Independence, 631-561-0207.

Monday October 6 and 20—Shaolin Kung Fu Studios presents Kung Fu Fitness at the Pat-Med Library between 4:30-5:30. Open to children in K-5th grade. 631-205-1590.

Wednesday, October 8—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Stroke Support Group 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Conference Room 2A, free, 631-654-7240.

Friday, Saturday, October 10, 11—Menopause: The Musical, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m. (Sat. also 3:00 p.m.), \$50/\$45, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, October 11—Soul-Food Coffee House, music by In-Not-Of, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., \$5, 631-475-0381.

Thursday, October 16—United Methodist Church of Patchogue Chinese Auction, VFW Hall, 31 Horseblock Rd., Centereach, 631-475-038

Thursday, October 16—Live In The Lobby: Last Charge of the Light Horse & The Corduroy Sky, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$10, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, October 18—Ailey II, Patchogue Theatre, 8 p.m., \$65/\$39/\$29, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, October 19—Chamber Music Series: The Brasil Guitar Duo, Patchogue Theatre, 3 p.m., \$15/\$12, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, October 19—The American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at The Boardwalk at Jones Beach State Park, Parking Fields 4 & 5, Registration and start, 8:00 a.m.-11:00a.m., 631-300 3161.

Thursday, October 23—Chamber Installation of Officers & Annual Dinner.

Thursday, October 23—Shaolin Kung Fu Studios presents Stress Relief Seminar for adults at Longwood Public Library between 7:00-9:00 p.m., 631-205-1590.

Friday, October 24—AC/DC Tribute Show, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$22, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, October 25—Hammer of the Gods, The Led Zeppelin Experience, Patchogue Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets \$57, \$47, \$37 & \$27, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, October 25—Oktoberfest, Kiwanis Club of Patchogue, Greek Orthodox Church, 430 Sheep Pasture Rd., Pt. Jefferson, 5:00-10:00 p.m., 516-527-5326.

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Mark Shapiro Memorial Garden

This area on the west side of the Patchogue Theatre is being beautified as a tribute to Chamber Director Mark Shipiro (In Sync Productions) who died last summer.

Steve Mitttleberg, Mark's business partner, suggested the project and Paula Murphy, chair of the Foundation's Beautification Committee designed it. The work is being done using donations from the Shapiro family and his friends.

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CustomWeld Industries, Lee Dorfman, *Industrial Steel Welding & Fabrication*, 214 West Main St., Patchogue, NY 11772, www.customweldindustries.com.

DNT Auto Accessories, David Gonzalez, *Car, Motorcycle, & Marine Audio, Custom Installations*, 36 Railroad Ave., Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-714-5970.

Greystone Electrical Services, Theresa Shortell, *Solar Power*, 44 Maiden Lane, Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-447-1981.

The Pampered Chef, Mary Ann Nugent, *Kitchen Tools*, 467 Washington Ave., Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-678-6641, www.pamperedchef.biz/maryannscokin.

Patchogue Arts Council, Chip Hunter, Lori Devlin, 631-897-5492, www.patchoguearts.org.

Professional Security Associates, Inc., Philip Fogarty Jr., Richard Barker, *Security Services*, 72 Grandview Dr., Shirley, NY 11967, 631-281-4682.

Terry's Tots, Inc., Theresa Shortell, *Child Care*, 44 Maiden Lane, Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-433-8679.

Velasquez Export & Import, Mariano Velasquez, 27 Case Ave., Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-475-9863.

Meetings

Sept. 2—Foundation, 8:00 a.m., office.

Sept. 4—Grants Committee, 10:00 a.m., office.

Sept 9—Executive Committee, 8:00 a.m., office.

Sept. 16—Annual meeting & Election of Officers, 8:00 a.m., Temple Beth El.

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Briarcliffe College provides professional educational programs in selected fields to a diverse body of traditional and non-traditional students to reflect the needs of the region.

Briarcliffe College maintains three campuses in NY including Bethpage, Patchogue, and Long Island City and enrolls students in diploma, two-, and four-year degree programs that include accounting, business administration, criminal justice, digital photography, graphic design, information technologies, and office technologies (legal).

Sept. 23—Open General Meeting, West Lake Inn, 6:00 p.m., Speaker: Jim Space on Chamber benefits.

Address Correction Requested

Gail Hoag, Executive Director

Save Dates (from page 2)

Sunday, November 2—Foot and Fiddle, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., \$14, 631-207-1313.

Thursday, November 6—Live In The Lobby: Return To The Dream, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$10, 631-207-1313.

Friday, November 7—Child Abuse Prevention Workshop, St. Joseph's College, 4:00–6:00 p.m., 631-447-3259.

Saturday, November 8—The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., \$50/\$45/\$40, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, November 8—Soul—Food Coffee House, music by The Spiritlifters, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., \$5, 631-475-0381.

Tuesday, November 11—Veterans Day Service, Four Corners, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 12—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Stroke Support Group 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m., Conference Room 2A, free, 631-654-7240.

Saturday, November 15—United Methodist Church of Patchogue Holiday Crafts Fair, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., 631-475-038

Saturday, November 15—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center's Hospital Ball, Cradle of Aviation Museum, 631-687-4483.

Sunday, November 16—Chamber Music Series: Sarah Wolfson, Soprano, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., \$15/\$12, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, November 22—Richie Havens & Friends, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., \$65/\$47/\$35, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, November 23—The Magic of Lynn, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., \$14, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, November 23—Patchogue Boat Parade, on the Patchogue River, 6:00 p.m. Boats decorated for the holiday, 631-475-0121.

Saturday, November 29—Main Street Christmas Parade, Patchogue, 6:00 p.m., with Community Christmas tree lighting at Capital One Plaza, 116 East Main Street, 631-475-4302