



LONG BRANCH MISSION

Our purpose is to preserve and utilize the assets of the Long Branch estate for the benefit of our local and regional communities. The historic house, active equine farm and scenic open space allow us to promote education, environmental preservation and host community events.

October - December, 2023

Hours of Operation:

Grounds: Sunrise to Sunset Daily

(Free)

House: Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

Please call to arrange a time.

Saturday & Sunday 12 - 4pm

\$10 per person including a guided tour.

President's Welcome

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, welcome to Long Branch Historic House & Farm.

In 1990, Mr. Harry Z. Isaacs, the last private owner of Long Branch, created a foundation leaving the estate for the enjoyment of the public.

The property offers historic grounds where families can spend time together for a picnic or reunion, or a casual walk to enjoy the amazing views. A tour of the house provides a welcome dose of history and architecture. Organizations whose missions share that of Long Branch, that is to benefit our local and regional communities, often meet here as well.

Come explore the gardens on your own during the week, or take a privately guided tour hosted by Colette Poisson on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 -4pm.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Randy Buckley

Annual Christmas Gala – save the date!

December 2, 2023 6-9pm

Come celebrate “Christmas in Horse Country!”

<https://www.visitlongbranch.org/christmasgala/>

***Long Branch Historic House and Farm
Proudly presents these ongoing activities & events:***

The Fall Art Show

Mr. Howard O. Allen:

Photographer, Artist, Patriotic Pacifist

80 Years of Local History!

October 1 – November 26, 2023

The galleries are packed with Howard Allen’s photos and caricatures of celebrities - an amazing collection that will bring back memories of riders, horses, and personalities we knew as part of our community and social events. His daughters Page and Betsy skillfully arranged the display. It will bring smiles and a visual walk through the past.

A limited amount of items will be for sale. Prints of original photographs (yes, the *really* famous ones!) can be ordered at \$75.00 and would make a fantastic birthday gift for the person who has everything. The book, “Unforgotten Times” is available at \$45.00, and select postcards make a great memento of the exhibit.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Fall Art Show – Howard O. Allen Photo Exhibit

October 1 – November 26, 2023
Mon-Fri 10am-4pm
Sat & Sun 12-4pm

Fall Garden Rhizomes & Bulbs

On sale Mon-Fri during office hours from October 23, 2023 until sold out. Or call to arrange a time. All proceeds go to Long Branch House and Farm (and Gardens!) (540) 837-1856

Garden Club of Virginia – Tri-Club Meeting

Private meeting for three area garden clubs. Wednesday October 24, 2023

Holiday Decorations

Long Branch House
November 30 – December 26

Winter Art Exhibit, Pat Taylor Holz and Kathleen Howsare: Local Hunt Scenes and Landscapes

Fine oil paintings.
December 1 – December 27
Artists Reception:
December 15, 2023 6-8pm

Nature Art Garden Center Wreath Making Class

December 9, 2023 1:30-3pm

Christmas Gala – Join us for a Horse Country Christmas! **December 2, 2023**

Invitations to be mailed the end of October. Call for information or to be added to the mail list. (540) 837-1856

Coming to the Galleries at Long Branch
In December:




“Local Hunt Scenes and Landscapes”

Featuring Fine Oil Paintings
By Ms. Patricia Taylor Holz and Ms. Kathleen Howsare
December 1 – January 27, 2024

Exhibit Reception on Friday, December 15 6 - 8pm
Free



Visitors will recognize the subjects in both Pat and Kathleen’s paintings. Photographer Ed Higgins often accompanies them and shares his photos to work from so they have details from a particular scene or animal.

<p>KATHLEEN HOWSARE Local Landscapes</p> <p>FAT TAYLOR HOLZ Local Hunt Scenes based on Ed Higgins' photography</p> <p>Winter Show: 12. 1. 23 ~ 1. 31. 24 Reception: Fri. 12. 15. 2023. 6-8pm</p> <p>830 Long Branch Lane Millwood, VA 22646</p> <p>Open: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm Sat & Sun 12 – 4pm</p> <p>540-837-1856 visitlongbranch.org</p> 	 
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**Long Branch Holiday Gala - save the date:
Saturday December 2, 2023**

IN THE GARDEN and AROUND THE HOUSE

News from the Sheila Macqueen Gardens

Fall garden cleanup is underway. Lori McKay divided several clumps of white, re-blooming bearded iris 'Immortality.' A limited amount of these rhizomes will be offered for sale in late October/November, along with rhizomes of the coral pink award-winning iris 'Beverly Sills.' Several bulbs will be available too for lily enthusiasts too. Prepare now for an ideal planting or addition to your garden: choose the location, loosen the soil and amend it; improve its drainage. Over the next couple weeks the soil will settle nicely and be ready for new rhizomes and bulbs to be planted while they still have time to establish roots before the hard freezes.

Holiday Gifts

The Summer Art Exhibit at the Galleries featured Bernie Lewis, the accomplished photographer from nearby Winchester. Signed copies of his exhibit's book, "The Long Branch You've Never Seen" is available for \$90.00. All proceeds go to Long Branch Historic House & Farm.

The current exhibit of Howard Allen's work offers photos and photo prints, postcards, and the book "Jackie Kennedy's Happy Years in the Virginia Hunt Country" for \$45.00. Call to reserve a copy - they are selling fast.

A neighbor who is studying photography donated some of his best images of Long Branch for us to use on greeting cards. They are available just in time for holiday gift giving – and your purchase will support Long Branch!

Long Branch Horse Retirement

The Long Branch Horse Retirement Program continues to be a source of pride at Long Branch, with currently 72 retired horses in residence on 400 acres, close to the Shenandoah River and the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Four-board fencing, automatic waterers and large run-in sheds are features of the program and our herds are segregated by gender with over two acres per horse. Our monthly package of \$250 per month includes:

- Regular hoof trims
- Spring and Fall vaccinations
- Yearly dental float
- Hay as needed

**Please contact the Farm Manager:
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and
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