



**Heart of Springs**  
*Preserving the past. Seeding the future.*

**IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE SECOND  
HEART OF SPRINGS GALA BENEFIT  
Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

EVENT TO BE HELD IN SPRINGS HISTORIC DISTRICT  
ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT "HEART OF SPRINGS"  
TO PRESERVE THE PAST AND SEED THE FUTURE

**"FISHERMAN FORMAL" GALA INCLUDES ART SHOW AT ASHAWAGH HALL AND  
WILL HONOR LOCAL RESIDENT & AUTHOR MARIJANE MEAKER**

LIMITED EDITION, SIGNED PRINTS OF COMMISSIONED "HEART OF SPRINGS" ORIGINAL  
PAINTING AVAILABLE FOR SALE  
ORIGINAL ARTWORK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

[www.HeartOfSprings.org](http://www.HeartOfSprings.org)

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Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016: Today, *Heart of Springs*, a Springs (East Hampton), NY based 501c3 organization, is proud to announce the second "*Heart of Springs Gala Benefit*", to take place on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 – 7:30pm, on the Green at Ashawagh Hall in the heart of the Springs Historic District. All proceeds from the event support "Heart of Springs" to raise much-needed funds for preservation and improvements of notable historic icons in the hamlet including Ashawagh Hall, Springs Community Church and Springs Library.

The "Fisherman Formal" *Heart of Springs Gala Benefit* will feature live music from Michael Pour and Tom Bono, sumptuous local fare from our local farms and sea, fine wines and local craft beers. Individual event tickets are \$100 and may be purchased at [www.HeartOfSprings.org](http://www.HeartOfSprings.org). Corporate and family sponsorships are also available.

The first *Heart of Springs Gala Benefit*, took place in 2014 and through incredible community and sponsor support, raised enough money to complete needed repairs and improvements in the iconic Springs Historic District including; a full reconstruction of the cupola on Ashawagh Hall, a nitrogen-reducing upgrade to the septic system at Springs Community Church, and funding for books and supplies for Springs Library.

*"This event brings the "Springs" community together to celebrate our hamlet. The "Springs Triangle" has been the meeting place for generations and we want that to continue."*, noted Wendy Hall, Founding Board Member of *Heart of Springs*.

In celebration of the rich artistic and cultural traditions of the Springs Community, the 2016 *Heart of Springs Gala Benefit* will include an art show and sale at Ashawagh Hall. A portion of the sales will benefit *Heart of Springs*. For more information please contact [loringbme@gmail.com](mailto:loringbme@gmail.com).

*"What better way to celebrate the long history of artistic expression in Springs than with a Springs themed art show at Ashawagh Hall throughout the Heart of Springs weekend. Everyone I speak to is looking forward to this event!", said Loring Bulger, Secretary of Springs Improvement Society.*

A specially commissioned original artwork created by celebrated artist Vito DeVito is available for purchase , and limited edition, signed prints of this wonderful work capturing the essence of the "Heart of Springs", will be available for sale online and at the event.

As part of a new tradition at the 2016 *Heart of Springs Gala Benefit*, a special presentation will honor local resident and Award-Winning Author **Marijane Meaker** for excellence in the Arts and for her continued support of the Springs community. Marijane held writing workshops on the second floor of Ashawagh Hall for 34 years.

For updated event information and press materials please visit [www.HeartOfSprings.org](http://www.HeartOfSprings.org). For interviews and additional press requests, please contact [annie@uniphigood.com](mailto:annie@uniphigood.com).

### About:

#### *Heart of Springs (Charity)*

The purpose of *Heart of Springs* is to celebrate and promote the cultural and historical significance of Springs Historic District. [www.HeartOfSprings.org](http://www.HeartOfSprings.org). Proceeds from the 2016 event will be used to complete current projects such as; to insulate and air-condition Fellowship Hall at the Community Church, to restore the cannon on the War Memorial Monument at the lower end of the Green, and to construct a seasonal weatherproof structure for the Springs Library book sales.

#### *Marijane Meaker (Honoree)*

M. E. Kerr is one of the pen names used by Marijane Meaker, born May 27, 1927 in Auburn, NY to Ida T. and Ellis R. Meaker. Other pen names include Mary James, M. J. Meaker, Vin Packer and Ann Aldrich. She also writes under her own name Marijane Meaker. After many years of living in New York City, M. E. Kerr decided to move to East Hampton, NY, where she presently resides. A full biography and list of Awards available at <http://www.mekerr.com/bio/>.

#### *Vito DeVito (Artist)*

Vito DeVito was born in New York City and resides in Sagaponack on Long Island, NY and in Norway, Maine with wife Laurie, daughter Emma Ann and son Drew. Mr. DeVito paints an extensive collection of subject matter. Rounding out the artist's commissions list are requests for hunting scenes, fishing scenes, nature oriented and figurative bronze sculpture and portrait work in all mediums. His Sagaponack studio is always open. For more please visit [www.vitodevito.com](http://www.vitodevito.com).