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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS HOSTS PUBLIC FORUM ON  
“THE NEW FACE OF AGRICULTURE AND AQUACULTURE ON THE SOUTH FORK”  
Monday, April 12, 7 p.m.**

“The New Face of Agriculture and Aquaculture on the South Fork” is the subject of a free public forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons on Monday, April 12, 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 977 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike in Bridgehampton, two miles north of Montauk Highway.

At the forum, moderated by LWVH officer and Bridgehampton historian Ann Sandford, four local agriculture and aquaculture experts in the positions of entrepreneur, researcher and policymaker will speak about changes in the crop farming and shellfishing industries on the South Fork.

They are John Halsey, a 12<sup>th</sup> generation farmer and member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee in the Town of Southampton; Jennifer Pike, a farmer and co-owner of Pike’s Farmstand in Sagaponack; Kim Tetrault, a community aquaculture specialist and director of a shellfish restoration project at Cornell Cooperative Extension; and Stephanie Talmage, an East Hampton Town Trustee and researcher on the impact of climate change on juvenile shellfish.

Also expected to attend and add their expertise are other farmers and baymen from the area.

Refreshments will precede the program, and a question-and-answer session will follow the speakers’ presentations.

The forum will be videotaped by SEA-TV for later viewing on Southampton’s public access channel 22. For those not living in Southampton Town, the program can be seen on their Web site at [www.town.southampton.ny.us](http://www.town.southampton.ny.us) at the same time it is airing on channel 22.

Further information is available from Ms. Sandford at (631) 537-2382.

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