

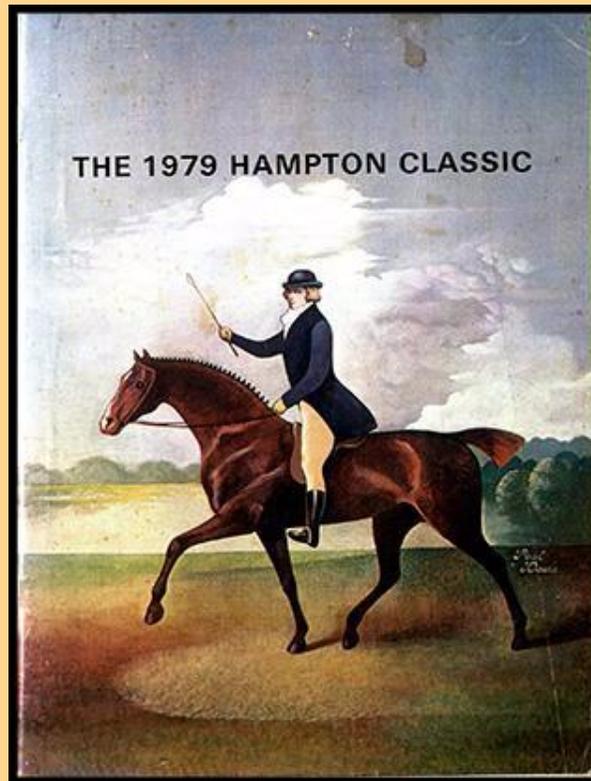


## Item of the Week *from the* Long Island Collection

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### Hampton Classic Program cover, 1979

Did you get a chance to attend the Hampton Classic Horse Show in Bridgehampton this past week? The Hampton Classic is one of the largest outdoor show jumping events in the country, marking the end of the Hamptons summer season. The show has been operating at 240 Snake Hollow Road on 65 acres of show grounds for the past 35 years, however, the history of the show goes beyond this timeframe. Beginning in the early 1900s, the show was first held in Southampton overlooking Lake Agawam, but was discontinued during World War I. However, with the formation of the Southampton Riding & Hunt Club in 1922, the show was revived and continued until World War II. In the 1950s, the show was reinvented as a fundraiser for the Parrish Art Museum, officially becoming the Southampton Horse Show, which was held at the Stanley Howard Estate in North Sea for several years. In the 1970s, the show was held at the Topping Riding Club in Sagaponack as a fundraiser for the Hampton Day School. During this time period show jumping grew in popularity, becoming more competitive and sophisticated. As a result, the horse show was expanded into a multi-day event that attracted top riders from across the country. This greatly expanded show was first held at Dune Alpin Farm (a former dairy farm) in East Hampton in 1976. The following year, the Hampton Classic formally incorporated the Southampton Horse Show, which operated as a fundraiser for Southampton Hospital. The above program advertises the Hampton Classic at Dune Alpin Farm from this time period. The event continued at the farm

until 1981 and opened at its current location in Bridgehampton in 1982. As recently as 2009, the Hampton Classic became the second horse show ever to receive the honorable designation of Heritage Competition by the United States Equestrian Federation.

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