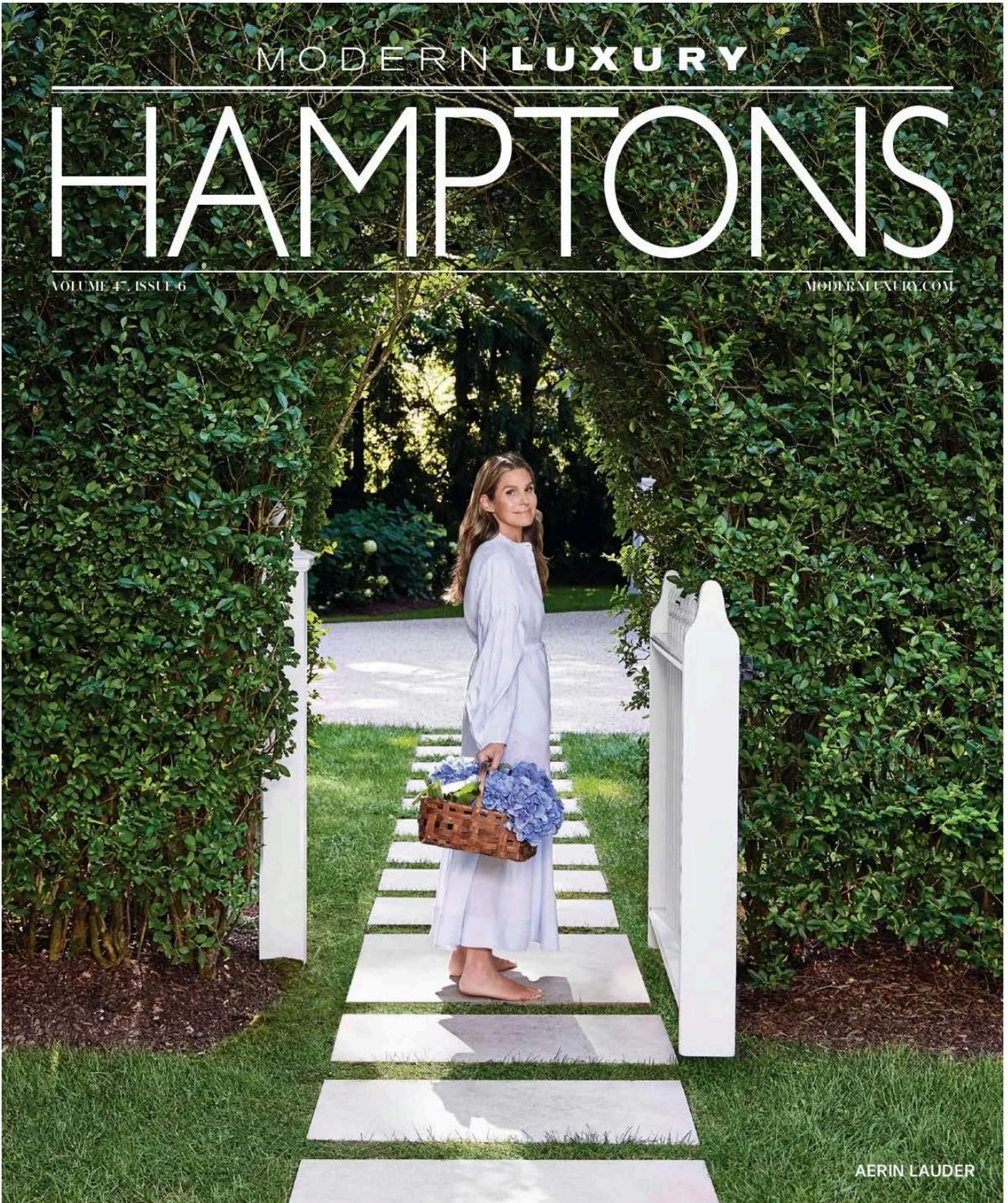


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AERIN LAUDER

The fifth annual Southampton Hospital Foundation East Hampton Emergency Department Luncheon is just around the corner. Here, the dynamic group of women leading the effort shares their hopes and goals for the future. *by HAVEN HATHAWAY*

In Full Bloom



From top: Co-chairs Liz Lange, Hollis Forbes, Mary Margaret Trousdale, Kate Davis and Jill Davis with the 2024 guest speaker, Bobbi Brown; the warm and welcoming spirit of the annual luncheon.

“Supporting access to critical care for a community I’ve loved for nearly 40 years is deeply meaningful,” says Mary Margaret Trousdale, who is serving as a co-chair of The Southampton Hospital Foundation’s fifth annual East Hampton Emergency Department Luncheon: A Conversation with Aerin Lauder, taking place July 17 at the Maidstone Club in East Hampton. “From children’s stitches to heart care, having this facility on the East End is both reassuring and essential.”

This year’s featured guest, Aerin Lauder—described by the Foundation as someone who “embodies the spirit of this event”—will discuss her latest >

book, *Living with Flowers*. Co-chairs Jill Davis, Kate Davis, Hollis Forbes, Liz Lange and Trousdale lead this annual fundraiser supporting the Stony Brook East Hampton Emergency Department (EHED), which opened in May and has already served over 1,500 patients.

"When I started the luncheon in 2021, my goal was to raise awareness and support for the Stony Brook East Hampton Emergency Department. My co-chairs enthusiastically came on board, and together we've formed a great team," says Forbes, reflecting on the event's five-year milestone. "After nearly 30 years in the East Hampton community—and knowing firsthand how long it takes to reach Stony Brook

Southampton Hospital—I understood how critical it is to have emergency care closer to home. From Montauk to Bridgehampton, this emergency department is truly a game changer."

Located at 400 Pantigo Place, EHED is one of only a few free-standing emergency departments in New York state. During the summer, East Hampton's population grows from 28,500 to 140,000, turning a short trip to Southampton Hospital into an hour-long journey—making the new local emergency facility vital. "What began as a grassroots effort quickly grew into a strong collaboration driven by friendship, commitment and a strong belief in giving back to the place we all call home," says Jill Davis.

New this year to the fundraising efforts is a cocktail reception at Lange's historic home, Grey Gardens co-chaired by Jackie Mitchell and Christiana Marran. "One of the great pleasures of owning a house like Grey Gardens is the ability it affords us to open up our doors (and gardens) to help raise awareness and funds for important causes such as the new Stony Brook East Hampton Emergency Department," says Lange.

Kate Davis adds, "My hope is that every guest leaves with a deeper appreciation for just how critical the East Hampton Emergency Department is to life out here." 631.726.8700, southamptonhospitalfoundation.org

Dedicated supporter Estée Lauder at the Southampton Hospital Foundation's 1986 Roman Holiday-themed summer party



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