

## **UU Fellowship of Bellport Hosts Its Eleventh Holiday Victorian Tea**

One can easily imagine the first owners of 51 Browns Lane, pouring their Holiday Victorian Tea in this historic home on the Great South Bay, constructed in 1880. Purchased in 1961 by The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bellport, its charm has been preserved as the setting for church services and religious education, weddings and celebrations of other life milestones, as well as meetings of community groups.

For the past ten Decembers, the Fellowship has recreated Holidays past with a Victorian Tea of its own ... Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, this year. The Fellowship is decorated in holiday finery... greenery adorning the fireplace mantles and ribbons, poinsettias and glitter everywhere. Music softly fills the rooms. Delicate cups, saucers, plates, old lace and linens grace the small tables. Lovely china teapots are filled repeatedly with piping hot tea. A traditional High Tea menu, prepared and served by UUFB members is lavished on every table. There are home-made scones, clotted cream, lemon curd, cucumber tea sandwiches, and other tea time favorites from a more elegant and leisured era. Members of the Fellowship, both adults and children are dressed with great imagination in the styles of the Victorian era. They serve their guests at two seatings, 12:30 PM and 3:30 PM. A raffle adds to the fun.

As the sun sets over the Bay, the guests must return to the modern world of hectic holiday schedules, but each year they take with them memories of an earlier, more gracious and leisured period... holiday time at the house on Browns Lane in historic Bellport. To learn more about the Holiday Victorian Tea at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bellport, call 631-286-8459 or visit their web site at [www.uufb.org](http://www.uufb.org).