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for 2017*

### **April 1:**

*Storybook Stroll:  
Peter Rabbit*

### **April 8:**

*Poetica Musica*

### **April 10:**

*First Weekday for  
2017*

### **April 15:**

*Make Up!*

### **April 22:**

*Spring Dog Festival*

### **April 22:**

*Old Westbury  
Whodunit:  
Bewildering Birds*

### **April 22:**

*Earth Day*

## **Welcome Back to Old Westbury Gardens!**

### **A Message from the President and CEO**

Welcome back to another year at Old Westbury Gardens! We've spent this winter hard at work, planning new and exciting events, and I can't wait for all we have in store for you this year at the House and Gardens.



I'm honored to start my second year as part of the Old Westbury Gardens family. It's truly inspiring to connect with so many of you who share such a strong passion for our beautiful estate.

We're particularly excited for some new events this year, including our Seward Johnson exhibition starting on Father's Day Weekend, June 16th.

2017 is poised to be a year of significance, and we're going to do everything we can to make each visit to our home a special life-long memory for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Nancy Costopulos

**April 23:**  
*Spring Dog Festival*

**April 26:**  
*Opening Reception  
Dogwood Celebration  
(Members Only)*

**April 27-May 7:**  
*Dogwood Celebration*

**April 27:**  
*Bonus Play Saturday:  
Fast as Lightning*



### Activity Calendars:

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### Donor Profile

Mary Jane Poole, of Garden City, New York has been a consistent donor to the Gardens since 2010. She became President of the Friends of Old Westbury Gardens in June 2015. She brings a sense of delight and dedication to everything she volunteers to do. In particular, the Westhampton House Tour, supporting the Friends' group, was oversold last year and got rave reviews. Mary Jane and her husband Tommy are generous supporters to everything at Old Westbury Gardens from the Gardeners' Fair to the December Dinner. The Gardens is truly grateful to this special leader and lady.

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### April

## Welcome Spring with the Dogwood Celebration



Celebrate the arrival of spring by taking your first stroll of the season through the Gardens. Enjoy an **Early Morning Guided Walk** through the estate, take in the serenity of the dogwood trees, and imagine seasons past. **Sunday, April 9, 9:00 a.m.**

**The last weekend in April (28-30)** will be packed with events and activities for visitors of all ages:

Members are invited to an exclusive **Members-Only Opening Reception** on **Friday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.** Wine and light refreshments will be served, and Maura McGoldrick-Brush will provide a guided tour and introduce Phase II of the restoration of the hemlock hedge. \$25 tickets must be purchased in advance.

Take a **Talk & Tour** to discover the dogwoods dotting the landscape; your guide will teach you about the function of dogwoods within the restoration of the Gardens' iconic South Allée. **Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, 2:00 p.m.**

Enjoy **Garden Outdoor Activities & Games**, and have fun in the Gardens with friends and family. **Saturday and Sunday, April**

## Membership Drive & Disney Drawing

Have you heard about our 2017 April Membership Drive? Anyone who renews, joins or purchases a gift membership during the month of April (April 1 - April 30) will be entered into a drawing on May 1 for four **Walt Disney World Park-Hopper Tickets!** To purchase a membership, please [click here](#) or contact Kristen Temkin [by email](#) or 516-333-0048 x 308.

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## Welcome to our Horticulture Interns!

We are thrilled to welcome our five new international Horticulture Interns, hailing from China, Indonesia, Italy, Philippines, and Poland. You'll probably see them hard at work in the Gardens during your next visit.

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## Arbor Day Weekend

For contributors to our Memorial Tree Fund, please plan to join us at our Arbor Day Tree Dedication Ceremony presided by Pastor Jeffrey D. Prey on Sunday, April 30, 1:00 p.m.

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## Something for the Kids

**29-30, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Interested in a one-of-a-kind treasure hunt across our 200 acres? Pick-up your instruction book for a **Letterboxing** activity - fun for all ages!

A fan of **Lawn Games** at the Gardens? We provide the equipment; you enjoy the fun.

Westbury House floral designer Scott Lucas will lead a **Floral Arranging Demonstration** to show guests the use of flowering trees and bushes in floral arrangements. **Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

## Dog Days This Spring at the Gardens



Four-legged friends are welcome at the Gardens for our special Dog Days weekend! You're invited to bring your leashed dog for an invigorating walk and healthy exercise in designated areas throughout the Gardens.

**Dog Exhibitors and Vendors** will be on-site **Saturday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**United Kennel Club (UKC) All Breed Conformation Match** Sponsored by the Dog Fanciers of Long Island, with on-site signup and pre-match conformation handling class starting at **10AM, Sunday April 23.**

*Remember: All dogs-regardless of size or how much they*



Every Saturday there is something for kids at the Gardens. Discover tasty delights growing in our garden and then create and sample simple recipes full of delicious seasonal flavors. Stroll through the gardens while listening to classic tales and create your own unique take-home craft. Join us for a bewildering whodunit and challenge your older children to think outside the box to investigate the wonders of nature and history's mysteries. And don't miss our big competition of the month: a family relay race!

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## **A Word From Seward Johnson**

"I find it so moving to watch people interact with these sculptures. That is one thing that these pieces do - they invite an intimacy with the paintings that the paintings themselves don't allow simply due to the limitation of scale, depth and access." - Seward Johnson

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*want to cuddle new friends-must be leashed at all times for their safety and the safety of others.*

### ***Special Early Spring Weekend (Two-legged) Admission***

*General: \$12*

*Seniors (over 62): \$10*

*Children 7-17: \$7*

*Children six and under, Old Westbury Gardens members, and leashed dogs: Free*



***Special thanks to our sponsors, Village Vets of Long Island and Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center of Westbury!***



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**Seward Johnson at Old Westbury Gardens**

## About the Artist

Following an early career as a painter, Seward Johnson turned his talents to the medium of sculpture. Since then, more than 450 of Johnson's life-size cast bronze figures have been featured in private collections and museums in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia, as well as prominent places in the public realm such as Times Square and Rockefeller Center in New York City, Pacific Place in Hong Kong, Les Halles in Paris, and Via Condotti in Rome. Johnson initially became widely known for his sculptures depicting people engaged in every day activities. Johnson's desire to highlight the mundane in his Celebrating the Familiar sculpture series has brought a unique voice to the world of art in public spaces. In recent years, Johnson has enlarged a select few sculptures into dramatic monumental scale for placement in the public domain. To date, these twenty to thirty foot presences have been on view in Rome, Normandy, China, San Diego, Sarasota, New York City and Chicago.



This summer, we are thrilled to host a grand exhibition of the bronze, life-cast sculptures of Seward Johnson! This exhibition will feature works from two of his series of sculpture: *Celebrating the Familiar*, and *Beyond the Frame*.

Displayed in Westbury House and across 80 acres of inviting pathways throughout the Gardens, 36 of Johnson's works will be on view **starting Father's Day weekend (June 16) through mid-September 2017**. Open to the public for free with admission to The Gardens.

Don't forget to pick up an activity sheet at Westbury House to guide you through a journey in the park while learning about sculpture.

Photography is encouraged for personal use only.  
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### Photo Contest

Seward Johnson's works are designed for interaction--interaction between the art and the landscape and between the sculpture and

the viewer. We are looking for the best and most unique photos of these sculptures taken by our visitors! Bring along your camera or phone and enter the photo contest. Post your photos at #owgsculptures. One photo will be profiled each month on our website.

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