



Old Westbury Gardens

Opening Day

Old Westbury Gardens will re-open for the season this Saturday, March 31st.

The Gardens are open Wednesday - Monday from 10am-5pm.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

A Special Season at Old Westbury Gardens

As a vital piece of Long Island's past, Old Westbury Gardens has always been dedicated to bringing history to life. Thousands of guests visit Westbury House and the grounds every year to step back in time and experience the beauty and historical significance of Old Westbury Gardens. The First World War played a key role in our nation's story and has a history rooted deep in Old Westbury Gardens. John S. Phipps, son of steel magnate Henry Phipps, was a Captain in the U.S. Army Air Service during World War I and dedicated himself to helping raise funds to support the war effort. He served alongside other Long Island soldiers, laborers, and volunteers who aided in the war effort.

CALENDAR

March 31

House & Gardens re-open

The Volunteers: Americans Join World War I, 1914-1919

*Open the Door & Explore:
12pm*

April 1

House & Gardens open: No guided tours

April 7

*Listen Up! Storybook Stroll:
12pm*

April 14

Eat Up! Whats Cooking in the Gardens: 12pm

Poetica Musica: Northern Lights, Trio Vitruvi: 8pm

April 21 & 22

Spring Dog Weekend: 10am-5pm

April 28

*Floral Arranging Workshop
10:30am*

Think Up! Old Westbury Whodunits: 12pm

April 29

*Arbor Day Tree Dedication:
1pm*

*Talk & Tour: Dogwoods, Flowering Trees and Shrubs:
2pm*

May 4-6

To commemorate the centennial anniversary of the end of the war, Old Westbury Gardens will feature two exhibits throughout the 2018 season. The first, opening on March 31st, is The Volunteers:



Americans Join World War I, 1914-1919 is a special exhibition on loan from the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, MO. Many volunteer groups throughout the country, especially on Long Island, helped provide labor, food, entertainment, and physical support to the Allied forces. These efforts are displayed and remembered in this exhibit, where you can see how groups including the American Field Service and the YMCA played a vital role in the war.

The main World War I exhibit at the Gardens this season, opening on June 23, is The Great War: Portraits of Privilege, Duty, and Sacrifice, which introduces events leading up to the war, responses of Americans prior to declaring war on Germany, and the subsequent mobilization of social institutions, human labor, and popular will-particularly on Long Island. Old Westbury Gardens' dedicated World War I exhibit will feature photographs, letters, and a variety of historic artifacts showcasing the loyalty, service and sacrifice of Long Island families who participated in the war effort. For the first time in its history, Old Westbury Gardens is able to share archive records including some of the most compelling stories of the war effort.

Old Westbury Gardens is also inviting members and guests to participate in telling Long Island's story, welcoming guests' personal artifacts and stories from family members who participated in the war effort. In addition, the Gardens will be hosting a Garden Faire and Gymkhana on June 23-24, paralleling the spirit of the Phipp's fundraising efforts with World War I reenactors, horse demonstrations, period vehicles and activities for audiences of all ages. The purpose of this exhibit is to bring the community together in our shared mission to

Plant Sale: 10am-5pm

May 5 & 6

Spring Market: 10am-5pm

May 11th

Vine to Table: 6pm

preserve and remember the rich war history of Long Island, both for ourselves and for the next generation.

We invite you to join us for our centennial exhibitions in remembrance of the year the world was changed forever, as we showcase Long Island's stories of duty and sacrifice.

Educational Programs

Up! Programming

WWI profoundly shaped our country's course, its citizens and culture over 100 years ago. But how to relay that message to today's child proves a tricky challenge.

Everyday contributions big and small will be hero highlighted thanks to our Saturday Up! programming. Children are invited to Listen Up! to the true story of Rags: Hero Dog of WWI on his quest to care for soldiers in the trenches. Sweet sacrifice is experienced through Eat Up! recipe tastings including a focus on homefront ration cakes and victory gardens. Make Up! crafts explore the symbolism of the poppy and how it represents remembrance today. The Garden Faire & Gymkhana allows children to Jump Up! testing physical agility in a series of races and activities. Veteran's Day wraps up our event series, reminding us of the great achievements of modern military men and women.

Join us with your family this year as we salute American heroes, both historic and contemporary. The Gardens commemorates and celebrates their invaluable contributions and our great debt of gratitude.

Shout Out!

Know a friend who isn't in the know about our kids programs? Encourage them to explore our walks, talks, crafts & tastings with a new Weekend Wake Up! Kids Pass.

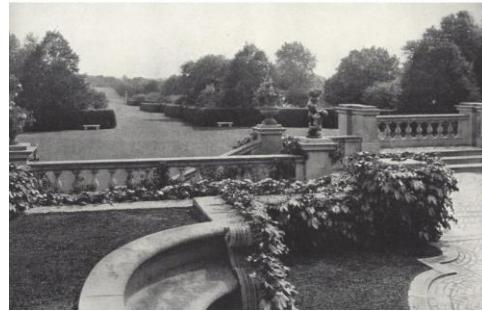
Please click [here](#) for more information.



Horticulture

South Allée Restoration

This February, work began on the third and final phase of our South Allée Restoration. This project has included the removal and replacement of over a half mile of Canadian Hemlock and Flowering Dogwood. The hemlock hedge, which was designed to frame the South Lawn and provide a vertical axis down to our South Gates, is one of the character-defining features of our landscape. Over time, however, the hedge had grown out of scale with the surrounding landscape and had become irreparably damaged in places. The Flowering Dogwoods, which were meant to create a beautiful cloud of blossoms hovering over the hedge, had also declined or were lost.



Visitors to the gardens these past few years will have seen completed the first and second phases of this project. However, the final phase of the restoration is likely to be the most startling to guests. The hedge, over time, had grown to over twice the height of the original design and had been maintained at this larger height for more than twenty years. The hedge, which historical pictures show was maintained at a height of approximately nine feet, will once again allow for glimpses of the Thatched Cottage, specimen trees, and even parts of the Rose Garden. The view may be different from the one that our guests have grown accustomed to seeing, but it will be much closer to the one the Phipps family enjoyed for more than three decades.

Membership

Vine to Table

Join us on May 11th for our premier membership event. This evening is sure to be a spectacular way to begin the season at Old Westbury Gardens. Private Chef An Vo will be teaching us how to customize your own Poke Bowl! Attendees will choose from a variety of healthy grains, colorful vegetables from our garden and plant proteins. A cocktail reception will feature savory food tastings, fine wine samples, live music and raffle prizes!



\$80 Per Member*

*Membership must be current to attend. Sign up or Renew by May 11th to receive a free month of membership with the purchase of a Vine to Table ticket. Members who bring a (non-member) Friend receive \$5.00 off their ticket price.

To reserve your spot today, please click [here](#)

Upcoming Events

Poetica Musica: Northern Lights

April 14th 6:45pm

In cooperation with the Royal Danish Consulate General in New York.



Performances include: Mozart, Piano Trio in B flat major, K.502; Dvořák, Piano Trio in E minor, Opus 90 "Dumky;" Schubert, "Notturmo" in E flat major, Op.148 (D.897); Beethoven, Piano Trio in D major, Op.70, No 2.

Guest Artists: Trio Vitruvi featuring Niklas Walentin, violin; Alexander McKenzie, piano; Jacob la Cour, cello

Guided tour of Westbury House 6:45pm; Pre-concert talk, 7:30pm; Concert 8pm. \$30.00; \$25.00 members, students & seniors.

To reserve your spot today, please click [here](#)

Flowering Shrubs in Arrangements

April 28th 10:30am - 12pm

Floral arrangements have graced Westbury House since its completion in 1907. This long-standing tradition makes Old Westbury Gardens the ideal location to study home floral design. Taught by Scott Lucas, Head Grower and florist for Westbury House, this floral design workshop at the Gardens not only teaches students how to create stunning arrangements, it provides them with lifelong skills they can use for personal and professional endeavors. Participants will create a traditional arrangement through the



use of a variety of textures and colors.

Registration fee includes all materials. \$50.00 / \$45.00 Members. Advance registration required.

To reserve your spot today, please click [here](#)

Spring Dog Weekend

April 21st & 22nd 10am - 5pm

Bring your leashed dog for an invigorating walk and healthy exercise in designated garden areas. Meet fellow dog lovers in a beautiful environment! Dog must be leashed.

Dog Exhibitors and Vendors will be at The Gardens from 11am - 4pm on Saturday. Visit with rescue groups, animal welfare organizations, and vendors selling dog-related merchandise.



This event is included with admission

Please click [here](#) to see our full calendar of events for April-June

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