



Old Westbury Gardens

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CALENDAR

October 3

*Trip to Grounds for
Sculpture
8am*

October 11

*Afternoon Tea
1pm*

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*Afternoon Tea
1pm*

October 17

*Children in Bloom
Luncheon
11am*

October at Old Westbury Gardens

It's been an incredible summer at Old Westbury Gardens and we're excited for all that's in store for the autumn. As the leaves change and the heat of the summer subsides, there's still plenty to enjoy throughout the Gardens and historic Westbury House.



Sadly we have bid farewell to our Art in the Landscape exhibition, featuring the works of Seward Johnson. These stunning sculptures delighted so many of us, and we are thrilled to hear such tremendous feedback from new visitors and old friends alike. But now is the time to look ahead to the fast-approaching holiday season and end-of-year festivities. Throughout the Gardens, we've been hard at work preparing for the upcoming change of season and anticipating the winter weather. Whether it be our staff preparing the grounds for

October 19

*Gardening by the
Book: A Celebration of
Rare Botanical
Volumes
11am*

October 28-29

*Fall Dog Weekend
10am-5pm*

October 29

*Fall Dog Festival and
Costume Parade
11am-4pm*



eventual snow or prepping the house for traditional decorations, there's much to do at Old Westbury Gardens. We're looking forward to sharing these exciting times with each of you.

Many of us are accustomed to the holiday season starting earlier each year, but first we can't forget to celebrate Halloween! We're excited for our sixth year of the Rise of the Jack O'Lanterns, an annual event featuring 5,000 hand-carved, illuminated Jack O'Lanterns. Arranged along a scenic walking path and set to a musical score, the event brings out the spirit of the fall for all ages and is truly a sight to behold. Dog lovers will be excited to hear that the tremendous success of the Dog Days weekends has inspired us to host a special fall event featuring leashed dogs adorned in costumes! Along with afternoon tea times to enjoy the quaint scenery of the Gardens amid the changing seasons, there's something for families and friends of all ages.

We hope you're looking forward to October at Old Westbury Gardens, and we're thrilled to share the start of autumn with each and every one of you.

A Tribute To The Friends Of Old Westbury Gardens - A Special Membership Experience Since 1990

In 1990 a supportive group of Old Westbury Gardens' members, led by Arlene Blau, initiated a special membership category to be called the Friends of Old Westbury Gardens. Their mission, as a council of upper level members, was to plan unique and special access benefits for those Friend level members (currently \$300 and higher). That mission exists to this day, still playing its vital and creative role. In the twenty eight years of its existence, members of the Friends Group have worked together to create wonderful events for its members, at the Gardens, in private homes and clubs, excursions to New York City, eastern Long Island and Newport, including lectures, tours, boutiques, fashion shows, visits to art collections and of course gardens.



Kay Maris, Vickie Stanco, Mary Jane Poole

Mary Jane Poole, of Garden City, has been the most recent President of the Friends, succeeding Kay Maris of Old Westbury. With her special gift of enthusiasm and her ability to inspire the group to action, her time as President created a number of exciting highlights enjoyed by all Friends level members.

This fall the Gardens welcomes a new President for the Friends Group. Vickie Stanco, of Garden City, has agreed to serve as Mary Jane's successor. Vickie has been a community volunteer on Long Island since retiring from a career with the Wall Street firm Lord, Abnett & Co. where she was senior editor in marketing. Vickie and Joe have enjoyed a thirty five year tradition at the Picnic Pops with friends and family and Vickie has been active with the Friends for a number of years. She has participated in their many activities as well as other Old Westbury Gardens' events and benefits. We are delighted to welcome Vickie Stanco as President of the Friends Group.

Please consider joining this lively and interesting group of Friends yourself and receive notice of monthly meetings and all events. You can call the Gardens to sign up for membership by calling Carlin Griffin at 516 333-0048 ext. 304 or renew or add to your current membership at the Friends or higher level. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Some Friends' highlights from recent years:

- Tour of private homes and gardens in Millbrook, NY with lunch in Laureen Knutsen's beautiful garden.
- Trip to New Haven to see the Athenaeum and Yale library arranged by Mary Ann Kikel.
- Visit to a private garden in Scarsdale, designed by landscape architect Jorge Sanchez.
- Tour of Historic Central Park with historian Sara Cedar Miller followed by lunch at a private Park Avenue apartment.
- Cocktails and book discussion with Nelson DeMille and Congressman Steve Israel.
- Lecture by Dr. Robert MacKay on the history of pleasure yachts on Long Island and dinner at Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club.
- Historical tour of 57th St. with Big Apple Greeters culminating at the Osborne.
- Two night trip to Newport with dinner at the New York Yacht Club, lunch at the Clambake Club and private tours.
- House and garden tour of private homes in Westhampton Beach with lunch at a private club.
- Docent tour of the Waldorf Astoria just days before it closed with lunch in Peacock Alley (Waldorf salad of course!)
- Tour of Radio City's back lot and the Art Deco beauty of Rockefeller Center with lunch at the University Club arranged by Paul Mateyunas.



Friends having fun together

Children in Bloom Luncheon

October 17, 2017; 11am



Visitors and members are invited to support children's education programs at Old Westbury Gardens at the upcoming Children in Bloom luncheon and cocktail reception. As part of our mission to educate young people, we've been blessed with tremendous support from donors, members and visitors every year. Our Children in Bloom luncheon, held on October 17, will feature friends and guests eager to share an afternoon in the beautiful Red Ballroom to support the educational programs thousands of young people take part in each year. The luncheon will honor Lauren S. Knutsen and feature guest speaker, Greg Kelly, co-anchor of Good Day New York.

Advance registration is required. Follow the link below for more information and to help support our education programming.

\$200. Advance registration required

[Children In Bloom](#)

Afternoon Tea

October 11-12; 1PM



What better place to enjoy a quaint afternoon tea time than Old Westbury Gardens? Just as the Phipps family and friends spent many afternoons sipping tea with good company, great conversation and an amazing view of the Gardens, we invite you to join us for an elegant tea at Orchard Hill, followed by a seasonal tour. Take in the sights and sounds of the changing seasons and sit back amidst the quiet Gardens for an afternoon of timeless leisure.

\$40/\$37 member. Advance registration required.

[Afternoon Tea: October 11th](#)

[Afternoon Tea: October 12th](#)

Dog Weekend: October 28-29, 10am-5pm

Dog Festival: October 29, 11am-4pm

Dog weekend returns to Old Westbury Gardens this fall! And what better time to take your favorite four-legged friend for a stroll than during the cool autumn weather and Halloween fun? Visitors are encouraged to bring their well-behaved and leashed dogs in costumes to the Gardens as part of the seasonal festivities. Your pictures are always incredible, and we encourage you to share your snapshots on social media by tagging Old Westbury Gardens and using the hashtag #DogDaysOWG. It's always a pleasure to see so many of our visitors have the opportunity for their best friends to enjoy the tremendous scenery across the Gardens, and we're thrilled to see some of your most creative costume ideas!



Fall Dog Festival 11:00am - 4:00pm on Sunday, October 29th. The festival features exhibits by animal welfare organizations, vendors, and rescue groups along with displays and activities. A costume contest and parade will take place at 3:00 pm. To participate in the parade please register by 2:00 pm.

A special thank you to our sponsors [Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty](#) and [Village Vets of Long Island](#)

Afternoon Wellness

Yoga in the Gardens

Professional Kripalu Yoga instructor, Lorili Henry, leads students through a dynamic, yet gentle flow of postures and conscious breathing. Participants must bring a yoga mat, yoga strap, and towel. \$18.00 per session; \$8.00 members (rain or shine, includes Gardens admission).

Thursdays and Saturdays

11:15am- 12:15pm

Kidsfest

Oh what fun! 2017's KidsFest proved to be a "funtastic" family day for all! Picture perfect weather welcomed 1200 visitors through our gates for a celebration of kid power and the environment.



Kids and grown-ups alike were encouraged to



Tai Chi in the Gardens

Tai Chi, a unique form of "moving meditation" calms the mind, relaxes the body and strengthens the spirit.

Sessions taught by professional Tai Chi instructor, Linda Cafiero, are designed for all experience levels.

\$18.00 per session; \$8.00 members (rain or shine, includes Gardens admission)

Wednesdays and Sundays

10:30 am - 11:30 am

get hands-on with dozens of activity tables.

Visitors had the opportunity to meet a screech owl, view the sun through a solarscope, explore inside a regulation fire truck, craft a postcard to their senator, pet local farm animals and more!

An energetic and electric performance by Grammy winning Tim Kubart & the Space Cadets got the crowd jumping. One little fan lost her very first tooth in the excitement! It was a momentous and memorable day for all who attended.

If you were a part of the fun, use

#owgkidsfest2017 to share your pics online.

We'd love to see your view of our event! Learn more about our non-profit partners [here](#).

A special thank you to our sponsor [Astoria Bank](#)

To purchase tickets for Rise of the Jack O'Lanterns click [here](#). Please note that any questions about tickets should be directed to The Rise. [Contact](#)



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