



## *Old Westbury Gardens*

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### **WWI Centennial Commemoration Continues through November**

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#### **CALENDAR**

**October 3-28**

*-Tai Chi 10:30am*

**October 4-27**

One hundred years after the cessation of fighting in the Great War, the memories of sacrifice and courage live on at Old Westbury Gardens through this season's feature exhibit, *The Great War: Portraits of Privilege, Duty and Sacrifice*. After a summer full of exhibits, ceremonies and a full-scale Gymkhana and Garden Faire, Old Westbury Gardens is excited to announce that we will be expanding the WWI Centennial with an informative lecture series. The Great War Lecture Series will offer compelling insights into the war effort from the perspective of Long Islanders and former estate owner, John S. Phipps and his family. Presented by high-profile academics, professors and historians, the lecture series is yet another way Old Westbury Gardens provides our guests with a unique and immersive historical experience.

-Yoga 11:15am

**October 3**

-Afternoon Tea 1pm

**October 7**

-The Great War and LI's  
Business and Political Leaders  
2pm

**October 8**

-Columbus day: Old  
Westbury Gardens and  
Westbury House open 10am-  
5pm

**October 16**

-Children in Bloom Luncheon  
11am

**October 20-21**

-Fall Dog Weekend 10am -  
5pm

**October 21**

-Men, Women, and Social  
Change in World War I 2pm  
-Enjoy Fall Color and Plan  
for Spring Blooms 2pm

**October 27-28**

-Fall Dog Weekend 10am -  
5pm

**October 28**

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

**November 3**

-Early Bird Walk 9am  
-Listen Up! Storybook Stroll  
10:30am  
-Poetica Musica: Carnival of  
the Animals 8 pm

**November 4**

-Harlem's Rattlers and the  
Great War: The 369th  
Regiment 2pm

**November 10**

***Role of Long Island's Business and Political Leaders  
during the Great War: Richard Welsh***

Sunday, October 7, 2pm

Guest Curator for the Garden's WWI exhibit, Richard Welsh, will lead a lecture on the role of Long Island's business and political leaders during the Great War. He will discuss the prominent families on Long Island and their support of the war effort, some of these families include: The Davidsons, Roosevelts, Hitchcocks, and Bacons.

A Long Island native, Richard F. Welch received his doctorate in American history from Stony Brook University. He taught United States History, Western Civilization, Irish History and American Military History at Long Island University and Farmingdale State College. Dr. Welch's work has appeared in the Long Island Historical Journal, Journal of the American Revolution, America's Civil War, Civil War Times, Military History, American History and the New York Times. He is also the author of five books including *The Boy General*, *The Life and Careers of Francis Channing Barlow*, and *General Washington's Commando*.

***Men, Women, and Social Change in World War I:  
Libby O'Connell***

Sunday, October 21, 2pm

For those who want to learn about the social changes as a result of the U.S.'s participation in the Great War, come join a presentation by Dr. Libby O'Connell.

The Great War transformed forever the lives of millions in many ways. In a significant way the conflict and the role of civilians led to new perspectives on gender roles in Western countries like the United States. For example, the long-standing debate about the proper role of women in modern democratic society was raised to a new level during the Great War. Women's wartime efforts, particularly their volunteer work and entries into the medical and social services validated their accomplishments as actively engaged citizens, thus pushing the agenda of equal rights and the vote for women.

Libby O'Connell formerly oversaw corporate and educational outreach for A+E Networks, including History Channel, A&E, H2, and FYI, and served as Chief Historian for the History Channel. Dr. O'Connell produced on site films for organizations such as the Smithsonian, Ellis Island, and Gettysburg, which History donates as part of its commitment to corporate citizenship. She has received three EMMYS for

-Eat up! Pumpkins 10:30am

**November 11**

-Dear Mr and Mrs Phipps:  
Letters from the Great War  
2pm

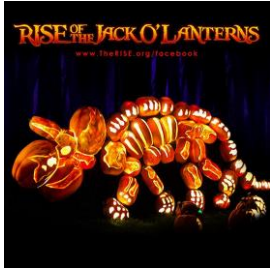
**November 12**

-Veteran's Day  
Commemoration 11am-4pm

**November 17**

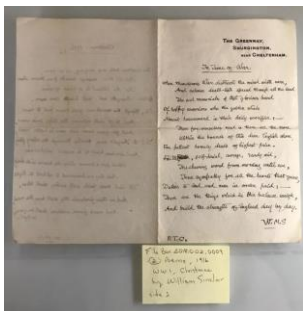
-Thanksgiving Centerpiece  
workshop 10:30am  
-Make up! Leaf Monoprints  
and collage 10:30am

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her work in television, and appears on national TV as a guest commentator. She currently serves on several boards including the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello, the Smithsonian's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, and National History Day. In 2013, the White House appointed her as a commissioner on the National World War I Centennial Commission.

***Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War: The 369th  
Regiment: Jeffery Sammons***

Sunday, November 4, 2pm

In this lecture, Jeffery Sammons will discuss the book he co-authored *Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War: The Undaunted 369th Regiment and the African American Quest for Equality*. The story captures the mythic status of the Harlem Rattlers, the African-American combat unit that grew out of the 15th New York National Guard, who were said to have never lost a man to capture or a foot of ground that had been taken. This new study points to a truth: more than fighting to make the world safe for democracy, the black men of the 369th fought to convince America to live up to its democratic promise. It is this aspect of the storied regiment's history-its place within the larger movement of African Americans for full citizenship in the face of virulent racism-that Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War brings to the fore.

Jeffrey T. Sammons is an American historian and professor. He graduated from Bridgeton High School in New Jersey and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Rutgers College. He graduated magna cum laude and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. Three years later, Sammons graduated from Tufts University with his Masters degree in history. After earning various fellowships, he graduated from the University of North Carolina with his Ph.D. in American History. Jeffery Sammons has taught at Princeton University and Hollins College, and now works as a professor of History at New York University.

***Dear Mr. and Mrs. Phipps: Letters from the Great  
War: Paul Hunchak***

Sunday, November 11, 2pm

In this presentation, Paul will present the correspondence between the Phipps family, their friends and charities.

Paul Hunchak, Director of Public Programs and Visitor Services at Old Westbury Gardens, is an expert on the Phipps family archives as they relate to WWI.

Poem sent to Mrs Henry  
Phipps (Annie) from a  
clergy friend from England,  
William Sinclair.

**All lectures are included with admission and take place at  
The Barn at Orchard Hill.**

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## **A Family Affair: Old Westbury Gardens' Annual KidsFest**

This year, we were thrilled to host more than 1,300 visitors for Old Westbury Gardens' annual KidsFest. The day-long KidsFest extravaganza brought families together for an exciting day full of learning, play and exploration. To create a one-of-a-kind experience for children and their families, we offered a wide variety of activities. These included a 25' rock-climbing wall, a solarscope sky viewing activity, an interactive conservation water wall, stick-horse polo races, horticulture activities, games and more. We had a concert by Grammy-winning artist Secret Agent 23 Skidoo. It was certainly an engaging day for the whole family, full of botany, horticulture, biology, natural sciences and-of course-fun!



We are thankful to our many special guests who joined us to make this year's KidsFest the most exciting yet. Our partners included the NYC Department of Environmental Conservation, Astronomical Society of Long Island, Bailey Arboretum, Chef Paula & CookingWithStars.com, Island Harvest Food Bank, Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum, Theodore Roosevelt Council- Boy Scouts of America, Town of Oyster Bay Department of Environmental Resources, Volunteers for Wildlife, Westbury Arts, The Whaling Museum and Education Center of Cold Spring Harbor, Westbury Children's Library, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Friends of the Hempstead Plains, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Seatuck Environmental Association.

All in all, it was a very special Sunday at Old Westbury Gardens, and we are counting down the days until next year's KidsFest!

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## **The Dog Days of Fall**

Old Westbury Gardens will be welcoming dogs and dog enthusiasts back for its popular annual Dog Day Weekend. Dog Day Weekend gives dogs and their owners a

chance to escape into the gardens for an invigorating walk in dog-designated areas. Leashed dogs will be able to enjoy the grounds with their owners on Saturday, October 20th, Sunday, October 21st, Saturday, October 27th and Sunday October 28th.



The last Dog Day, on October 28th, will culminate in Old Westbury Garden's Dog Festival! Join us for a dog parade and costume contest, as well as exhibits from animal welfare organizations, vendors and rescue groups.

Dog Days: 10am - 5pm

Dog Festival (10/28) 11am.-4pm., Costume contest and parade 3pm

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## The Holiday Season at Old Westbury Gardens

Old Westbury Gardens will be open and decorated for Christmas every weekend from Friday, November 23rd through Saturday, December 22nd. Join us for cookies, cider, children's crafts, and a visit with Santa at Westbury House. Registration for our holiday events will open to the public on November 1st, if you are a member you will be able to register as early as Wednesday, October 24th.



Watch for the full Holiday Calendar in the mail! Some of our key events for the season include...

**November 24th & 25th:** Holiday Market

**December 1st:** First Night

**December 2nd:** Nanny Night (members only)

**December 7th:** Savor the Season: Chocolate and Wine Tasting

**December 22nd:** Owl Prowl

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