

# *Old Westbury Gardens*

## April Calendar of Events

Old Westbury Gardens, first opened to the public in 1959, is celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Special April Admission: \$8.00 General; \$5.00 Seniors (over 62), \$3.00 Children 7-12; 6 and under and Old Westbury Gardens members: Free

Saturday/Sunday: April 4 and 5, 11 and 12, 18 and 19, 25 and 26. Weekdays (except Tuesdays) beginning April 27. Grounds are open 10am-5pm; Westbury House is open daily 11am-5pm.

### **April 4**

#### **Yoga Retreat**

The Jivamukti Yoga School is presenting a full-day Bhakti yoga retreat at Orchard Hill at Old Westbury Gardens, 9:00am – 5:00pm. \$150.00 per person, including lunch. Contact Jivamuktiiyoga School at 212-353-0214, [www.jivamuktiiyoga.com](http://www.jivamuktiiyoga.com).

#### **Poetica Musica**

##### **Afternoon of a Faun**

The chamber music artists-in-residence at Old Westbury Gardens will be presenting their first performance of the 2009 season in the Red Ballroom on Saturday evening, April 4. The artists include clarinetist Amy Zoloto, soprano Eleanor Valkenburg, pianist Maria Antonia Garcia, and flutist Barry Crawford. An intriguing array of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century French compositions will include *Afternoon of a Faun*, arranged for clarinet, flute, and piano, *Deux Mélodies de Ronsard* for flute and voice, and a flute sonata by Fauré. Registration required. \$25, which includes admission to the house and grounds and a meet-the-artists dessert reception after the concert, \$20 students, seniors, and Old Westbury Gardens members. 6:45pm: Tour of house or gardens. 7:30pm: Pre-concert talk 8pm: Concert

### **April 5**

#### **Cooking at Orchard Hill**

Chef Claude Cassagnol will teach you to prepare a gracious brunch, including menu design, culinary techniques, and table décor. Class size is limited. 11am, \$50, which includes brunch.

#### **Suzuki on the Island**

The students will perform on piano and stringed instruments. 2pm

### **April 12**

#### **Easter Brunch**

Enjoy a festive brunch at charming Orchard Hill, followed by an early spring stroll through the gardens. 11:30am, \$35 per person, reservations required.

#### **Early Spring Stroll**

Enjoy Tulips and other early spring flowers in the Walled Garden, and Daffodils and Wildflowers throughout the grounds. 2pm

**April 18-19**

**Dog Days**

Bring your leashed dog for an invigorating walk and healthy exercise in designated garden areas.

**April 18**

**Dog Games, Demonstrations and Exhibits**

The Ladies Kennel Association is sponsoring games and contests, including a dog treat hunt, and will offer the Canine Good Citizen test. There will be demonstrations by Long Island Agility and exhibits by animal welfare and rescue groups including Grateful Greyhounds, The Shelter Connection, and White Angels Hope Rescue. 11am-3pm

April 19

**Tree Talk**

Elizabeth Watson, preservationist and tree enthusiast, will give a talk on the trees of the Bungtown Botanical Garden of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and will sign copies of her book, *Grounds for Knowledge*. 2pm

**April 25**

**Taste of Spring**

New and returning members of Old Westbury Gardens will enjoy sampling appetizers, entrees, desserts, and wines provided by some of Long Island's finest restaurants, caterers, and wineries on the beautiful South Terrace of Westbury House. \$25 per ticket plus yearly Old Westbury Gardens membership dues at the level of your choice. 6:00-9:00pm.

**April 26**

**Arbor Day**

Join family and friends who have contributed to tree funds in memory of loved ones for early afternoon ceremonies as new trees are dedicated. 1:00pm

**Books in the Ballroom**

Cynthia Zaitzevsky, architecture historian and author of the new book *Long Island Landscapes and the Women Who Designed Them*, will present a talk and book signing. 3:00pm.

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