



## *Old Westbury Gardens*

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### CALENDAR

#### May 2

-Tai Chi 10:30am

#### May 3

-Member Plant Sale 10am-6pm

-Yoga 11:15am

#### May 4-6

-Plant Sale 10am-5pm

#### May 5

-Spring Market 10am-5pm

-Yoga 11:15am

-Listen Up! Storybook Stroll  
12pm

-Poetica Musics: 1918

Composers of the Great War  
8pm

### Going Back in Time with Portraits of the Great War

Preservation and education are at the heart of Old Westbury Gardens' mission, and the inspiring force behind the launch of this year's World War I Centennial exhibit. To commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the armistice of World War I, Old Westbury Gardens is holding a series of unique exhibits and welcoming a wide variety of history experts throughout the 2018 season.

The Gardens main exhibit, The Great War: Portraits of Privilege, Duty, and Sacrifice showcases Long Islanders' heroic contributions to the war effort, and for the first time in its history Old Westbury Gardens is able to share a selection of its own archival records of World War I

**May 6**

-Spring Market 10am-5pm  
-Tai Chi 10:30am  
-Flute Recital featuring Matt Ross 2pm

**May 10**

-World War I: New York by Kevin Fitzpatrick 7pm

**May 11**

-Vine to Table 5:30

**May 12**

-Eat Up! Whats Cookin' in the Gardens 12pm

**May 13**

-Mother's Day Lavender Gift

**May 16**

-Afternoon Tea 1pm

**May 18**

-Take Flight: Bees and Buns 7pm

**May 19**

-Make Up! Maker Project 12pm  
-Gardeners' Fair 6:30pm

**May 20**

-Early Morning Walk 9am  
-Talk and Tour: Spring Bulbs 2pm

**May 23**

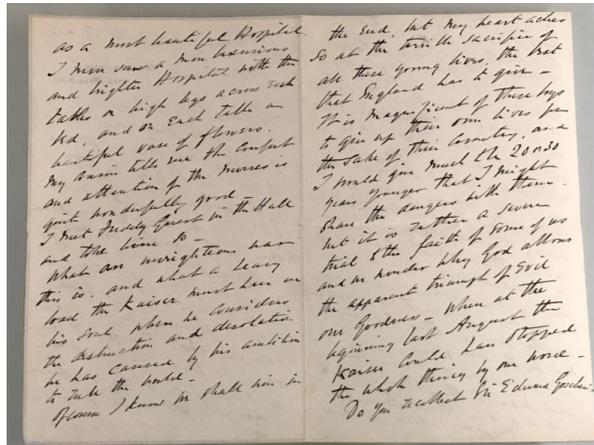
-Afternoon Tea 1pm

**May 26**

-Think Up! Old Westbury Whodunits 12pm

and its impact on the Gardens and the Phipps family. Guests will be able to explore Old Westbury Gardens as never before, perusing fascinating photographs and letters, many of which have never before been seen by the public, and through them experience life as it was at the close of The Great War.

Old Westbury Gardens is also inviting guests to contribute personal stories and items from their own families' experiences in World War I. Guest-contributed material will be photographed and showcased throughout the duration of the event, creating a collage of community remembrance of this pivotal time in our nation's history. If you are interested in contributing to the portrait of Long Island's World War I story at Old Westbury Gardens please contact our main office at (516) 333-0048.



letter from a British correspondent to Henry Phipps Jr (Phipps's father) about war's impact in Britain...relief efforts of Amy Guest (J Phipps's sister)

**Preservation**

**Reliving the Letters from Our Past**

Old Westbury Gardens' extensive archives comprise one of Long Island's most important historical assets. The collection is rich in primary source documents of enduring historical value, bringing to life the story of this great estate.

The unique records, dating from 1860 to 1958 transport us back to the social, cultural, and business activities of the heyday of the American country estate. The Archives include fascinating historical information about Henry Phipps, John Schaffer Phipps, Margarita Grace Phipps, their immediate families and the staff who worked at Old Westbury Gardens. Over 8,000 pieces of correspondence, 2,000 photographs and films and 15,000 items chronicle events of the day, and the development and management of the Phipps estate. Irreplaceable blueprints, sketches and specifications are invaluable tools in the restoration of Westbury House, landscape design and the estate's signature features.

In order to protect these irreplaceable materials for future generations, Old Westbury Gardens is working with professional preservationists and archivists. The Archive Project will ultimately provide for documentation, cataloguing and digitization for the benefit of future scholarship. Your support of Old Westbury Gardens helps us continue to do this essential work and protect Long Island's treasured history.

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## Horticulture

### Spring Blooming

Looking out at the landscape, it's difficult to believe it is the end of April. Although the few warm days we had last week did help to advance things in the Garden, the plants still look more like they normally would in late March.

The cool temperatures have not been the only trouble we have had to contend with, however. The heavy snowfalls coupled with the wind in the late winter were extremely damaging to the landscape. More than twelve trees were lost and many more had to be pruned due to torn limbs. Even the evergreens, whose conical shape help them to shed snow, were affected by the season's latest weather events.

It's difficult to tell at this time what this means for the spring bloomers. If we have a few unseasonably warm days, then nature's clock will once again be set to the correct time. But, if the unusually cool days continue then we may very well have lilacs blooming on Memorial Day! What we can say with certainty is that each season is different and while this is one of the harshest in memory, it is not the worst this landscape has weathered in its one hundred and twelve winters.

Written by Maura Brush, Director of Horticulture

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## Upcoming Events

### Plant Sale & Spring Market

Plant Sale: May 4-6

Spring Market: May 5 & 6

Old Westbury Gardens' Annual Plant Sale opens on May 4th, with a special Members-only preview sale on May 3rd.

Purchase annuals and perennials, many of which are the Gardens' signature varieties. Staff from the Gardens' horticulture department as well as Master Gardeners from Cornell Cooperative Extension Nassau County will be on hand to help you select plants and answer questions.

As a new addition, Old Westbury Gardens will be hosting a Spring Market on May 5th and 6th featuring local food, artisanal boutique offerings and exquisite gifts. Get your Mother's Day shopping done at The Gardens this year and view our blooming gardens and Westbury House in the process!



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### Poetica Musica: 1918 Composers of the Great War

Saturday, May 5

8:00 pm

Works by: Britten, Bartok, Villa-Lobos, Rachmaninoff and others

Artists: Hayk Arsenyan, pianist, Barry Crawford, flutist, Oren Fader, guitarist, Eleanor Valkenburg, soprano and guest artist Sanije Matoshi, mezzo soprano.

Guided tour of Westbury House 6:45 pm; Pre-concert talk, 7:30 pm; Concert 8:00 pm.

\$30.00; \$25.00 members, students & seniors. Registration required.

Please click [here](#) to reserve your spot today

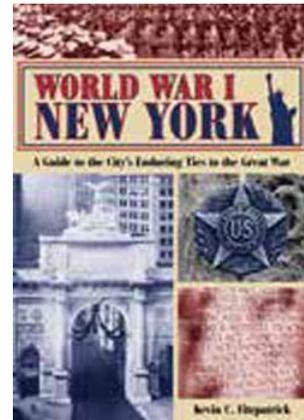


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### World War I: New York by Kevin Fitzpatrick

Thursday, May 10  
7:00 pm

A Book Lecture by Kevin Fitzpatrick, author of *World War I New York: A Guide to the City's Enduring Ties to the Great War*. Mr. Fitzpatrick will discuss the locations where the war touched and how New Yorkers would memorialize the Great War in statuary and other designations. Following the presentation there will be a q&a with the author and reception featuring light appetizers and the signature cocktail from the era, The French 75.



Registration is \$20.00 / \$18.00 Members. Advance tickets required.

Please click [here](#) to reserve your spot today.

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## Vine to Table

Friday, May 11  
5:30pm

What better gift for Mom, then that of quality time together? Join us for an evening of food, fun, music and wine. Old Westbury Gardens will be hosting our exclusive Vine to Table event.



The event will include a cocktail reception and cooking demonstration at the Barn at Orchard Hill, one of the original buildings on the Old Westbury Gardens estate. Guests will be able to participate in a live cooking lesson which will center on vegetables right out of our own Garden! Savory food samples, fine wine, live music and grand prize raffles will be taking place during the cocktail reception.

The event is \$80 per member, and \$75 for members who bring guests. Non-members who wish to attend should purchase an annual membership in addition to the \$80 event price.

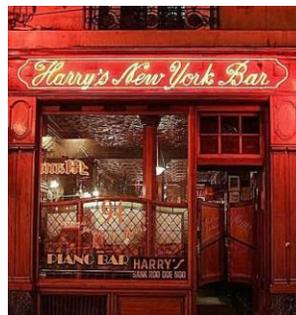
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Don't miss out on this great opportunity to have an evening with mom!

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## Gardeners' Fair

Saturday, May 19  
6:30pm



Old Westbury Gardens looks forward to hosting our lively Gardeners' Fair benefit party on Saturday, May 19th. Kristina and Harry Davison have graciously agreed to serve as event chairs for this signature spring event. They have created an inspiring theme "Welcome to Harry's Bar, An Evening in Post War Paris!" that echoes the Gardens' efforts this season to commemorate the armistice of WWI and acknowledge the contributions of many families from the Long Island community who were critical to the allied victory.

Harry Davison's grandfather, F. Trubee Davison, along with his undergraduate Yale classmates including his younger brother Henry Jr., established the first Yale Air Unit, nicknamed The Millionaires' Unit by the New York press. The Millionaires' Unit became the founding squadron of the WWI U.S. Naval Air Reserve and they were among the first that were called upon to enter naval combat operations when the U.S. entered the war.

During the war years in Paris, the American ambiance at Harry's Bar attracted a growing population of American soldiers, first as volunteers like the flyers of the Lafayette Escadrille, and then as part of the massive deployment in 1918 under General John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing. Members of the The Millionaires' Unit were known to frequent Harry's Bar and enjoy a French 75, a mix of champagne and gin. The combination was said to have such a kick that it felt like being shelled with the powerful French 75mm field gun. We hope you will join us at this year's Gardener's Fair and be part of this journey back in history.

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

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