



Old Westbury Gardens

CALENDAR

June 30- September 1

- *Extended summer hours*
Saturdays & Sundays 10am-
8pm, final admission 7pm

July 1 - October 7

- *Gallery Talk: The Great War:*
Portraits of Privilege, Duty, and
Sacrifice Sundays 12pm

July 1 - September 2

- *Imagination Station*
Sundays 12pm - 4pm

Celebrate Summer at Old Westbury Gardens

Summertime at Old Westbury Gardens is a magical experience. The days are long, and the flowers are in bloom all across the Gardens' magnificent landscape. At Old Westbury Gardens there is something for the whole family to enjoy. There's a shaded picnic area under 100-year-old trees, summer camps and family-friendly children's activities, and visitors can travel back in time while exploring our new exhibition that commemorates the 100th anniversary of World War I and sheds light on Long Island's unique, historical impact during that era.

July 1

-Tai Chi 10:30am

July 4

- Tai Chi 10:30am

July 5

-Yoga 11:15am

July 7

-Yoga 11:15am

-Listen Up! *Storybook Stroll*
10:30 am

July 8

-Tai Chi 10:30am

-Beech Tree Summer Concert
Series: Cross Island 3pm

July 11

-Tai Chi 10:30am

- Picnic Pops: *Liverpool Shuffle*
7pm

July 12

-Yoga 11:15am

July 14

-Yoga 11:15am

-Eat Up! *What's Cooking in
the Gardens* 10:30am

July 15

-Tai Chi 10:30am

-Beech Tree Summer Concert
Series: Hungrytown 3pm

July 18

-Tai Chi 10:30am

-Picnic Pops: *Bob Merrill and
the Hot Club of Paris All-Stars*
7pm

July 19

-Yoga 11:15

-Stargazers 8:30pm

July 20

-Take Flight: *Butterflies and
Brews* 7pm

July 21

-Yoga 11:15am

-Make Up! *Makers Projects*
10:30am

At Old Westbury Gardens, we are focused on creating experiences and activities that bring families together and enhance the way our guests connect with Westbury House and the Gardens. There is no better way to bring people together in merriment and festivity than through music and food. That is why we are thrilled to once again announce our acclaimed Picnic Pops Concert series this summer. Visitors of all ages are invited to dance the night away or just relax with friends for a picnic on the lawn. The combination of our exciting concert series and the beautiful setting of Old Westbury Gardens will ensure many memorable evenings!

We can't wait to see you this summer at Old Westbury Gardens.

-- Nancy Costopulos, President & CEO of Old Westbury Gardens

Picnic Pops Summer Concert Series Returns to Old Westbury Gardens

Summer is in full-swing, and music lovers are searching for the best outdoor concerts of the season. That's because there's nothing sweeter than listening to live music while enjoying nature and the feeling of a cool evening breeze.

Old Westbury Gardens has a legacy of being one of the top destinations on Long Island for summer concerts.



Picnic Pops, our original summer concert series, will run every Wednesday from July 11th through August 1st. All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m., but you might want to come early to stroll the gardens on a beautiful summer evening or take part in some of our pre-concert dance lessons. Fan of the Beatles? Don't miss **The Liverpool Shuffle**, a famed Beatles cover band and professional Beatlemaniacs, who will join our summer concert lineup on **Wednesday, July 11**.

July 22

-Tai Chi 10:30am
-Beech Tree Summer Concert
Series: The McCarron Brothers
Jazz Quartet 3pm

July 25

-Tai Chi 10:30am
-Picnic Pops: Susan Pereira and
Sabor Brasil 7pm

July 26

-Yoga 11:15am

July 28

-Yoga 11:15
-Think Up! Old Westbury
Whodunits 10:30am

July 29

-Tai Chi 10:30am
-Beech Tree Summer Concert
Series: Cross Island 3 pm

**Picnic Pops Schedule
7:00pm**

Wednesday, July 11

-The Liverpool Shuffle

Wednesday, July 18

-Bob Merrill and the Hot Club
of Paris All-Stars Gypsy
Swing

Wednesday, July 25

-Susan Pereira and Sabor
Brasil

Wednesday, August 1

-Vince Giordano and the
Nighthawks

For an authentic early 20th-century sound, **Bob Merrill and the Hot Club of Paris All-Stars Gypsy Swing** will bring their flashy horns to Old Westbury Gardens on **Wednesday, July 18**. They will capture the sounds of legends such as Louis Armstrong, and great hits by Louis Prima and Keely Smith.

Or maybe you're in the mood for jazz. **Susan Pereira and Sabor Brasil** offer a familiar yet distinct sound you won't want to miss. Susan Pereira is a vocalist, pianist, percussionist, composer and arranger, who has deep roots in New York and Brazil that has allowed her to develop one of the most versatile music styles around. Susan Pereira and Sabor Brasil will perform at Old Westbury Gardens on **Wednesday, July 25**.

If you want to put those dance lessons to the test, the Emmy Award winning **Vince Giordano and the Nighthawks** will bring an evening of energy and pure enjoyment to Old Westbury Gardens. The authority on recreating the sounds of the 1920's and 30's jazz and popular dance music will perform on **Wednesday, August 1**.

For over 45 years, Old Westbury Gardens is the place to be Wednesday nights in the summer. Please join us and enjoy this exciting lineup of local music stars. General admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for members and those over age 62. Free for ages 17 and under when accompanied by an adult. A Picnic Pops parking pass is available for preferred parking at all Wednesday concerts.

For more information, please click [here](#)

The Great War: Portraits of Privilege, Duty, and Sacrifice

One hundred years ago this summer, the concerns of Long Islanders were miles away from the beaches, the amusements of Coney Island, and the latest Mary Pickford movie. A conflict whose remote and seemingly inconsequential origins had now

absorbed their lives. From anxiety for the welfare of husbands, sons and in some cases daughters, dispatched to the battlefields of France, to rising prices for produce, to the constant sputtering of those new flying machines across the Hempstead Plains, Long Islanders were now beginning to realize the consequences of their country's entry into the "European" war.

Old Westbury Gardens invites you to discover the impact the First World War had upon the lives of notable and lesser known Long Islanders through the exhibition, *The Great War: Portraits of Privilege, Duty, and Sacrifice*.



Drawing upon the resources of the Old Westbury Gardens archives, as well as other local and national repositories, this exhibition tells the stories of women and men, many who willingly left their lives of comfort and privilege for the war-ravaged battlefields, villages and cities of Western Europe.

Fully embracing the idea that "to whom much is given, much is expected," along with a deep sense of patriotism, these individuals responded in their own way to a conflict whose uncertain outcome would forever change their understanding of service to their nation, its values and in their minds, their very way of life.

The Great War: Portraits of Privilege, Duty, and Sacrifice is in the Red Ballroom and West Porch of Westbury House.

An accompanying collection of original World War I posters is on display in the William and Mary Room on the second floor of Westbury House.

Now through October 7, 1918
Gallery talks, Sundays at 12pm.

Remembering our Trustee and long time friend to Old Westbury Gardens, Jane S. Greenleaf. (1936-2017)

Jane lent her talent and knowledge of art and collections, her eye for beauty, her enthusiasm and her great good sense to supporting and encouraging others to support Old Westbury Gardens for over twenty years on the Board and years before that. She chaired and supported each of our fundraising events, served as House Committee Chair and on the Nominating and Executive Committees, and has chaired the Annual Appeal. Her presence at the Gardens contributed greatly to the success it is today.

Jane's long-time friend and companion, Bruce Balding, wrote:

"For me the spirit of Jane was explained by her love for animals and flowers. She loved dogs and horses equally. Her father once explained that his daughter grew up on her family's farm in the 30's and 40's surrounded by horses, dogs, pigs, chickens, goats, who had a free pass into the big kitchen, and all manner of farm animals that clucked, squealed, or neighed. She was absorbed by the life of the farm when Syosset, Long Island was a rural free delivery zone.

Jane adored Labradors, Corgi's, and thoroughbred hunters and once told me that the greatest challenge to any animal lover is coping with loss, although one gradually accepts the inevitable, you never get better at it. In the later 1950's and 60's she rode with Meadow Brook hunt on her horse "Flashlight" and was an active member of the Pony Club for many years where she taught her daughter, Jennifer, to ride. Jennifer then went on to achieve what few equestrians achieve; winning prize money in horse shows!

As for flowers, Jane was an accomplished artist as a flower grower and arranger. Her ability was recognized early when she won all of the awards that the North Country Garden Club could bestow over 40 years and served as president of that organization (1983-1985). She received honors for her work from Old Westbury Gardens, the Caumsett Foundation, and others. Her understanding of flowers, gardens, and outdoor landscapes was put to use as she served for many years as Commissioner of Environmental Services for the Village of Mill Neck on Long Island. And, finally she shared this expertise with many of her colleagues as a floral design judge for the Garden Club of America, the prestigious national organization that today promotes the interdependence of horticulture and environmental protection."

Jane once wrote:

*And in their silent beauty speak,
Of life and joy, to those who seek
For Love Divine and sunny hours
In the language of the flowers.*

All who knew Jane will remember her fondly and we, at Old Westbury Gardens, are truly grateful for her many significant contributions over the years.

Thatched Cottage

Old Westbury Gardens South Allée, now fully restored, is planted with tiers of hemlock, dogwood, and linden. The hemlock hedge was originally designed as a green wall on either side of the grass allée for "riding" to the polo grounds that were at the south end of the estate. The hedge was also designed to create garden rooms to the east and west, providing visual surprises.



Among them is the Thatched Cottage Garden surrounded by a scaled-down fence and plantings to complement the fairy-tale playhouse fit for the only daughter of a prosperous American family. The petite half-timbered cottage was built as a surprise for Peggie Phipps' tenth birthday and is part of a play area complete with log cabins, one for each of her three brothers. Old Westbury Gardens' archives contain home movies from 1916-1919 showing the Phipps children playing in the structures under the watchful eyes of a tutor and governess.

What makes the cottage so unique is the thatched roof composed of water reeds, but unlike a traditional installation, there is a sturdy wooden roof underneath providing protection from the elements. The thatched roof is composed of a ridge at the peak that is a signature design associated with the thatcher. The lifespan of the roof depends upon the material, weather conditions, and wildlife who might find it a cozy nesting place. Old Westbury Gardens has worked with talented thatchers who apprenticed in the UK and help us maintain the roof and provide periodic inspections. The roof is due for repairs and we are raising funds to address the project. Don't hesitate to visit the cottage on your way to the rose garden and let your imagination run as free as the children who played there.

Experience Old Westbury Gardens in New and Exciting Ways this Summer by Becoming a Member!

For those who wish to experience the Gardens in a deeper, richer way, Old Westbury Gardens offers an exclusive membership program for individuals and families. Old Westbury Gardens works to curate member programming and experiences-beyond what it is offered to the general public. A membership to Old Westbury Gardens is a way for guests to participate more fully in the Old Westbury Gardens' experience and gain access to exclusive members-only activities and tours.



Membership includes free admission to Old Westbury Gardens throughout the season and a number of discounts on Old Westbury Gardens' unique programs, including 20% discount at the Gift Shop and a 10% discount at Café in the Woods. Members also receive a special rate for Tai Chi and yoga classes conducted on the grounds at Old Westbury Gardens.

Membership to the Gardens also includes special admission privileges and discounts at 300 gardens throughout North America and the Cayman Islands as part of the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program.

You can learn more about the extensive benefits of membership by clicking [here](#).

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