



# *Old Westbury Gardens*

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## **Blooming Bulbs**

Contributed by Maura McGoldrick, Director of Horticulture

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It has occurred to me on more than one occasion how a single bloom on a Salvia in the middle of January can bring me almost as much joy as an entire border of blooms in June. These little signs of life give us hope until the first blooms of spring appear, almost always on our naturalized bulbs.

## **CALENDAR**

[September 2](#)

*Listen up! Storybook Stroll:  
The Spider and The Fly*  
12pm

**September 3**  
*Imagination Station*  
12-4pm

**September 8**  
*Birds and Brews*  
7pm

**September 9**  
*Eat Up! Whats Cookin' in  
the Gardens: Herbs and  
Preserving*  
12pm

**September 9**  
*Poetica Musica Chamber  
Ensemble*  
8pm

**September 17**  
*Kidsfest*  
12-4pm

**September 20**  
*Afternoon Tea*  
1pm

**September 21**  
*Afternoon Tea*  
1pm

**September 23**  
*Think Up! Old Westbury  
Whodunits: Outwit the  
Artifact*  
12pm

**September 24**  
*Great Marques of Long  
Island, BMW, Mercedes-  
Benz, Porsche Fall Concours*  
9am

**September 24**



August and September is when we place our orders for spring-flowering bulbs. The tried-and-true favorites such as tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils are all on our list, but there are also others that bloom well before the first daffodils. Snowdrops, as their name suggests, are among the first to appear and are quickly followed by the crocus. As welcome a sight as these two species are to the gardeners, they are even more appreciated by pollinating insects. The small patch of snowdrops at the base of the West Porch steps are always inundated with bees as soon as they bloom. It is as if they have been hovering nearby just waiting for the flowers to open. Muscari, squill, reticulated iris, and bluebells are also favorites among the pollinators. The best part? Most of these bulbs will naturalize in the garden, meaning that small groupings will grow over time and create drifts of blooms.

We order the bulbs in late summer so that we can get the best selection, but planting doesn't usually begin until after the first frost. So, there is plenty of time to plan and plant for this coming spring!

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## **Painting Conservation**

Contributed by Lorraine Gilligan, Director of Preservation

In 2014 painting conservator Lucie Kinsolving assessed the condition of 50 paintings in Westbury House. To date fourteen have been treated, among them a rare triple portrait by Sir Joshua Reynolds signed and dated 1758.

*Last chance to experience  
Seward Johnson*

**September 28**

Stargazers  
8:30pm

**September 30**

*Jump Up! Bonus Play  
Saturday: Bright Eyed and  
Bushy Tailed  
12pm*

**October 3**

*Grounds for Sculpture  
8am*



The figures depicted are Henry, 3rd Duke of Buccleuch, the Hon. Campbell Scott and the Rt. Hon. Frances Scott. As remarkable as these personages were to British aristocracy, the painting's successive owners could be just as notable. J. S. Phipps purchased the Reynolds in 1929 from the estate of Judge Elbert H. Gary. Judge Gary, originally from Chicago, became the first President of U.S. Steel in 1901. He relocated to New York in 1906 and maintained a country estate, Ivy Hill in Jericho. The town of Gary, Indiana was named in his honor. Many earlier painting acquisitions came from the 1904 sale of the estate of J. S. Forbes, a British pioneer in the development of the English and Southeast Asian railway systems. Other paintings such as Reynolds' Portrait of Richard Boyle and Stephen Slaughter's Portrait of Viscountess Ikerrin were purchased from Irish estates whose owners were struggling to pay death taxes.

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## **A Piano Celebration**

Old Westbury Gardens is thrilled to present "Piano Celebration" on September 9th, featuring Molly Morkoski and Hayk Aresnyan, concert pianists presented by Poetica Musica.



Works will feature the Piano Sonata No. 14 in C# minor, Opus 27, commonly known as "Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven; the Fandango by Padre Soler; the Ballade No. 4 in F minor, Opus 52 by Chopin; and much more.

Poetica Musica is a consortium of musicians. Individually and collectively, members have performed in such music festivals as the Bergen Festival in Norway, the Istanbul International Music Festival, the October Festival of Carthage and the Janacek in Hukvaldy Festival. Additionally, the group has performed at St-Martin-in-the-Fields in London, the Holywell Music Room in Oxford, Carnegie and Alice Tully Halls in New York, and at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. They have toured in more than 40 countries, including Turkey, India, Bosnia, Serbia, Denmark, Norway, Azerbaijan, and Poland.

The New York Times described Morkoski's performances as "strong, profiled, nuanced, beautifully etched." She made her solo debut at Carnegie Hall's Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage, and also preformed in the inaugural concert of Carnegie Hall's Zankel Hall under the direction of John Adams.

Poetica Musica

## Children in Bloom

We are looking forward to our 8th annual Children in Bloom luncheon on October 17th! This year, we will honor Lauren S. Knutsen, who serves as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Old Westbury Gardens. Our speaker will be broadcast celebrity Greg Kelly, co-anchor of Fox TV's Good Day New York, and former Fox and Friends co-host and White House correspondent.



This annual event, organized by Children in Bloom Council Chairman Joan Hope MacNaughton and her hard working committee, supports Old Westbury Gardens and its children's educational programs. Over 100 guests will enjoy a fabulous gourmet lunch in the beautiful surroundings of the Red Ballroom of Westbury House.

If you are interested in supporting this important event as a sponsor, a donor or as a guest, please call Alex Sutherland at 516-333-0048, ext. 309, or visit our website [www.oldwestburygardens.org](http://www.oldwestburygardens.org) to purchase tickets.

## Kidsfest

Back by popular demand, Kidsfest returns to Old Westbury Gardens this fall! Visitors are invited to join us for a day of fun and educational activities.



Old Westbury Gardens will have hands-on activity tables, as will other nonprofit organizations. Some of the organizations involved are The New York State Department of Educational Conservation, Rich Blohm: Backyard Beekeeper, Astronomical Society of Long Island, Westbury Children's Library, and Bailey Arboretum.

This year, we're excited to feature a high-energy performance by Tim Kubart! His concerts are an indie pop dance party for all ages. Joined on stage by his band, the "Space Cadets" (and a tap-dancing sidekick!), Tim performs songs celebrating real life kid and family moments and milestones. No matter the venue, a Tim Kubart and the Space Cadets show is highly interactive, musically rich, and always speaks to kids at the top of their intelligence.

September 17th, 12-4pm  
Concert begins at 2:30pm, rain or shine!

[Kidsfest 2017](#)

## Farm to Table Evening

The second annual Farm to Table Evening at the Barn At Orchard Hill was a huge success featuring the hearty "local harvest" family style dinner prepared by Kim Klopstock's Lily and the Rose Catering. Paired with the delightful ambiance of Old Westbury Gardens, it was a truly unforgettable evening.



Johnny Cuomo played live music as our guests enjoyed the magnificent food, weather, and the company of their family, friends, and neighbors. The beautiful wooden tables were decorated with delightful sunflower center pieces and elegant place settings. This event, held outside of the newly renovated Barn At Orchard Hill, allowed our guests to enjoy their local and regionally sourced organic bio-dynamically farmed food surrounded by stunning gardens. This 3-course meal featured organic vegetables, artisan cheeses, duck, cobbler and much more!



## Seward Johnson: Experiencing Art in the Landscape has been extended!



Whispering Close, 2000 ©Collection of The Seward Johnson Atelier, Inc.

The incredible life-sized bronze sculptures of Seward Johnson will be at Old Westbury Gardens for just a few more weeks! Stop by for a visit and experience the talk of the summer as you tour the exhibition amidst the natural aesthetic of the Gardens.

The exhibit has been extended from Monday, September 4th to Sunday, September 24th due to its success, so make sure to stop by before it's too late!

Visit our [Seward Johnson site](#) for more information on this exhibit.

## Afternoon Tea



Enjoy an elegant full tea at Orchard Hill, featuring tea sandwiches, scones and

## Grounds for Sculpture



For those of you who have enjoyed Seward Johnson's work at Old Westbury Gardens, there are many more at [Grounds for Sculpture](#)! Old Westbury Gardens is pleased to host a benefit trip to Grounds for Sculpture on Tuesday, October 3rd! This sculpture park, founded in 1977, includes many permanent and temporary exhibits featuring contemporary artists set amid a beautiful site specific landscape.

The bus will leave at 8am from the 60 Post Road entrance and the tour will begin at 11:15am. The bus is due back to Old Westbury Gardens around 7:30pm.

\$99 fixed price includes a bagged lunch, a guided tour, and bus fare.

To purchase your ticket today please [click here](#). Contact Angela at (516) 333-0048 ex:312 for more information.

## Birds and Brews



seasonal desserts accompanied by a selection of our expressly prepared teas. A seasonal garden tour led by a volunteer docent and Master Gardener follows the meal.

Wednesday, September 20th & Thursday, September 21st at 1pm

\$40.00 / \$37.00 member.

Afternoon Tea

Tweet at us this Happy Hour! Meet and Greet hawks and falcons from Volunteers for Wildlife as experts divulge secrets of the dangerous game of predator vs prey. Later, sample seasonal brews from featured brewery Sam Adams as sourced by Hicksville Beer and Soda. Ages 21 and over. Registration required

\$30, \$27 members (includes bar snacks and beer flight)

Birds and Brews

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