



Old Westbury Gardens

CALENDAR

September 2 - October 7

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

Sundays & Wednesdays 1pm

September 2

- *Imagination Station*

Sundays 12pm - 4pm

September 2 - October 25

- *Tai Chi Wednesdays & Sundays 10:30am*

September 1 - October 27

An Ode to Summer, a Season to Remember at Old Westbury Gardens

As we approach the end of the summer, it is time to look back at all of the wonderful things that have occurred and made this season one of the most exciting to date. What made this summer at Old Westbury Gardens so special was the beautiful display of flowers and nature, the plethora of fun activities, and most importantly- our members and friends that visited the Gardens this season.

Checking every item off of a summer to-do list can be a daunting task, but Old Westbury Gardens made it much easier by offering a huge variety of events and programs for the whole family.

For the history-seekers out there, perhaps you attended our feature exhibit *The Great War: Portraits of Privilege, Duty*

-Yoga Thursdays & Saturdays
11:15am

September 1

-Kids & Family Programs:
Listen Up! Storybook Stroll
10:30am

September 3

-Tommy Hitchcock: American
Hero 2pm

September 8

-Kids & Family Programs: Eat
Up! What's cooking in the
Gardens 10:30am

September 13

-Stargazers 8:30pm

September 16

-Kidsfest 12pm-4pm

September 19

-Afternoon Tea & Tour 1pm

September 22

-Kids & Family Programs:
Think Up! Old Westbury
Whodunits 10:30 am
-Poetica Musica: Nights in a
Spanish Garden 6:45pm

September 23

-Great Marques Car Show 9am

September 27

-Afternoon Tea & Tour 1pm

September 29

-Kids & Family Programs:
Jump Up! Bonus Play Saturday
10:30am

October 7

-WWI on the North Shore:
Lecture 2pm

October 16

-Children in Bloom Luncheon
11am

October 20-21 & 27-28

-Fall Dog Weekend 10am-5pm

and Sacrifice which depicts the story of Long Island's historical significance during WWI. Maybe your list included finding new and fun educational programming for your family. You might have attended one of our Storybook Strolls where children listened to stories while being immersed in nature, or participated in our adult workshops featuring programs on garden photography, wellness, cooking and birding.

The Gardens have been as beautiful as ever despite the unusual growing season this year. We had unseasonably warm weather in February followed by an unseasonably cool March and April. While departures from the norm can be very stressful for our gardeners, they can also create interesting combinations in the borders. The tulips and snapdragons, for example, bloomed slightly later than usual, meaning that they were blooming when the delphiniums and foxgloves were at their peak. Conversely, the very warm temperatures that we have been seeing this summer have meant that shrubs such as clerodendron and clethra that normally bloom in early August, were already in full bloom in July. The one constant that we have enjoyed this season is moisture. No irrigation system can replicate the benefits of consistent and adequate rainfall and our lawns, allees, and specimen trees are all reaping the benefits.

These are the reasons guests love coming to visit throughout the season. Not only is Old Westbury Gardens magnificent and historical, but we offer interesting and captivating activities, and the beauty of the Gardens is ever changing. Each day is a new and wonderful experience.

September in the Gardens

By Maura Brush, Director of Horticulture

Beginning around the end of April, we begin fielding phone calls from guests wondering when the wisteria, roses, or lilacs will be in full bloom. Often, these are the plants around which plans to visit are made. The lilacs have their devotees, who time their visits to make sure they don't miss peak bloom. Wisteria lovers know that its flowering time can be short depending on how warm it is at the end of May, and many will wait for that first week of June when the roses are in their first full flush.

November 4

- *Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War: The Undaunted 369th Regiment and the African American Quest for Equality*
:Lecutre

RISE of the Jack O'Lanterns



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But, September has always been one of my favorite months in the garden. While the delphinium and foxgloves are long gone in the Walled Garden borders, the dahlias, sunflowers, salvia, and cleome are just reaching the height of their season. In the Rose Garden, our repeat-blooming roses are full and gorgeous with their clematis companions still going strong. And, our lawns that tend to suffer a little with the heat of summer are always at their most lush and green during the early fall.

When people ask "what is the best time to the visit the garden?" I always insist that there isn't one best time to visit because if you only visit once, you will miss so much. But, when pressed, I will admit that the first two weeks of June and September should not be missed!

WWI Era Gymkhana Puts Long Islanders in Their Ancestors Shoes

A marvelous sight to behold this summer was the Gymkhana & Garden Fair Living History Weekend, which brought guests back to the early 20th century to demonstrate the way the Phipps family supported the men and women who served in WWI. Mr. Phipps held a gymkhana, or equestrian game day, on his property to help raise funds to support our troops. Now in 2018, the centennial of the armistice that ended the Great War, Old Westbury Gardens held its very own gymkhana. The event featured WWI reenactments, time period vehicles, numerous demonstrations and equestrian exhibits that were fun for the entire family. The day was a major component of the Gardens' season-long World War I exhibit, which aims to commemorate the role Long Islanders played during the global conflict.



The main exhibit held in Westbury House continues through November 12th.

The Royal Oak Foundation Lecture Series

Old Westbury Gardens is pleased to announce that we will be co-sponsoring a lecture series presented by The Royal Oak Foundation this fall. This lecture series features notable historians, interior designers, curators and authors who are experts in archive collections, the decorative arts, architecture and landscape design. Members of Old Westbury Gardens can register at the member rate for the following programs.

Nina Campbell | New York

Monday, September 24 | 6:15 p.m.

Reception and book-signing following lecture

\$30 members; \$40 non-members

Location: The General Society Library, 20 West 44th Street, New York, NY

Jeremy Musson | New York

Monday, October 22 | 6:15 p.m.

Reception and book-signing following lecture; \$30 members; \$40 non-members

Location: The General Society Library, 20 West 44th Street, New York, NY

Brock Jobe | New York

Wednesday, November 28 | 6:15 p.m.

Reception following lecture

\$30 members; \$40 non-members

Location: The General Society Library, 20 West 44th Street, New York, NY

For members, please watch for an email or call us to get your discount code. Registration opens on September 4th. To reserve your spot please click [here](#) or call (212) 480-2889 x201.

Making Change at the National Children & Youth Garden Symposium 2018

Growing happy kids is foremost on the minds of our Education Department and exposing the youngest generation to nature is paramount to the design of every on-site science program.

For that reason, Director of Environmental Education, Lisa Reichenberger, was invited to present during July's 2018 National Children & Youth Garden Symposium at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. The event, hosted by the American Horticulture Society, welcomed over 200 nationwide education and garden professionals for a weekend of workshops inspiring new ways to cultivate tomorrow's gardeners. Lisa's presentation on the Gardens' innovative summer camp program, *Changemakers: Future Museum Professionals*, discussed the best opportunities for career exploration in the "green collar" industry. This program is designated as part of the Seed Your Future education movement, promoting horticultural vocations and laying plant based career foundations for future professionals.



Changemakers completing a mock newsletter for Old Westbury Gardens

Birds, Bees, Butterflies, Bats- & Brews

The warmest months of the year at Old Westbury Gardens were full of two things - wildlife and craft beer! Old Westbury Gardens' *Take Flight* series of adult education programs really took off this summer with four unique events: Birds and Brews, Bees and Brews, Butterflies and Brews, and Bats and Brews. Each offered an opportunity for our guests to learn about different animals while enjoying some of Long Island's interesting craft beers. During Bees and Brews, Ann Marie Breyer, Citi Field's Landscape/ Horticulture Manager, took guests through the Gardens, discussing backyard beekeeping and conservation. The new beekeepers then sampled seasonal and year-round beers provided by Greenport Harbor Brewing Company and Hicksville Beer and Soda. For Birds and Brews, guests were treated to an owl demonstration presented by Volunteers for Wildlife. After the birds finished flying, guests enjoyed a flight of their own from the Blue Point Brewing Company. Butterflies and Brews, featured a lecture and guided tour by Marie Camenares from the Cornell Cooperative Extension in which she spoke about butterfly and moth basics. The brews for this *Take Flight* event were provided by Oyster Bay Brewing Company as sourced by Hicksville Beer and Soda. Bats and Brews, the final session of the *Take Flight* series welcomed Maria Armour, Senior Instructor at Bridgewater State University, who guided guests through the Gardens at twilight to view bats and discuss the basics of bat biology and conservation. The *Take Flight* series is part of an initiative from Old Westbury Gardens to expand our adult education program and offer guests special experiences that blend a diverse set of interests.



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