

Old Westbury Gardens



CALENDAR

December 1

- Christmas at Westbury House: 10am - 5pm
- Drop in Craft: 10am - 1pm
- First Night: 6:30pm

December 2

- Christmas at Westbury House: 10am - 5pm
- Craft-a-Card: 10am - 1pm
- Long Island Flute Club: 1pm
- Nanny Night: 4:30pm

December 4

- Cream Tea: 11am

December 5

- Cream Tea: 11am
 - Afternoon Tea: 1:30pm
- SOLD OUT**

Looking Back

The month of December is such a magical time of year at Old Westbury Gardens! We have many exciting activities and programs planned-with something for everyone. Adults may enjoy stopping by to see Westbury House decked-out in holiday decor, while our youngest visitors might stop by to visit Santa Claus and create a keepsake craft. Despite all that is ahead, I can't help but look back and reflect on some of the amazing moments we've had since our gates opened in the spring.

In 2018, you could find guests strolling the Gardens and enjoying our beautiful landscapes on any given day, especially at the many events that brought out excellent crowds. At KidsFest, you could spot children enjoying classic games the Phipps children used to play, including stick horse historic races. This year, we put a focus on blending our guests' interests with the beauty and

December 7

-Christmas at Westbury House:
10am - 5pm
-Savor the Season: Chocolate and
Wine Tasting: 8pm
SOLD OUT

December 8

-Christmas at Westbury House:
10am - 5pm
-Drop in Craft: 10am - 1pm
-Yule be Swinging Prohibition
Party: 8:30pm

December 9

-Christmas at Westbury House:
10am - 5pm
-Craft-a-Card: 10am - 1pm
-Girl Scout Chorus of Nassau
County: 1pm

December 11

-Cream Tea :11am; 1:30pm

December 12

-Cream Tea: 11am
-Afternoon Tea: 1:30pm
-Members Appreciation Night:
6:30pm

December 13

-Cream Tea 11am; 1:30pm

December 14

-Christmas at Westbury House
10am - 5pm
-Wheatley School Honors String
Ensemble: 1pm

December 15

-Christmas at Westbury House
10am - 5pm
-Drop in Craft: 10am - 1pm
-Holy Name of Mary School
Hand Bell Choir: 1pm
-A Merry, Very Victorian
Christmas!: 7pm

December 16

-Christmas at Westbury House
10am - 5pm
-Craft-a-Card 10am - 1pm
-Long Island High School for the
Arts Singers: 11am
-Suzuki on the Island: 2:30pm

magnificence of the Gardens, and we hope you were able to experience Old Westbury Gardens in a new way. One of my favorite activities, as an avid apiarist, was our *Bees and Brews* event where our visitors enjoyed local craft beers while learning about bees and nature. I thought it, along with the entire *Brews* series, was a huge success. We look forward to organizing more events during the 2019 season that will help bring out a side of Old Westbury Gardens that you've never seen before-even if you've been coming for generations.

We were excited to offer an extraordinary exhibition that highlighted the Centennial of World War I. *The Great War: Portraits of Privilege, Duty, and Sacrifice* showcased little known information about Long Island's historical significance during the Great War and enlightened guests of the role the Phipps family, and other prominent Long Islanders, played during that time. The exhibition allowed guests to really understand and appreciate the dedication to the war effort and the sense of shared patriotism. We also organized opportunities for guests to travel back in time and experience life from 100 years ago when Long Islanders came together to support the troops overseas. Our Garden Faire and Gymkhana Living History Weekend was truly a memorable event!

There is still lot of fun and beauty in store at Old Westbury Gardens for the rest of the season. We would love to see you at our concerts and teas, or just walking through the Gardens and Westbury House enjoying the winter magic. While you're here, be sure to share with us what your favorite moment of 2018 has been. You can also write to us on our Facebook page.

Enjoy and happy holidays!

Nancy Costopulos
Old Westbury Gardens, President and CEO

December 18

-Cream Tea: 11am; 1:30pm

December 19

-Cream Tea: 11am

-Afternoon Tea: 1:30pm

SOLD OUT

December 20

-Cream Tea: 11am; 1:30pm

December 21

-Christmas at Westbury House

10am - 5pm

December 22

-Christmas at Westbury House

10am - 5pm

-Drop in Craft 10am - 1pm

-Owl Prowl 4pm; 5:30pm

December 23

-Christmas at Westbury House

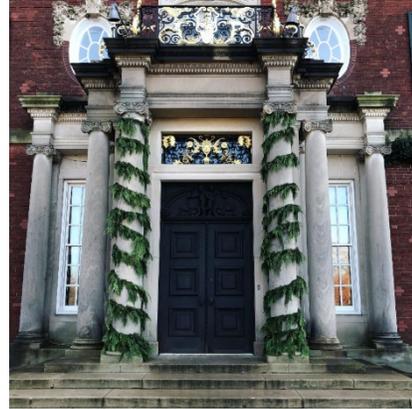
10am - 5pm

-Craft-a-Card 10am - 1pm

Give the Gift of Membership

The holiday season is about spending time with family and friends and sharing gifts that show how much you care. As you are searching for that perfect gift, consider an Old Westbury Gardens membership. Each season, our team works to create an experience for the whole family that our guests won't forget, and the 2019 lineup

of events is shaping up to be one of our best yet! An Old Westbury Gardens membership is an original, unique gift that ensures a wonderful year-long experience as well as exclusive programs and opportunities. Now, for a short time, anyone who purchases a gift membership will receive a special Old Westbury Gardens holiday ornament.



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

Holiday Season in Full Bloom at the Gardens

The holiday spirit is in the air at Old Westbury Gardens, where festive activities and celebrations have been prevalent and will continue throughout the month of December. Perhaps you did some gift shopping recently at our Holiday Market, or maybe you are attending one of our upcoming events. Whichever holiday activities you choose to participate in, there's an indescribable feeling of festivity at the Gardens. As one of the nation's premier historical sites-and certainly one of the most beautiful-Old Westbury Gardens is the place to celebrate your holiday traditions.



The month of December is full of fun activities and things to do for the entire family. Every weekend this month, kids are invited to bring their creativity to the Gardens and participate in Holiday Crafts. For anyone looking to relive the historic end of the Prohibition era, you are invited to celebrate at our Yule Be Swinging Party. Enthusiastic

attire is encouraged for a VIP holiday experience complete with a cabaret performance by Brooklyn's own [The Ladybugs](#). Perhaps the most alluring draw throughout the festive season at the Gardens is decorated Westbury House. The early 20th century estate is draped in gorgeous Christmas decor and sits upon the perfect winter background.

There's no better place to start your own traditions than at Old Westbury Gardens.

To register for our Holiday events, please click [here](#)

Musical Fun for the Whole Family

As the winter cold makes its way through Long Island, warm up at Old Westbury Gardens during one of our celebrated holiday musical events. This year's Holiday Concert Series will delight crowds of all ages, featuring performances by: The Long Island Flute Club, the Girl Scouts of Nassau County Chorus, the Wheatley School Honors String Ensemble, the Hand Bell Choir and Choir from Holy Name of Mary School in Valley Stream, singers from the Long Island High School for the Arts, and Suzuki on the Island.



The daytime concerts will run on weekends throughout December and it is the perfect opportunity to grab a friend, family member or significant other and join the holiday celebration at Old Westbury Gardens.

The Holiday Concert Series is included with admission.

A Merry, Very Victorian Christmas!

December 15, 7:00 pm

What are the origins of many of our Christmas and end-of-the year traditions? Through storytelling, songs, and demonstrations, professional educator and interpreter Janet Demarest will lead an interactive evening of fun and discovery. This program is appropriate for audiences of all ages.



\$15.00 / \$12.00 member, \$10.00 child (ages 7-17) / \$8.00 member

To register today, please click [here](#)

Winter Owl Prowl

December 22, 4:00 & 5:30 pm

Old Westbury Gardens is pleased to partner with [Volunteers for Wildlife](#) again this winter for our annual Owl Prowl. An important aspect of the mission of the Gardens is to inspire appreciation and knowledge of our environment, and what better way to do this than working with local organizations that have a similar mission?

Join us on Saturday, December 22nd to hunt our garden habitat for nocturnal neighbors. A wildlife expert from Volunteers for Wildlife will bring live owls for a meet and greet and lead the outdoor search. For a proper experience two sessions will be held, one at 4:00 p.m. and the other at 5:30 p.m. Space is limited so follow the links below to register today!



\$14.00 / \$12.00 member \$10.00 child, ages 7-17 / \$7.00 member child.

Session 1: 4:00 p.m.

To register today, please click [here](#)

Session 2: 5:30 p.m.

To register today, please click [here](#)

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