

Old Westbury Gardens Reopens for the Season on April 2!

Step into Spring at Long Island's Premier Historic House and Garden— Tickets Available Starting March 20th

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OLD WESTBURY, NY, March 10, 2025 — Spring is on its way, and with it comes the much-anticipated reopening of Old Westbury Gardens! Beginning Wednesday, April 2, visitors can once again explore the historic estate and experience the beauty of one of Long Island's most treasured landmarks.

Tickets for the 2025 season will go on sale Thursday, March 20th. Whether you're eager to enjoy the first signs of spring, take part in seasonal programs, or simply relax outdoors, Old Westbury Gardens offers a diverse array of experiences. The 2025 season will feature a variety of new and returning special events that celebrate the beauty, culture, and history of the estate, offering both unique seasonal experiences and beloved traditions.



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As preparations for the new season continue, excitement is growing behind the scenes.

"Anticipation is building as we prepare Westbury House and the gardens for the season ahead," said Maura Brush, President and CEO of Old Westbury Gardens. "March is one of the most exciting times in the landscape, with signs of renewal appearing almost overnight. The offseason has provided an invaluable opportunity to carefully clean and assess our collections.

"Beyond the house and gardens, I am especially proud of the dynamic public programming we have curated for the coming season. Beloved favorites like Dog Days and Midsummer Nights will return, alongside exciting new additions, including our inaugural Gatsby Weekend. From inspiring art programs and wellness offerings to a reimagined summer camp, this season at Old Westbury Gardens promises something for everyone."

New for 2025:

- Easter Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza (April 19): Children ages 3-6, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to enjoy a special storybook stroll followed by an egg scavenger hunt for all ages.
- **Regency Romance Weekend** (May 3-4): A weekend celebrating the Regency-era, including period fashion, croquet, wisteria, embroidery, and an afternoon tea.
- **Gatsby at the Gardens** (September 19-21): Celebrate 100 years of *The Great Gatsby* with 1920s-themed activities.

Returning favorites:

- **Spring Dog-Friendly Weekend** (Apr 12-13), featuring the **Spring Dog Festival** on Saturday, April 12, from 11am to 4pm. Bring your leashed dogs to stroll the gardens in designated areas.
- Garden Days Weekend (May 15-17): A three-day plant sale and other garden related activities.
- **Midsummer Weekend** (Jun 19-22): Enjoy the gardens illuminated with lanterns, picnic spreads, a jazz concert, and extended hours into the evening.
- **Summer Sessions** (Jul 21-Aug 11): Four week-long (5-day) camps for young explorers (ages 5-9), blending outdoor adventure, creativity, and hands-on learning through art, STEM, and history-themed activities.
- The Long Island Celtic Festival & Highland Games (August 23): Featuring Highland Games, pipe bands, music and dance, Celtic food, shopping vendors, and more!
- Christmas at Westbury House (December): Holiday finery, festive refreshments, special events and Santa!

Old Westbury Gardens offers much more throughout the season including house and garden tours, weekly yoga and tai chi classes, classical music concerts, educational programs for both adults and children, lectures, and so much more. Whether you're seeking history, culture, family fun, wellness, or a peaceful escape in nature, Old Westbury Gardens is the perfect destination!

2025 Admission Fees: Adults \$18, Seniors (62+) \$15, Full-Time students (with I.D.) \$15, Children (7-17) \$8, Children 6 and under are free

Tickets and more information will go live on our website on Thursday, March 20th. Visit www.oldwestburygardens.org. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

About Old Westbury Gardens

Built in 1906 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Old Westbury Gardens was the former home of John S. Phipps and his family. Today, as a nonprofit organization, Old Westbury Gardens welcomes visitors of all ages for a wide range of historical, cultural, artistic, educational, and horticultural events. Through faithful preservation, the estate continues to inspire appreciation for early 20th-century American country estates. For more information, visit www.oldwestburygardens.org, or connect with us on social media: facebook.com/oldwestburygardens, twitter.com/oldwestburygard, Instagram.com/oldwestburygardens.

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