September 19 – 25, 2018  
Distinguished Host: Peter Olin, Arboretum Director Emeritus

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**  
Welcome to Long Island! Upon afternoon arrival in New York, we will meet our local guide and proceed to our hotel for check-in. Tonight, we will celebrate the spirit of Long Island and of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum by joining together for a Welcome Reception.

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**  
This morning we will begin our journey with a visit to the Longhouse Reserve to enjoy the natural beauty of spectacular garden displays blended with outdoor sculpture. Located in beautiful East Hampton, this sixteen-acre garden features established lawns, ornamental borders, plant collections and a collection of over 90 sculptures by well-known artists including Buckminster Fuller, Yoko Ono, and Willem de Kooning, planned by the internationally-recognized textile designer, Jack Lenor Larsen.
After lunch, we'll visit Madoo Conservancy, a magical oasis set on an enchanting 2-acre landscape in the heart of Sagaponack. Over the last forty years, artist and writer Robert Dash established a green, organic encyclopedia of gardening featuring Tudor, High Renaissance, early Greek, as well as Oriental garden influences. The myriad greens that abound in the garden, some alongside daring colors on railings, gates, windows and doors, together with innovative pruning techniques, all display an artistic genius at work. However, within this very original vision, an indigenous pattern surfaces. The continual introduction of native plants, the placement of a wheel-away bench (a rarely seen native design), a millstone, still in its barn, and migrant shack on the property, pay homage to generations past. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, Madoo’s residences also display interiors of exceptional and distinctive design, like the spiral staircase constructed of fallen timbers from the last hurricane as well as a bed designed to make one feel as though one is sleeping in the forest. Madoo is rich with 20th Century literary and artistic history as well-framed poems by Koethe, Ashbery, Schuyler and Guest, who visited many times and composed some of their work here, and letters from the likes of Georgia O’Keefe and Fairfield Porter, as well as the artwork of many notables, including Mr. Dash’s own.

This afternoon, we will explore the hidden gardens of Southampton, guided by Mr. Harvey Fienstein, Past President of the Southampton Rose Society.

This evening, you will have free time to explore the shops and cafes of Southampton Village, the oldest English settlement in the state of New York, named after the British Earl of Southampton.

Friday, September 21, 2018

Upon check-out at the hotel, we will visit the Bayard Cutting Arboretum which was donated to the Long Island State Park Region by Mrs. William Bayard Cutting and her daughter, Mrs. Olivia James, in memory of William Bayard Cutting, “to provide an oasis of beauty and quiet for the pleasure, rest and refreshment of those who delight in outdoor beauty; and to bring about a greater appreciation and understanding of the value and importance of informal planting.” The arboretum contains a collection of fir, spruce, pine, cypress, hemlock, yew and extensive plantings of dwarf evergreens, rhododendron, azaleas, hollies, and oaks. Wildflowers and daffodils are featured in many native woodland locations. Combined with the site’s ponds and streamlets, these areas also provide opportunities to observe a broad range of land and aquatic birds.

Our next visit, Nassau County Museum of Art, ranked among the nation’s largest and most important suburban art museums, located on the former Frick Estate, a spectacular property in the heart of Long Island's fabled Gold Coast. The main museum building, named in honor of art collectors and philanthropists Arnold and
Joan Saltzman, is a three-story Georgian mansion that exemplifies Gold Coast architecture of the late 19th century. In addition to the Arnold & Joan Saltzman Fine Art building, Nassau County Museum of Art includes the Sculpture Park, Formal Garden of historic importance, the Pinetum, an architecturally-significant restored trellis, rare specimen trees, and marked walking trails.

After lunch (on own) in Locust Valley, we will visit the Bailey Arboretum. This beautiful and accredited arboretum is located on 42 acres on the North Shore of Long Island, situated on the estate of renowned horticulturist and philanthropist Frank Bailey. Frank Bailey was a self-taught horticulturalist and a true experimental scientist, creating one of America’s first private garden museums, a site for professional and amateur gardeners from around the world. One of the most famous specimen trees on the property would be the Dawn Redwoods which are scattered throughout the property. They were thought to have been extinct for millions of years until 1941 when living Dawn Redwoods were discovered in Szechuan, China. Seeds from these trees were collected in 1947 by a Harvard University sponsored expedition, shipped to Boston and distributed among leading botanic gardens. It was a mark of Frank Bailey’s reputation in horticultural circles that he was among the first to receive seedlings, and in 1982 a survey of trees from the original Harvard consignment reported that the largest tree at Bailey Arboretum was the finest of the lot. In 2007, the International Metasequoia Society declared that this particular specimen has the largest girth of any Dawn Redwood in the world. The mature trees can be enjoyed during all seasons, freshly green in the spring, they turn golden in the fall before losing their needles. Other distinguishing features include a “ropy” trunk and a sharply-pointed silhouette.

For the duration of the journey, we will be staying at one of Long Island’s famous Gold Coast Mansions, Glen Cove Mansion. Originally known as The Manor, the 1910, 55-acre estate of John Teele and Ruth Baker Pratt was considered by Country Life Magazine as one of the best twelve country houses in America. Designed by the noted architect Charles Adams Platt (1861-1933), the brick Georgian mansion set in pastoral surroundings was an integral part of the many glamorous estates, which once comprised Long Island’s Gold Coast. Entering the stately two-story portico entrance, visitors are greeted by an elegant, baronial double staircase, imported paneling and antique fixtures that impart a feeling of being enveloped in a wonderful bygone era. The gracious lifestyle is still available at The Manor, now known as Glen Cove Mansion, as each guest is greeted with the same warm tradition set forth by the Pratt family in 1910. John T. Pratt, who passed away in 1927, was an attorney and an executive with Standard Oil Company. Ruth Baker Pratt was the first Republican Congresswoman from the state of New York. She represented New York City’s Silk Stocking district. Mrs. Pratt and her family maintained the estate until her death in 1965.

Tonight, we will have dinner (on own) in Huntington Village, a 36-block cosmopolitan oasis of restaurants and shops.
This morning visit **Sagamore Hill** which was home of Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States, from 1885 until his death in 1919. During Roosevelt's time in office, his "Summer White House" was the focus of international attention. Explore the natural surroundings and become inspired by the legacy of one of America's most popular presidents. As a teenager, Theodore Roosevelt fell in love with the area which would eventually become his home. Its' variety of habitats - woodlands, open fields, beaches, and salt marshes - provided for a great deal of diversity in plant and animal life. Over the next few years, the National Park Service will be conducting biological inventories for the purpose of documenting the species and habitats that currently exist at Sagamore Hill. With Theodore Roosevelt's own notes and observations, these inventories will be used to measure both the positive and negative environmental changes that have occurred at the site since his lifetime.

Next, we will have lunch (on own) and visit **Planting Fields Arboretum**, the former estate of insurance magnate William Robertson Coe and Standard Oil heiress Mai Rogers Coe. It is one of the few remaining Gold Coast estates on Long Island’s North Shore that retains its original 409 acres as well as its historic buildings and landscape. Rolling lawns, formal gardens, hiking trails and specimen plantings, as well as the Camellia Greenhouse and the Main Greenhouse, with its unique seasonal displays, are a treat for visitors year round. Coe Hall contains many original pieces and furnishings once belonging to the Coe family, including the restored Louis XVI Reception Room. The mostly Elizabethan-style interior of the Tudor Revival mansion is a showcase of artistry and craftsmanship in its wood and stone carvings, ironwork, 13th – 19th century stained glass windows and original commissioned murals by American artists Robert H. Chanler and Everett Shinn.

This afternoon we will visit **John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden**, an example of seamlessly integrating ageless Japanese landscape techniques with the woodland terrain of Long Island’s North Shore. In 1960, Lawyer John P. Humes (later Ambassador to Austria from 1969 to 1975) and his wife, Jean, visited Kyoto. Inspired by their visit, they spent the next 4 years transforming a wooded corner of their Mill Neck estate into a meditative Japanese landscape, including an imported tea house. They engaged a Japanese landscape designer and his wife, Douglas and Joan DeFaya, to design and direct the installation of the original two-acre section of the garden.

Tonight, we will have dinner (on own) at **Oyster Bay**.
Sunday, September 23, 2018

This morning we will explore the gardens at Wave Hill, often called "one of the greatest living works of art," a spectacular 28-acre garden and cultural center overlooking the majestic Hudson River and Palisades, in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. Wave Hill features an extensive collection of rare and unusual plants, carefully cultivated into 13 designed garden areas, along with a general history of the property. Experience the awe-inspiring view at the Great Lawn and Pergola Overlook, and the ever-changing display of flowers, shrubs and trees. Through its renowned gardens and programs in horticulture, education and the arts, Wave Hill is dedicated to exploring human connections to the natural world.

Next visit NY Botanical Garden, an iconic living museum, a major educational institution, and a renowned plant research and conservation organization. Founded in 1891 and now a National Historic Landmark, it is one of the greatest botanical gardens in the world and the largest in any city in the United States, distinguished by the beauty of its diverse landscape and extensive collections and gardens, as well as by the scope and excellence of its programs.

This afternoon, explore the historic South Street Seaport area and Pier 17. The transformed Seaport District features cutting-edge dining, shopping, & entertainment making the district one of NYC’s ultimate destinations.

Monday, September 24, 2018

This morning we visit Clark Botanic Garden, founded in 1969, Clark Botanic Garden is a 12-acre living museum and educational facility, dedicated to understanding and appreciating the world's plant life through horticulture, education and research. Collections at the garden include native spring wildflowers, conifers, roses, perennials, daylilies, wetland plants, rock garden plants, herbs, butterfly plants, medicinal plants and over a dozen collections of particular plant families. Clark Botanic Garden is proud to be listed as an official Daylily Garden by the American Hemerocallis Society.

Next we visit Old Westbury Gardens, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the former home of John S. Phipps, his wife, Margarita Grace Phipps and their four children. Completed in 1906 by the English designer, George A. Crawley, the magnificent Charles II-style mansion is nestled amid 200 acres of formal gardens, landscaped grounds, woodlands, ponds and lakes. Westbury House is furnished with fine English antiques and decorative arts from the more than fifty years of the family's residence. The horticultural palette changes every week at the Gardens. Generally, in September, you can find Boltonia, Chrysanthemum, Dahlias, Heleniums, Salvias, Snakeroot and Tea Roses in bloom.
After lunch, visit the **Historic Brewster House**, built in 1665 and considered the oldest house in the Town of Brookhaven, was home to six generations of Brewsters. The house has transformed over the centuries from the one-room cottage to its present saltbox structure. During the American Revolution, Joseph Brewster operated the house as a tavern and general store, entertaining British troops inside. American Patriot Caleb Brewster, presumably a frequent visitor to the house, was a member of George Washington’s Culper Spy Ring during the Revolutionary War. The Brewster House is listed on the New York State and National Register of Historic Places.

Free time to explore the historic **Stony Brook Village** with quaint shops featuring the Robinson’s Tea Room.

Tonight, say goodbye to your fellow Arb trippers at a special Farewell Dinner.

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

This morning visit **Oheka Castle**, a magnificent Gold Coast Mansion, resting majestically on the highest point of Long Island, emanating the elegant refinement of a chateau in France coupled with world-class service and a rich history that is distinctly American. Oheka has been celebrating the art of entertaining since 1919, when financier and patron of the arts, Otto Hermann Kahn, commissioned celebrated architects, Delano and Aldrich, to design his palatial country residence to accommodate Kahn’s fondness to host lavish parties. Oheka Castle is listed on the coveted National Register of Historic Places and is devoted to establishing an experience for guests to appreciate historic architecture, in European ambience, enjoy a favored book in the stately library, stroll the Formal Gardens designed by prominent landscape architects the Olmsted Brothers. In 1941, Oheka appeared as Xanadu in the opening montage of the classic film Citizen Kane, starring Orson Welles.

Next visit **Brooklyn Botanical Garden**, founded in 1910, and a gem even among New York’s superlative botanical sites, this verdant 52-acre oasis charms with its array of “gardens within the garden”—an idyllic Japanese Hill-and-Pond garden, a nearly century-old rose garden, and a Shakespeare garden. The Japanese cherry arbor turns into a breathtaking cloud of pink every spring, and the Sakura Matsuri two-day cherry blossom festival is the largest public-garden event in America.

After lunch (on own) we will proceed to the airport for flight home.
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