

March into Spring With Visits to Local Gardens and Museums

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Here are a few highlights of the openings, new exhibits and tours for March and into April so that you might enjoy the awakening of Spring.

Planting Fields: The Camellia House is in full bloom so get there quick. We have gone 3 times already and each time different blooms are showcasing their beauty. One quarter of the camellias are from the original planting by Mr. Coe over 100 years ago. The Main Greenhouse is filled with tropical, fruits, palms, orchids and begonias galore. Open every day 10-4 except Tuesday. Coe Hall is featuring Designing Nature Inside and Out, but tours must be booked in advance. Check website for details. <https://plantingfields.org/>

Bayard Cutting Arboretum : The arboretum is starting to show signs of Spring with snowdrops and other early Spring bulbs to follow. They are grounds tours, Wed and Sat at 10:30, free of charge, hours tours, need to be reserved, concerts on Sundays, reservations are required and workshops for children and adults. The Hidden Oak café opens March 5. Check the website for details. <https://bayardcuttingarboretum.com/>

Nassau County Art Museum: The sculpture garden has never closed and see it now in Spring daylight. We saw it with a bit of snow on the ground and it was beautiful with the pond frozen over. There is no fee for the sculpture

grounds. A new exhibit in the museum, *Impressionism: A World View*, begins March 19th. Time tickets for the exhibit are required but library passes are accepted without time entry needed. <https://nassaumuseum.org/>

On April, 1st we look forward to the opening of Old Westbury Gardens. Check the website for details since last year it was timed entrance only. <https://www.oldwestburygardens.org/>

On April 9th there is a Plant Sale at Restoration Farms and some CSA shares might still be open, but check for the farm stand hours since they sell to the public also with fresh organic and storage produce. <https://www.restorationfarm.com>

Many of the local libraries have Seed Libraries with free seeds and many are offering gardening workshops, so check around your local libraries. In addition to checking websites for all these venues, strongly suggest calling since hours are changing as are guidelines on a regular basis. Enjoy your early Spring visits.

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