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## **Holidays at Wave Hill: December 2005**

### **Artists Bring Nature Indoors with Festive Trimmings**

This December, celebrate the holiday season at Wave Hill, a public garden and cultural center, with **festive décor and natural trimmings created by nine contemporary artists**. Charged with “**bringing nature indoors**,” the artists transform Wave Hill House, a former 19<sup>th</sup> century estate house once home to Mark Twain, Theodore Roosevelt and Arturo Toscanini, into an intimate wonderland. Inspire your own decorating and enjoy the good cheer! **Hands-on holiday programs, seasonal fare in the Wave Hill Café, great gifts from the Wave Hill Shop** ([wavehillshop.com](http://wavehillshop.com)), **and brisk walks through the garden’s expansive winter landscape** will complement the exhibition. **Admission to Wave Hill is Free, December, January and February.**

#### **ARTIST PROJECTS**

In addition to their engagement with the natural world, each artist has a connection to Wave Hill through past exhibitions, or programs they have led.

- **Noah Baen** transforms a period fireplace with a rhapsody of autumnal color and texture. Using a cascading "quilt" of leaves and seed-laden plant material collected at Wave Hill, he evokes the season when nature draws back and concentrates its energy in preparation for its coming renewal.
- **Ann Chahbandour** transforms the entryway with an enchanting chandelier-like installation made of painted, natural materials, inspired by winter fairytales.
- **Cathy Deutsch**, a professional gardener and artist, creates wreaths featuring unusual natural materials, reflecting Wave Hill’s garden philosophy of experimentation.
- **Judy Hoffman’s** magical balustrade garland combines the residue of the fall – twigs, leaves, pods – with brilliantly colored handmade paper.
- **Patricia Miranda’s** elegant, gilded branches transform a room into a ceremonial space.
- **Tadashi Mitsui** creates striking, origami-inspired wall hangings. His exuberant mixed-media assemblages combine recycled materials with Japanese papers to make fantastic sculptures inspired by the shapes, colors, and textures of plant forms.
- **Alice Momm’s** installation of whimsical bird feeders connects the Wave Hill House interior to outdoor bird activity. Watch the birds feast through festive windows!
- **Eung Ho Park** ornaments Wave Hill House with scores of acorns dangling gracefully from threads.
- **Carol Sun**, a faculty member at the Bronx High School of Visual Art, conjures memories of summer with tranquil images inspired by Wave Hill’s Aquatic Garden.

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## DECEMBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

SAT, DECEMBER 3, 2PM

GARDEN WORKSHOP

**Natural Wreaths and Swags:** Use fresh greens, dried cones and other natural materials to create a lush seasonal wreath and swag. Garden Interpretation Manager **Laurel Rimmer** explains materials and techniques and guides you to make your own Wave Hill-inspired wreath. \$25/\$20 Member. Pre-registration required; call 718.549.3200 x305.

SUN, DECEMBER 4, 2PM

CONCERT

**Ollabelle:** Earning praise on *National Public Radio*, this ensemble unites six musicians in the celebration of American roots music. Performing songs that blend bluegrass, gospel, jazz and country traditions, Ollabelle speaks through a modern musical sensibility to the heart and soul of the rural American experience. \$18/\$15 Member. Call 718.549.3200 x251.

SAT, SUN, DECEMBER 3, 4, 1-4pm FAMILY ART PROJECT

**It's a Wrap/Es un regalo:** Make one-of-a-kind wrapping paper by printing repeated patterns inspired by Wave Hill's stately evergreens and other natural elements of the season.

SAT, SUN, DECEMBER 10, 11, 1-4pm

FAMILY ART PROJECT

**Greetings Painted with Pulp/Tarjetas hechas a mano:** Make fabulous holiday cards from scratch with guest artist and papermaker **Randy Brozen**. Begin by making a sheet of unique handmade paper then turn it into a seasonal card using colorful pulp "paint" and collage papers.

SAT, DECEMBER 10, 2PM

GARDEN DEMONSTRATION

**Heirloom Apples and Homemade Cider:** Celebrate harvest season with a cup of homemade apple cider. Apple expert **Charlie Day** and cidemaker **Steve Schultz** discuss cider equipment, techniques, and the best apples for making homemade cider. Sample freshly made hard and sweet (non-alcoholic) cider.

SUN, DECEMBER 11, 2PM

ADULT ART WORKSHOP

**Candlemaking:** Using cloves and other natural materials fashion and adorn pillar-, taper- and bee skep-styles of beeswax candles with artist and gardener **Cathy Deutsch**. These handmade creations make the perfect seasonal gift to brighten winter nights. \$15/\$10 Member. Pre-registration required; call 718.549.3200 x305.

SAT, SUN, DECEMBER 17, 18, 1-4pm

FAMILY ART PROJECT

**Festive Foil Mobiles:** Hang shining shapes of the sun, moon and stars; trees and animals along with real evergreen sprigs, seedpods, cones and leaves to create a balanced holiday hanging.

SUN, DECEMBER 18, 1-4pm

ADULT ART WORKSHOP

**Illuminated Cards:** Using gold leaf and natural handmade paints illuminate a seasonal card. Check out *Ardisia crispa* 'Hilo Holly' and *Camellia japonica*, blooming outside and in Wave Hill's Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory as botanical inspiration. Led by artist **Patricia Miranda**. \$15/\$10 Member. Pre-registration required; call 718.549.3200 x305.

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**Wave Hill** A public garden & cultural center

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Accessible by Car, MTA Express Bus, Metro-North rail (to Riverdale Station), #1 subway transfer at 231 St. to Bx 7/10 bus, A subway transfer at 208 St. to Bx 7 bus.

**HOURS** 9am-4:30pm, Tues-Sun. Closed Mondays, and on Dec 25 and Jan 1.

**ADMISSION** Free - December, January, February

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