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Wave Hill's Annual Gardeners' Party September 21 to Honor Garden Writer and Podcaster Margaret Roach *"Best Garden Party in Town"*

Bronx, NY, August 21, 2023 — Wave Hill has long served as a beacon to garden enthusiasts with its intimate gardens and framed vistas of the Hudson River and Palisades. This year's annual [Gardeners' Party](#) fundraiser brings the horticultural community together in this stunning setting to honor renowned garden writer and podcaster Margaret Roach.

Margaret Roach has been a champion of Wave Hill for decades and has served as both a member of the garden's Board of Directors and Chair of its Friends of Horticulture Committee. Her passions closely align with Wave Hill's—to inspire and educate a new generation of high-caliber horticulturists. She has been writing about gardening for three decades, starting with *Newsday* and then for Martha Stewart. Now, with her popular *New York Times* column "In the Garden" and "A Way to Garden" podcast, she provides a platform for many varied and informed voices, educating audiences from novice to nuanced expert.

As Margaret herself says, "How many things over the years have I described with the phrase, 'I first saw that at Wave Hill?' From its start, Wave Hill was always a step ahead, pushing the boundaries on plant palette and breaking the rules, and mold, for what an American public garden could be. Wave Hill's answer, bottom line: never institutional—and always intimate in feel, despite its scale. That kind of creative thinking has inspired a generation of other public gardens, and many thousands of gardeners—including me."

The evening begins at 6PM with cocktails in the gardens and the opportunity to talk shop with Wave Hill's gardeners and other distinguished colleagues in the horticulture community, including a who's who from the best public gardens and nurseries in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic region and well beyond. Enjoy creative food stations highlighting the season's harvest as you peruse special offerings in our plant sale, and silent and live auctions. This year's items feature expertly curated specimens and plants not available in the trade, and one-of-a-kind garden experiences with renowned gardeners, designers and authors you will only find at this event. Garden Champions have early access to the party and plant sale featuring rare perennials and woodies from *issima*, beginning at 5PM. As the sun sets, gather on the upper lawn to celebrate Margaret.



Honoree Margaret Roach.
Photo: Erica Berger.

Gardeners' Party Evening Schedule

- 5:00PM Early access to the Plant Sale for Garden Champions
Selections from Wave Hill's gardens and *issima*, a nano-nursery featuring under-cultivated and garden-worthy, hardy plants
- 6:00PM Cocktails, Seasonal Food Stations, Plant Sale & Auction
- 7:00PM Presentation honoring Margaret Roach. Live auction to follow

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About Wave Hill

A 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, Wave Hill's mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts.

HOURS: Open all year, Tuesday–Sunday, 10AM–5:30PM. Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory 10AM–Noon; 1–4PM.

ADMISSION TO THE GROUNDS: \$10 adults, \$6 students and seniors 65+, \$4 children 6-18. Free Thursdays. Free to Wave Hill Members, children under 6.

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