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## Wave Hill's Annual Gardeners' Party September 15 to Honor Urban Designer and Landscape Architect Signe Nielsen

*"Best Party in Town" to Celebrate the Art of Gardening*

Bronx, NY, August 23, 2022 — A world-class jewel of a public garden in the Bronx, Wave Hill is a magnet for serious garden enthusiasts at its annual fall [Gardeners' Party](#), held when the color is glorious and the gardens frame sweeping views.

This year, Wave Hill honors renowned urban designer and landscape architect Signe Nielsen, a passionate advocate for open spaces that foster creative, environmentally focused solutions. Nielsen has been a driving force in creating Wave Hill's first Garden Master Plan, which will guide Wave Hill over the next decade. It outlines capital improvements that will enhance the overall visitor experience, expand accessibility and strengthen our garden infrastructure.

Nielsen's award-winning work includes Hunts Point Landing in the Bronx and Little Island in downtown Manhattan. She is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Founding Principal of Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects, former President of the Public Design Commission of New York City and Professor of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture at Pratt Institute.

Meet and mingle with our gardeners, horticultural experts and this year's John Nally interns, who work alongside Wave Hill gardeners from early spring to late fall each year, furthering their understanding of the principles of horticulture.

Peruse our **curated plant sale** and place your bids at our **signature auction**. Then, as the sun sets, gather with friends for dinner al fresco as we honor Signe.



Honoree Signe Nielsen.  
Photo: Mathews Nielsen  
Landscape Architects

### Gardeners' Party Evening Schedule

5:00PM—Cocktails, Plant Sale & Auction

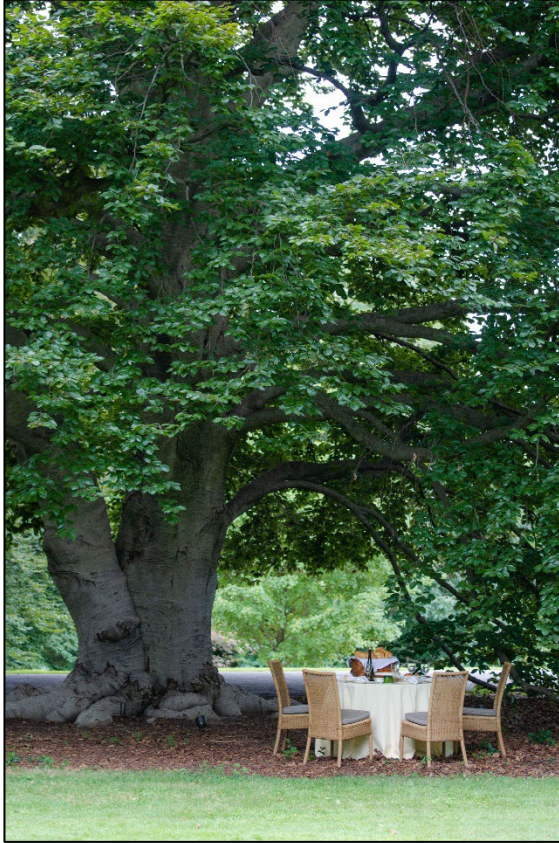
7:00PM—Dinner, Honoree Tribute & Live Auction

8:45PM—Event concludes

### Auction Highlights

Our online silent auction opens Friday, September 9, featuring rare plants grown at Wave Hill, one-of-a-kind experiences, botanical art and distinctive items you will only find at Wave Hill. The auction closes the evening of the Gardeners' Party, when a few extra-choice items will be auctioned live. A comprehensive list, with full descriptions and photos, will be available on our website September 9. On the list are a lunch/studio tour with gardener and acclaimed ceramicist Frances Palmer, and a custom bulb design and installation, at your site, by Wave Hill's Director of Horticulture, Cathy Deutsch, and Director of Horticulture Emeritus, Marco Polo Stufano.

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Clockwise from left:  
Your party of four will dine al fresco under the canopy of our majestic copper beech.

This mature, *Boophone disticha*, both toxic and medicinal, flowers once a year with an outsized pink umbel—quite literally a star. The plant's parallel, fan-like, wavy leaves keep us feeling fanatical about it the rest of the year.

Artist and author Abbie Zabar's signed and dated *White Chrysanthemums in Glass Jar*, 2017, colored pencil on museum board, is achivally framed with a black float mount and a bleached maple surround. 11 1/8 x 9 1/8 inches.

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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, currently Tuesday–Sunday, 10AM–5:30PM. **ADMISSION TO THE GROUNDS:** \$10 adults, \$6 students and seniors 65+, \$4 children 6-18. Free Thursdays. Free to members, children under 6. For current safety protocols and other information about visiting Wave Hill, please be sure check the website prior to visiting.

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete directions at [wavehill.org](http://wavehill.org).

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