

## Celebrate National Public Gardens Day!

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National Public Gardens Day is this Friday (May 8). To celebrate in The Hamptons, Peconic Land Trust has partnered with LongHouse Reserve and Madoo Conservancy for a special day of free one-hour guided tours. Space is limited so reserve early by calling the Peconic Land Trust.

The self-driving tour begins with a tour at 10:30 a.m. at LongHouse. The day continues with a tour set for 1 p.m. at Madoo Conservancy and concludes with a tour at 3 p.m. at Bridge Trust Gardens. Continue scrolling for details on each garden.

National Public Gardens Day is an annual celebration of the nation's public gardens. The day raises awareness of the important role gardens play in "promoting environmental stewardship, plant and water conservation, green spaces, and education in communities nationwide." To discover additional gardens, visit [American Public Gardens Associations](#) to participate in the celebrations.

### LongHouse Reserve

133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, NY 11937

LongHouse Reserve displays an extensive permanent sculpture collection as well as temporary installations. This season, five new sculptures have already been unveiled. They include work by Takashi Soga, Grace Knowlton, Sui Jianguo, Ronald Bladen, and Kiki Smith.

LongHouse is set on 16 acres and feature art gardens. Natural highlights include Peter's Pond and the Red Garden.

LongHouse Reserve has a strong conviction that the arts are central to living wholly and creatively. Founded by Jack Lenor Larsen, LongHouse Reserve aims to exemplify living with art by bringing together art and nature, aesthetics and spirit through its cultivated and curated arboretum, sculpture gardens and programs.



“Eye of the Ring” by Takashi Soga at LongHouse Reserve.

## **Madoo Conservancy**

618 Sagg Lake Lane, Sagaponack, NY 11962

Madoo Conservancy is a two-acre organic garden set near the center of Sagaponack Village. The Friday tour coincides with the season opening of Madoo.

The Madoo Conservancy is dedicated to the study, preservation, and enhancement of Madoo, the horticulturally diverse garden with historic structures established in 1967 by artist, gardener, and writer Robert Dash in Sagaponack Village. Madoo is a unique living tribute to the artistic imagination of Robert Dash. The conservancy seeks to continually engage, educate, and inspire visitors within this organic environment.



Madoo Conservancy.

## **Bridge Gardens**

36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932

Bridge Gardens is a unique public garden located in center of Bridgehampton. Set on around five acres, its gardens feature many specimens of trees, shrubs, hedgerow, roses, perennials and herbs.

Horticulturalists Jim Kilpatric and Harry Neyens donated the garden to the Peconic Land Trust in the fall of 2008. Bridge Gardens is a stewardship project of the Peconic Land Trust and serves as a multi-purpose, multi-disciplinary outdoor classroom, demonstration garden and community resource with a focus on sustainable lawn and gardening practices.



Roses at Bridge Gardens.

**BASIC FACTS:** Reserve your space on the tour by calling the Peconic Land Trust at 631.283.3195, ext. 19. [www.peconiclandtrust.org](http://www.peconiclandtrust.org).

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