

AMONG OUR ANNUAL EVENTS

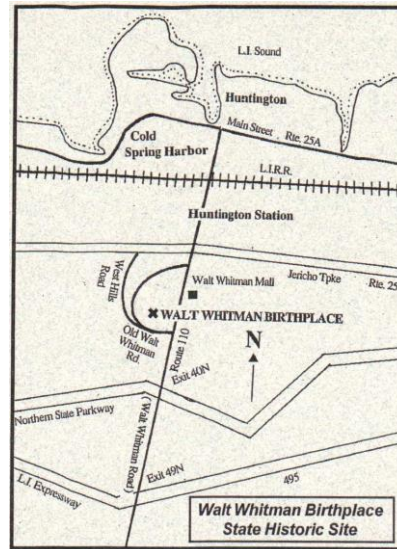
- ❖ Poet in Residence program-Master Class & Reading
- ❖ Writer in Residence program
- ❖ Long Island Poet of the Year Award & Reading
- ❖ *Walking with Whitman: Poetry in Performance Series* showcasing national & regional poets
- ❖ *Young Student Poetry Writing Contest* receiving 4,000 entries & awarding 100 prizes
- ❖ Museum Studies Internship programs for High School & College students
- ❖ School programs featuring tours & writing workshops to 6,000 students annually
- ❖ Guided historic Birthplace tours to 16,000 local, national & international visitors annually
- ❖ Art & history exhibitions in Gathering House gallery
- ❖ Venue for Long Island Artists and Musicians to showcase their creativity
- ❖ Brownie, Girl & Boy Scout activities to fulfill the Toy Maker, Drama, Writing, and Manners Badges
- ❖ Family Day programs for Halloween, Yuletide and St. Patrick's Day.
- ❖ Victorian Tea Party – Adult & Children

WALT WHITMAN BIRTHPLACE

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Summer Hours

June 15 – Labor Day
Monday-Friday 11-4pm
Saturday and Sunday 11-5pm

Winter Hours

Wednesday-Friday 1-4pm
Saturday and Sunday 11-4pm

Closed Holidays

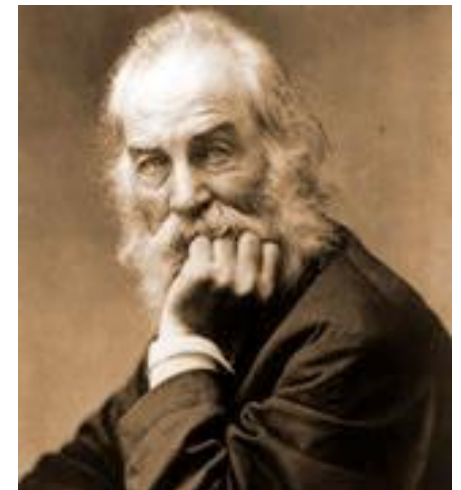
Easter Sunday
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
New Year's Day

School and Group Tours by appointment
Two weeks advance notice required

WALT WHITMAN BIRTHPLACE

State Historic Site And Interpretive Center

JOIN US!!!



National Literary Landmark

National Register of Historic Places

Named an "American Treasure"



“Starting from fish-shape Paumanok, where I was born ...”



The WALT WHITMAN BIRTHPLACE ASSOCIATION was organized in 1949 and purchased Whitman’s birthplace to safeguard it for future generations. In 1957, the Birthplace Association gave New York State title to property.

The Association, working in cooperation with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, preserves the house where the poet was born and lived the early years of his life, and makes the poet’s life and work accessible to all through guided tours, school and public programs and exhibits. The farm house was built by Walt’s father circa 1810 and Walt was born here on May 31, 1819.

At the modern Interpretive Center, built in 1997, visitors delve deeply into Whitman’s life and poetry through a series of engaging exhibits with 130 portraits of Walt. Among important artifacts are a writing desk used by him as a young school teacher on Long Island and a first edition of his epic book of poetry, *Leaves of Grass*. The Interpretive Center houses a museum shop and a multimedia area that offers a biographical video and a recording of Whitman’s voice. The Center also contains a performance space with stage and seating for 80 guests, a meeting room (capacity 50), and kitchen facilities. Glass doors offer a panoramic view of the Grand Lawn and the 8’ bronze statue of *Whitman with Butterfly*. The Gathering House, built 2004, offers space for exhibitions and meetings.

MISSION STATEMENT

Walt Whitman Birthplace Association is Walt Whitman’s voice today, celebrating the poet’s vision of democracy, diversity, and creativity. Our programs and exhibits educate the public on Whitman’s life and times, explore his contribution to our nation’s rich cultural heritage, and inspire young poets and writers.

The facilities are available for rental.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

LIBRARY PASS \$75

- Membership card for unlimited free admission to Walt Whitman Birthplace and Interpretive Center
(Membership entitles a group of four or a family unit free admission to the Birthplace and Interpretive Center, and free viewing of art exhibits at The Gathering House.)

INDIVIDUAL \$30

Full time student/teacher/senior (62+)/veteran/
Young Professional (under 40) **\$20**

- Membership card for unlimited free admission to Walt Whitman Birthplace and Interpretive Center
- Free admission to art and history exhibitions in Gathering House gallery
- Annual subscription to *Starting from Paumanok*, biannual newsletter
- Discounts for poetry programs, workshops and family events
- 10% discount in Museum Gift Shop

FAMILY \$40

All the above benefits for two adults and children or grandchildren

FRIEND \$50

All the above benefits plus:

- Placement of your book in Museum Gift Shop

PATRON \$100

All the above benefits plus:

- Your name listed in newsletter, *Starting from Paumanok*

SPONSOR \$250

All the above benefits plus:

- *Best of the Best American Poetry*, 25th Anniversary Edition, signed by Editor & Former US Poet Laureate, Robert Pinsky

ASSOCIATE \$500

All the above benefits plus:

- *Behind the Scenes* tour with Curator for you and five guests
- 10% discount for site rentals for personal poetry readings or social events

BENEFACTOR \$1000

All the above benefits plus:

- WWBA Poet in Residence’s Book & Broadside

POETS CIRCLE \$2500+

All the above benefits plus:

- Invitation to Trustee dinner with annual Poet in Residence
- Name inscribed on museum wall plaque
- Gilt-edged hardback edition of *Leaves of Grass*

We are a charitable organization to which donations are tax exempt pursuant to Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

When I give, I give myself.

Walt Whitman

I WANT TO SUPPORT THE BIRTHPLACE – SIGN ME UP!

- New Membership Renewal

NAME (S): _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

FOR GIFT MEMBERSHIP, FILL IN BELOW

RECIPIENT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

- Return gift membership to me
 Mail membership directly

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Check amount: \$ _____
*(Payable to: Walt Whitman Birthplace Association
246 Old Whitman Rd., Huntington, NY 11746)*
 Charge membership amount: \$ _____
 AMEX VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Fax charged membership to: **(631) 427-5247**

SELECT MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Pass | \$75 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Senior | | |
| Teacher/Veteran | | |
| Young Professional | \$20 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$30 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$40 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | \$50 | My areas of interest are: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry/Literary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor | \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate | \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> School Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poets Circle | \$2500+ | |

THANK YOU!

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