

Wave Hill is well known to the ASBA community for hosting the ASBA Annual International shows. A 28-acre estate set on the banks of the Hudson River, offering magnificent fall foliage panoramas when viewed from the porticos and terraces of the gardens. The vistas are punctuated by the steep cliffs of the Hudson River Palisades.

Once the private residence of George Walbridge Perkins, a pioneer of conservation and partner of J.P. Morgan. Years later, the 80 acre estate was divided and the home rented to such luminaries as conductor Arturo Toscanini, Mark Twain. When in residence, the British delegation to the United Nations once hosted the Queen Mother Elizabeth at the estate.

During Perkins' lifetime he hired Alert Millard, a Viennese landscape gardener, to fulfill his vision of distinct, themed gardens with "natural" paths. All to be planted primarily with native species but interspersed with rare tree specimens.

In 1960, the Perkins and Freeman families made an extraordinary gift of the two former residences, Wave Hill House and Glyndor House, along with an additional 28 acres to the City of New York to be opened for public's enjoyment.

Over the decades, the stately homes and gardens fell into disrepair. Today the gardens are once again being transformed, guided by the superb skills of generations of Wave Hill gardeners, beginning with its Founding Director of Horticulture, Marco Polo Stufano.

Wave Hill now consists of cultivated terraced gardens, an arboretum with mature, diverse specimens, greenhouses, and several neo-Georgian stone buildings. The stately original manor houses the Glyndor Galleries and café and another a gift shop.

On this private tour, guests will be led on a leisurely stroll by a Wave Hill horticulturalist through the seasonally planted flower beds through the alpine rock garden, woodland and tranquil aquatic gardens. A visit to the rare plant collection in the greenhouses and an exhibition of artist-in-residence work in the Glyndor Gallery and Sunroom Project Space is included in this excursion.