

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



The WALT WHITMAN BIRTHPLACE ASSOCIATION invites you to join us in preserving and maintaining the house where the poet was born. Organized in 1949 to purchase Whitman's Birthplace from its former owner and safeguard it for future generations, the Association was successful in its original purpose. In 1957, to ensure the security of the house and grounds, the Birthplace Association gave New York State title to the property under an agreement by which it would be maintained as a New York State Historic Site while continuing to be operated by the Birthplace Association. The Association, working in cooperation with the 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 it available to the public. It further seeks to make the poet's life and work accessible to all through school and public programs, exhibits, and publications.

The Association maintains a library containing volumes, monographs, and catalogs—some of them rare—and makes these available to scholars and the general public.

We are most proud of our sponsorship of a Poet-in-Residence program which has honored each year such distinguished contemporary poets as William Heyen, Allen Planz, Louis Simpson, John Ciardi, W.D. Snodgrass, Galway Kinnell, David Ignatow, June Jordan, Stanley Kunitz, William Stafford, Allen Ginsberg, Sharon Olds, Adrienne Rich, Robert Bly, Joseph Bruchac, Diane Wakoski, Mark Rudman, Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Marge Piercy, Billy Collins, Gary Soto, Samuel Menashe and Marvin Bell.

A MUSEUM FOR MEMBERS

The membership program is designed with you in mind. Valuable benefits and privileges help you save money, stay informed, and increase your enjoyment of everything that goes on at the museum.

INDIVIDUAL - \$30

Full time student, senior (62+), or teacher - \$20

- Unlimited free admission to Walt Whitman Birthplace and Interpretive Center
- Annual subscription to *Starting from Paumanok*, seasonal newsletter including calendar of events
- Free admission or substantial discounts for poetry readings, workshops, lectures, films, concerts, and special programs
- Invitations to special events
- 10% discount at Museum Shop and Bookstore

FAMILY - \$40

All of the above benefits for two adults and children or grandchildren (to age 18)

FRIEND - \$50 - 99

All of the above benefits plus:

- Two Museum guest passes

PATRON - \$100 - 149

All of the above benefits plus:

- Annual subscription to *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review*, published by the University of Iowa
- Four Museum guest passes
- 15% discount at Museum Shop and Bookstore

PATRON PLUS - \$150 - 249

All of the above benefits plus:

- Six Museum guest passes
- Listing in *Walt Whitman Birthplace Association* printed materials

Opened on May 31, 1997, the Interpretive Center (right) features exhibits by a noted designer in a setting sensitive to the landscape and the historic house. Planned by an award-winning architect, it has revitalized the Walt Whitman Birthplace Museum to meet the challenges of the new century. We are now able to offer quality exhibits and programs for students of all ages. Walt Whitman Birthplace—a new look, a new beginning, an old friend.

SPONSOR - \$250 - 499

All of the above benefits plus:

- Eight Museum guest passes
- Behind-the-scenes tour with Curator

DONOR - \$500 - 999

All of the above benefits plus:

- Ten Museum guest passes
- Invitation to the annual Director's Reception

BENEFACTOR - \$1,000 - 2,499

All of the above benefits plus:

- Twenty Museum guest passes
- Year-long public recognition on the Benefactors' lobby panel
- Listing in the Major Contributors' brochure
- Invitation to a special President's reception with a major poet

SUSTAINER - \$2,500 - 4,999

All of the above benefits plus:

- Thirty Museum guest passes
- *Leaves of Grass* facsimile edition signed by the Poet in Residence

GUARDIAN - \$5,000 - Above

All of the above benefits plus:

- Unlimited Museum guest passes
- Permanent recognition on an inscribed plaque in the lobby
- Specially designed personal memento of the Walt Whitman Birthplace



METHOD OF PAYMENT

Amount \$ _____

- Payment is enclosed.
 Cash
 Check, payable to:
Walt Whitman Birthplace Association
 246 Old Walt Whitman Road
 West Hills, NY 11746-4148

VISA MasterCard

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Charged memberships may be faxed to:
 631-427-5247.

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Your contribution, tax-deductible within the limit provided by law, supports the educational program of our non-profit organization, founded in 1949. **Thank you very much for your continued support.**

AMONG OUR ANNUAL EVENTS

Walt Whitman Birthday Celebration
 on or about May 31st, including:

Poet in Residence

Poetry Readings

Poetry Contests

Living History Encampment

Music of the Period

Master Class with Poet in Residence

Student Poetry Contest

Walt Whitman Walk and Poetryfest:

A walk on the Walt Whitman Trail followed by an open poetry reading

Long Island Poets readings

Walt Whitman Heritage Lectures

Open Readings

Concerts

Workshops

The Walt Whitman Birthplace Association has undertaken the preservation and operation of Walt Whitman Birthplace, a state-owned historic site, in cooperation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

A copy of the latest Annual Report filed by the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association, Inc., may be obtained upon request from the State of New York, Department of State, 162 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231.

**“Stop this day and night with me
 and you shall possess
 the origin of all poems.”**



WALT WHITMAN BIRTHPLACE

New York State Historic Site
 National Register of Historic Places

246 Old Walt Whitman Road

West Hills, NY 11746-4148

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June 15-Labor Day: Open Monday – Friday 11-4

Saturday and Sunday 12-5

Closed holidays

Winter hours: Open Wednesday – Friday 1-4

Saturday and Sunday 11-4

Closed holidays

Handicapped Accessible

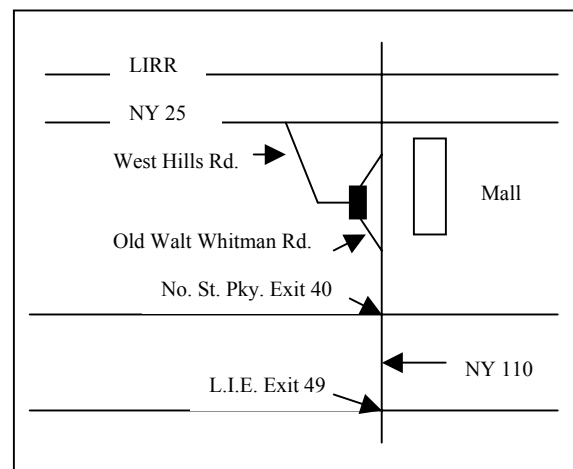
Admission

\$3 adults; \$2 Seniors (over 62) and Students;

\$1 Children 7-12; Children 6 & under Free;

School and Group Tours by appointment

two weeks in advance



Directions:

Centrally located 30 miles from New York City. Long Island Expressway to Exit 49N, north 1.8 miles, or Northern State Parkway Exit 40N, north 1 mile, then left on Old Walt Whitman Road; or NY 25 to NY 110 south, bear right 1/2 mile south onto Old Walt Whitman Road. From Huntington LIRR station, take S-1 bus (Amityville) south to Walt Whitman Mall. Birthplace is opposite mall on west side of NY 110. No service on Sundays. For information call Suffolk County Transit, 631-360-5700, M-F 8 AM - 4 PM.

Walt Whitman
 Birthplace
 State Historic Site
 and Interpretive Center

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 West Hills, New York