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**PLANTING FIELDS PRESENTS *PLANTING PRIDE: A TWO-DAY FESTIVAL CELEBRATING THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY*
June 10 – 11, 2022**

Planting Pride is first Pride Festival in Planting Fields' more than 100-year history



Oyster Bay, NY, June 2022. On June 10 and 11, Planting Fields Foundation will host its first-ever [Planting Pride Festival](#), celebrating the LGBTQ+ community and its past, present, and future at Planting Fields. Pride month kicks off a much larger initiative at Planting Fields that aims to tell the stories and celebrate the lives and contributions of queer designers, photographers, and other creators who were central to the making of Planting Fields.

The two-day celebration begins Friday June 10 from 7-10 pm with the *Gay in the Gilded Age* party. The event features an eclectic lineup of performance artists and drag queens set amidst the historical backdrop of Coe Hall, the 75-room Tudor revival residence designed by legendary architects Walker and Gillette. The evening's entertainment includes Miami-based artists David Rohn and Danilo de la Torre presenting a performance piece in three-segments that integrates the wit of confirmed or presumed queer historical figures such as Elsie De Wolfe, Oscar Wilde, and Walt Whitman. Collaborating with Fernando Cute (Argentina/Miami) and Joseph Smith

(New York-based Historicist/Performance Animator), in a spectacular performance involving living history and drag, Planting Fields will transform into a *mise-en-scène* for new histories. On view throughout the residence during the festivities is the exhibition [Fashioning Desire: The Art of Gerda Wegener](#), as well as other treasures of the permanent collection. Tickets are \$30 for ages 21 – 30 and \$45 for General Admission. Event is 21+ and identification will be checked at the door. Limited tickets remain. Registration is available at <https://plantingfields.org/happenings/pride-festival/>.

On Saturday, June 11 the *Planting Pride* Festival continues from 10am to 4:00 pm FREE with a full day of activities and performances celebrating Pride. Local vendors, artists, non-profit organizations, and performers will be on hand to demonstrate their support for the queer community on Long Island. Coe Hall will be open for self-guided tours of *Fashioning Desire: The Art of Gerda Wegener*. and two panel discussions, *Finding and Sharing a Queer History* beginning at Noon, and *Creating Queer Community and Resource Building* beginning at 2 pm. Visitors can learn about queer history, art, and local resources, take a yoga class, enjoy a dance performance by *Moving On Dance*, join in rainbow face painting, dance away to a Drag DJ set by legendary Adora, and much more. FREE registration includes access to all festival areas and activities, including seats for one or both panels (while they last). Events are free with registration as there is limited capacity. Register at: <https://plantingfields.org/happenings/pride-festival/>

SATURDAY JUNE 11 FESTIVAL PROGRAM

All Day Programs: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Craft Vendors, Location: Cloister Garden
Self-guided Tours of *Fashioning Desire* Exhibition, Location: Coe Hall
Special Access to Elsie de Wolfe designed Tea House
Rainbow Face Painting, Location: West Portico Lawn

Scheduled Programs, Locations: West Portico or Great Hall

11:00 AM – Yoga Class (West Portico)
12:00 PM – Panel Discussion: *Finding and Sharing a Queer History* (Great Hall)
1:00 PM – *Moving On Dance* Performance (West Portico)
2:00 PM – Panel Discussion: *Creating Queer Community and Resource Building* (Great Hall)
3:00 PM – DJ set and Drag Performance by the Legendary Adora (West Portico)

An advisory council has helped shape *Planting Pride*. Members include: Meredith Maus, Executive Director, Oyster Bay Main Street Association, Sarah Kate Ellis, President and CEO, GLAAD, Kristen Henderson, Co-director of Girls Rising and Musician, Antigone Rising, Chris Tanaka, Assistant Director of LGBTQ* Services at Stony Brook and Board Member, National Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resources Professionals, Devon Zappasodi, Project Director, Pride for Youth.

Planting Pride is made possible by funding from Planting Fields Foundation and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation.

About Planting Fields Foundation

Created beginning in 1913 by insurance magnate William Robertson Coe and his wife, Mai Rogers Coe, heiress and daughter of Standard Oil partner Henry Huttleston Rogers, Planting Fields is an estate on Long Island's Gold Coast that is a historical testament to American art, architecture, landscape, and horticulture. Located in Oyster Bay, New York with a landscape designed by the Olmsted Brothers Firm, the grounds feature 409 acres of greenhouses, rolling lawns, formal gardens, woodland paths, and outstanding plant collections. Designed as an integrated composition of the built and natural world, the original historic estate buildings and landscape remain intact including Coe Hall, a 65-room Tudor Revival mansion designed by Walker & Gillette. The interior of the house is a showcase of artistry and craftsmanship with a distinctly American aesthetic that features original ironwork commissions by Samuel Yellin and murals painted by artists Robert Winthrop Chanler and Everett Shinn. Planting Fields is included in the National Register of Historic Places. Founded in 1952 by W. R. Coe, Planting Fields Foundation is a not-for-profit public educational foundation chartered by the New York State Board of Regents. With regular exhibitions, conservation and educational programs, Planting Fields Foundation strives to preserve and make relevant to all audiences the heritage of Planting Fields. For more information visit www.plantingfields.org.



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