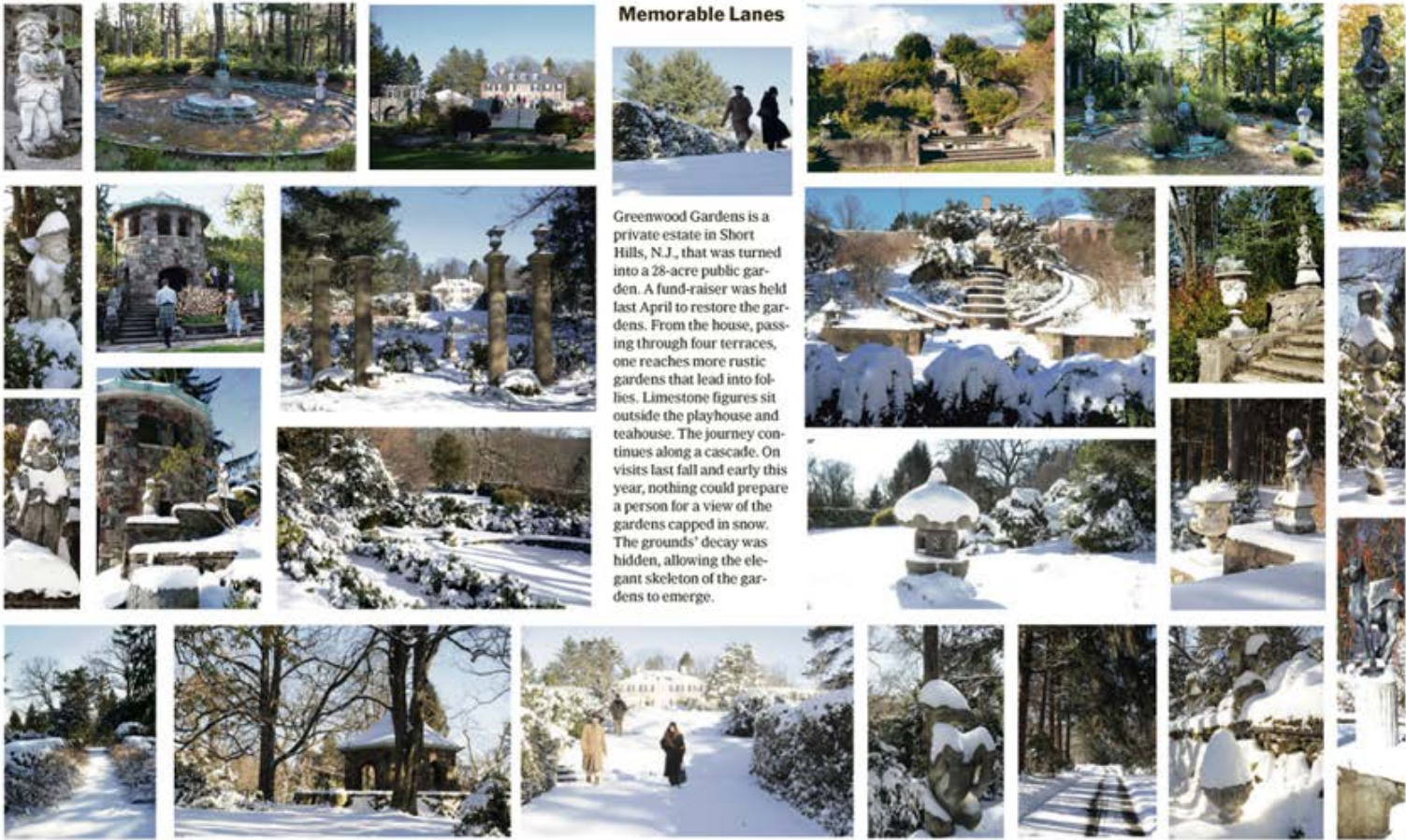


Evening Hours

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Memorable Lanes

Greenwood Gardens is a private estate in Short Hills, N.J., that was turned into a 28-acre public garden. A fund-raiser was held last April to restore the gardens. From the house, passing through four terraces, one reaches more rustic gardens that lead into follies. Limestone figures sit outside the playhouse and teahouse. The journey continues along a cascade. On visits last fall and early this year, nothing could prepare a person for a view of the gardens capped in snow. The grounds' decay was hidden, allowing the elegant skeleton of the gardens to emerge.



The Brooklyn Botanic Garden last spring as its allées of Japanese wisteria blooms framed the Brooklyn Museum in the background. This area leads to the site of the annual rose garden party.



Springtime in the Central Park Conservancy Garden at Fifth Avenue and 104th Street. The Three Dancing Maidens fountain was moved to Central Park in 1947 after the death of Samuel Untermyer.



Untermyer Gardens in Yonkers in late June, when a fund-raiser was held to restore the walled Persian garden, which has sweeping views of the Hudson.



In Boston, a highlight was the annual hanging of nasturtium vines last March at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, which has an indoor flowering garden with ever-changing floral displays.

On a visit last June to the Old Westbury Gardens on Long Island, the white wisteria that shrouded the walls were quick to grab your attention.