

THE GILDED AGE GALA

**Garden City Is Proud To Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary
With A Spectacular Tribute To America And Garden City's Unique History
October 3rd & October 4th, 2026**

This once-in-a-lifetime event, to be held October 3rd, is aptly called **The Gilded Age Gala** in recognition of Alexander Turney Stewart's founding of Garden City and the building of our most iconic and historic structures during the optimistic and opulent Gilded Age.

The Gilded Age Gala is an important fundraiser, with every dollar raised going to preserve the historic architecture the Stewarts deliberately planned to physically embody the unique elegance, graciousness and charm of the village when they were building Garden City on the barren Hempstead Plains.

In the 167 years since its founding, the multitude of incomparable National Register buildings, combined with the exceptional quality of every aspect of life, has continued to give Garden City status as one of the most desirable and prestigious towns in America. That prestige status and architectural heritage helps drive property values, which over the last 100 years have massively exceeded the national average through every major economic cycle. The current median sale price in Garden City is roughly 290% higher than the median home price in the US.

Our historic architecture represents the soul of Garden City, providing a sanctuary, places to contemplate, enjoy music and art of every description in every season; spaces filled with treasured reminders of the people who lived in Garden City and accomplished great things; places which welcome every resident of every age to take part in enriching cultural programs.

The Gilded Age Gala will be held in the magnificent Cathedral of The Incarnation (c.1885), built by Cornelia Clinch Stewart in memory of her husband, and on its historic grounds. The Cathedral is the ideal place to celebrate the history of the country and well as the village - because it's a testament to the optimism and determination of the men and women - many of them self-made like Stewart - whose vision dramatically transformed America during the Gilded Age.

- The evening will begin with cocktails, music and mingling inside the Cathedral.
- Attendees will then join the procession to dinner in a lavish environment that reimagines the style and splendor of the Gilded Age, created by the world-famous Spaeth Design.
- Prime Fine Catering will create a menu in homage to America, including an open bar and signature cocktails.
- Dance the night away in period costumes and black tie (optional) to an orchestra's music, under crystal chandeliers, with tables shimmering by candlelight.
- Fireworks by Grucci over the Cathedral spire will be a fitting and spectacular culmination to the evening and the celebration of America's 250th!

"A Tribute To 250 Years of American Music," a free concert open to residents who register, will be performed in the Cathedral by The North Shore Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, October 4th, 2026. This tribute concert will bring the community together as a joyful close to a year-long celebration! Tickets with premium seating included (two for every table of ten taken for the Gala; quantities for Sponsorships - see the Sponsorship Opportunities).

In a world that embodies "planned obsolescence" and disposable everything, the need to preserve the symbols of America's - our - history, which continue to enrich community life in personal and profound ways for future generations has never been more important.

We hope you will become a Sponsor of The Gilded Age Gala, or purchase a table or tickets, knowing The Garden City Historical Society and The Stewart Historic Buildings Fund, the beneficiaries of the event, will continue to ensure the preservation of Garden City's legendary architecture in perpetuity.



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**Celebrate America's Anniversary & Garden City's Unique History
At The Gilded Age Gala, October 3rd, 2026
And At "A Tribute To 250 Years of American Music" Concert, October 4th, 2026
Sponsorship Opportunities**

Diamond Jim Brady - \$50,000

- Two Tables of 10 or 12 in a prime location at The Gilded Age Gala, with signage.*
- Prominent signage throughout the event and at the "250" step & repeat - a major sign in the cocktails and the dinner
- Outreach to nearly 100,000 people in and outside the village via earned media
- Promotion for one year through all digital and print marketing materials for the Gala and for selected public programs, exhibitions
- Opportunity to host a private event at The Garden City Historical Society Museum
- Special invitations to VIP events at The Historical
- **12 tickets with premium seating to "A Tribute To 250 Years of American Music" concert, performed in the Cathedral by The North Shore Symphony Orchestra, October 4th, 2026* ***

Lady Astor - \$25,000

- One table of 10 or 12 in a prime location at The Gilded Age Gala, with signage.*
- Signage throughout the event and at the "250" step & repeat
- Outreach to nearly 100,000 people in and outside the village via earned media
- Promotion for one year through all digital and print marketing materials for the Gala and for selected public programs, exhibitions
- Opportunity to host a private event at The Garden City Historical Society
- Special invitations to VIP events at The Historical Society
- **6 tickets with premium seating to "A Tribute To 250 Years of American Music" concert, performed in the Cathedral by The North Shore Symphony Orchestra, October 4th, 2026****

The Vanderbilt Circle - \$15,000

- One table of eight or 10 at The Gilded Age Gala, with signage.*
- Signage throughout the event and at the "250" step & repeat
- Outreach to nearly 50,000 people in and outside the village via earned media
- Promotion for one year through all digital and print marketing materials for the Gala and for selected public programs, exhibitions
- Special invitations to VIP events at The Historical Society
- **4 tickets with premium seating to "A Tribute To 250 Years of American Music" concert, performed in the Cathedral by The North Shore Symphony Orchestra, October 4th, 2026****

A.T. Stewart Advance Ticket Scheme: Purchase a table for 10 (normally \$5000) before August 1st, enjoy a discount! You will receive a reserved table for 10 but pay for only 8 tickets (a total of \$4000; a \$1000 savings).*

- **Plus, you'll receive 2 tickets with premium seating to "A Tribute To 250 Years of American Music" concert, performed in the Cathedral by The North Shore Symphony Orchestra, October 4th, 2026****

*Note: Both rectangular and round tables will be available,
so groups of 8, 10, 12 or more can be accommodated.

**Note: Concert tickets will also be available free of charge to residents who register.

**To Schedule a Meeting, Please Contact: Francine Ryan, francine.ryan@tgchs.org, 917.796.7586.
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