Hicks Nurseries' Fall Festival Returns for its 51st Year, Sept. 12 to Nov. 1, 2026

New Skeleton Estate Garden and Fall Festival Market debut this season | Free Parking and Admission

WESTBURY, NY, UNITED STATES, September 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Hicks Nurseries, Long Island's premier garden center, welcomes families back for the 51st year of its beloved Fall Festival, running Sept. 12 through Nov. 1, 2026. This multi-generational Long Island tradition in Nassau County returns with new attractions, festive décor, and the fall favorites guests count on year after year.



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All-Access Children's Wristband Available for $25 for Advantage Members and $30 for non-members (in-store only), the wristband includes unlimited hay maze access for the day and three activities: a spooky nightlight craft, mum plant decorating, and mystic pumpkin decorating.
The hay maze is also open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., for $8 per person (children ages two and under free). Wristbands and hay maze passes can be purchased online one to two days in advance for pickup in-store at customer service.

New This Year

Guests can explore the all-new Fall Festival Market, featuring four specialty shops: Harvest Moon Market, Boo-tique, Botanical Curiosities, and the Toy Shoppe, along with the new Skeleton Estate Garden, an inspirational yet whimsical display of fall plants and Halloween décor inhabited by a cast of friendly skeletons.



Hicks Nurseries Fall Festival 2026 Market

"For generations of Long Island families, the Fall Festival has been a place to celebrate the season and make memories together," said Stephen Hicks, President of Hicks Nurseries. "As a family-owned business, it means so much to us to see parents who visited as children return with families of their own. This year, we are introducing new experiences and more special events, many of them completely free, to give people a reason to keep coming back."

Free Fun for All

Admission and parking are always free, along with kid-friendly activities including the animated Halloween story walk-through, corn hole, scarecrow ring toss, Connect 4, mini golf, and countless photo ops among thousands of pumpkins, colorful fall plants, and festive décor all open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Guests can also enjoy live music on select Sundays throughout the festival. A highlight of the festival is meeting Otto the Ghost, Hicks Nurseries' beloved fall mascot and the heart of Fall Festival since the 1970s, who greets visitors on weekends and holidays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Fall Flavors Worth the Trip

The Country Market offers fall favorites daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., including fresh NY State apples, cider donuts, fudge-dipped donuts, homemade pies, Hicks' famous fudge, and kettle corn. On weekends and holidays, the Hicks Food Truck serves chicken tenders, hot dogs, and French fries, plus the must-try fresh-roasted local corn.

Special Events During the Festival

In addition to the festival's daily attractions, Hicks Nurseries will present themed weekends, live entertainment, and seasonal celebrations:

Sept. 12-13 - Opening Weekend: Kick off the Fall Festival and be among the first to experience this year's new attractions.
Sept. 19 - Strange, Spooky & Carnivorous: See expert demonstrations at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m., plus a KJOY radio live remote from 1 to 3 p.m.
Sept. 27 - Fall Music Sunday: Enjoy live music from 1 to 4 p.m.
Oct. 4 - Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off: Watch local growers compete for top honors, including Rookie of the Year and Best Pumpkin Grown by a Child. Judging begins at 11 a.m. followed by pumpkin carving demonstrations from 12-3pm.
Oct. 10-12 - Apple Harvest Weekend: Celebrate one of Fall's favorite crops with a special three-day holiday weekend.
Oct. 14 - Pet Parade & Costume Competition: Registration begins at 4 p.m. and the parade starts at 5 p.m., with six costume categories and more than $600 in prizes.
Oct. 18 - Fall Music Sunday: Spend a fall afternoon enjoying live music from 1 to 4 p.m.
Oct. 25 - Fall Music Sunday: Enjoy the final live music Sunday of the season from 1 to 4 p.m.
Oct. 31 - Otto's Halloween Party: Kids celebrate Halloween with Otto, a D.J., games, contests, trick or treating, and loads of fun from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Giving Back
Hicks continues to support the community by collecting non-perishable food donations for Long Island Cares during the Fall festival along with donations for Long Island Cares' Baxter's Pet Pantry during the Pet Parade.
For more information, visit Hicks Nurseries Fall Festival.

About Hicks Nurseries
Hicks Nurseries is Long Island's premier garden center and destination for home, garden and living. Family-owned and operated since 1853, Hicks Nurseries is renowned for providing expert advice, inspiration, exceptional service, community events, as well as a vast selection of quality products including plants, pottery, lawn care, outdoor furniture, seasonal décor and more. They also offer complete award-winning landscape design and installation services. Hicks Nurseries is located at 100 Jericho Turnpike in Westbury, NY.

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