

# Tea for Two Hundred celebrates 20th year Aug. 12



Women in white with fancy hats enjoy a previous Tea for Two Hundred, which marks its 20th year on Saturday, Aug. 20. Photo by Laurie Gaboardi

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Guests enjoy the Tea for Two Hundred in Washington during last year's event.  
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WASHINGTON >> The 20th annual Tea for Two Hundred garden party benefit will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12, 4-7 p.m. in the beautiful gardens at the Washington home of Gael Hammer and Gary Goodwin.

Tea for Two Hundred is nearing \$1 million in funds netted for local organizations. The Gunn Historical Museum and Interfaith AIDS Ministry of Greater Danbury are honored to be recipients of the proceeds from this year's event.

The Honorary Chair is Sheila Nevins, president of HBO Documentary Films, author and resident of Litchfield County. Nevins will be signing and reading excerpts from her recently published, highly acclaimed book, "You Don't Look Your Age and Other Fairy Tales."

The event's special guest, American playwright Larry Kramer, who is an author and public health advocate will be interviewing Nevins on stage, as well as signing copies of his historic and controversial satirical novel, "Faggots."

This year's Home Town Hero, Kirsten Peckerman, is a Washington resident and dedicated conservationist. She has served as a board member of local organizations including The Housatonic Valley Association, Steep Rock Association, Weantinogue Heritage Land Trust, The Gunnery School and Gunn Memorial Library and Museum.

A favorite of Tea for Two Hundred guests, Christine Ohlman brings her blue-eyed rock n' soul to the stage once again this year. Christine will be playing live sets with her band, Rebel Montez, featuring Michale Colbath, Cliff Goodwin and Larry Donahue.

Participants can shop the popular silent auction and bid on fabulous trips, dining experiences and spa packages. There will also be the traditional hat contest featuring guest judge Laura Daly, a renowned milliner. Dress code is summer white.

Tickets for Tea for Two Hundred are \$75, and are available online at [teafortwohundred.net](http://teafortwohundred.net) or by calling the ticket hotline at 860-717-0695.

The party will be held at 63 River Road, Washington Depot. Parking is at the Washington Primary School, 11 School St., Washington Depot. Shuttle buses will bring guests the short distance to the party.

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