

**Upcoming Woods Walks,
Tours and Bird Walks:**

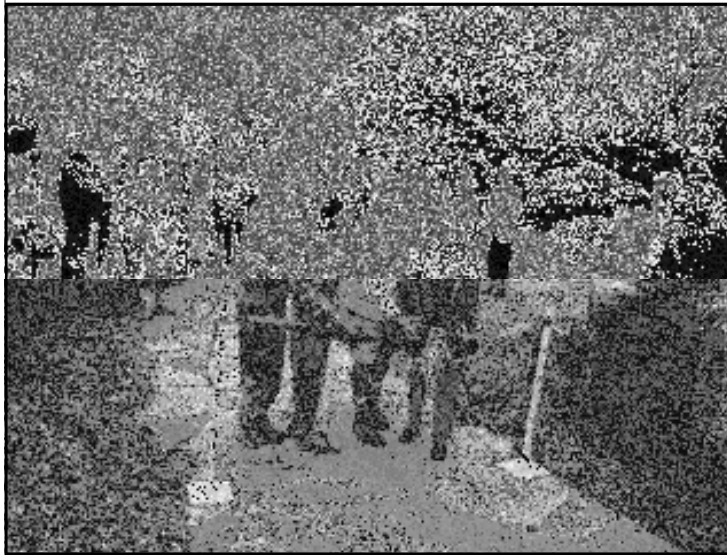
Wed., Feb. 14 - 1 pm.
Frederick Law Olmsted &
The Olmsted Woods. This
tour will begin at the
Garfield St. entrance to the
Woods.

Thurs., March 22—9:30 am
a Bird Walk conducted by
Sheila Cochran. 10:30 am
Natives vs. Exotics: Eco-
logical Challenges in Urban
Woodlands Restoration
lead by Carole Bergmann.

Weds., April 4, 11, 18 &
25—10 am “Spring
Delights: The Greening of
the Woods.

For the tours, please wear
sturdy water-proof shoes
and warm gloves. Meet at
the George
Washington
Statue on Pilgrim
Road. No
reservations.
Free of Charge.

Pilgrim Way Opens



*The beautiful path officially opened here on November 8th by
(l to r) Jose Silva, Dede Petri, Ray Mims, and
Anne Elsbree*

Photo by Linda Daisley

*“Wow! What a spectacular
addition to the Close.
Congratulations.”...Don
Myer, Cathedral Clerk of
the Works*

Thanks to the support and
generosity of many friends,
a new hard-surface path -
known as the Pilgrim Way -
is receiving raves from
every direction as the Guild
moves ahead on its long
term restoration of the
Olmsted Woods.

Announced in 1997 as the
Guild’s 80th anniversary
project, the restoration is a
multi-year project designed
to address erosion,

compaction, water run-off and the invasion of exotic plants in the five-acre woodland at the base of the Cathedral. The Olmsted Woods is part of Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.’s original landscape design and one of the few old growth forests still standing in the nation’s capital.

Many generous donors have contributed to the Olmsted Woods Restoration, including All Hallows Guild, which has committed \$200,000 since the Project’s inception. The hard surface path, which opened to visitors in mid-November, marks the completion of Phase I of the Project.

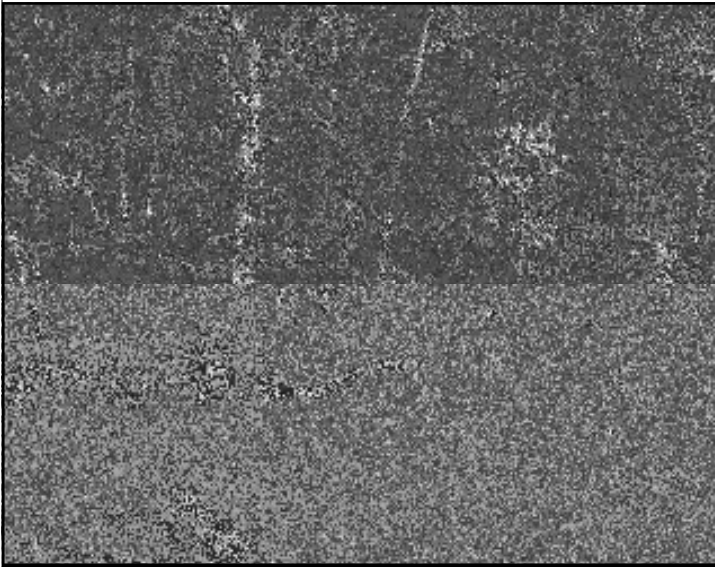
A group of friends, Guild members, horticultural and Cathedral staff gathered for a Pilgrim Way “mini-opening.” Reviews were unanimously positive.

Led by Project Chairman Dede Petri and Vice-Chairman Anne Elsbree, the first official “walkers” strolled from the George Washington Plaza to Garfield Street, where Ray Mims, Jr., Superintendent of Horticulture and Grounds, gave a brief overview of the planting plans for the south entrance. The walkers then retraced their steps along the fitted stone path, approaching the Cathedral as Frederick Law

Continued on page 2

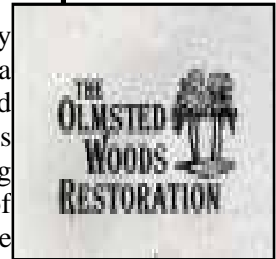
If you have questions or would like to learn more about the Project or for a complete listing of its many events in 2001, please call All Hallows Guild members Dede Petri, Project Chairman, at (202) 298-8109, or Vice-Chairman, Anne Elsbree at (301) 949-7825.

Pilgrim Way Opens (cont. from page one)



Olmsted, Jr. envisioned in 1927 - up the hill, through the woodlands. Champagne awaited them as they reached the final bend in the winding Pilgrim Way.

The path was designed by Andropogon Associates, a landscape architecture firm based in Philadelphia known for its innovative ecological planning and expertise in the restoration of urban parks. The hard-surface path is designed to provide more



Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. envisioned walking through the woods and up the hill to a grand Gothic Cathedral. Indeed, pilgrims, hikers, walkers and birdwatchers - all will be welcome on this beautiful path. *Photo by Linda Daisley*

controlled access than ever before, while discouraging off-path trampling — a chronic and serious problem in the past. The design incorporates ecologically sensitive features including stone gutters and

AHG is grateful to all who have helped us come this far with the Olmsted Woods Restoration. Particular thanks go to Jim Hoffman, Director, Cathedral Facilities; Ray Mims, Jr., Superintendent of Horticulture and Grounds; Fallstone Enterprises and its principal, Alberto Goncalves; and members of the Woodland Planting Committee.

infiltration pits which greatly decrease water run-off. The path has also been laid on top of the surface requiring minimal excavation.

Thanks to the new configuration, visitors for the first time will have access to the southernmost section of the woods- a particularly beautiful part of the ravine. Stone retaining walls and stone culverts have been added - where absolutely necessary - to address steep slopes. Work on the path began in early June and continued throughout the summer. Restoration efforts also included removal of nonnative invasive plants including: norway maples, paulownia and ailanthus which had engulfed the woodland edge near Garfield Street. Planting of native trees, shrubs and wildflowers - including a spectacular medley of oaks, hickories, red maples, sassafras, dogwoods and viburnums will guarantee four-season interest and attract wildlife from near the Grant Meadow.



Phase II of the Project will begin soon - ravine restoration and stormwater control. Because water runoff is a major problem, the current infiltration drywells on the close will be upgraded, thereby reducing the flow. Then, by the use of plantings and a system of ephemeral pools, the ravine will be brought back to health and aesthetically enhanced. In the meantime, please stroll the Pilgrim Way, remembering Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.'s vision. A formal Pilgrim Way Dedication is scheduled for March 12, 2001.

Memorial Bench sites have now been designated for the Olmsted Woods. If you are interested in more information on these unique memorials (\$3,500), please contact Louise Beale: (301)951-3913.

The restoration is part of a long-term master plan, approved and supported by the Foundation Building Committee and Chapter.

The Woods Have Generous Friends



With the support of many friends, AHG has raised approximately \$600,000 to date. However, we are still far from our ultimate goal of \$1.6 million.

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation has recently awarded the Project \$200,000, with an additional matching grant of \$100,000. Contributions at this critical time will help us meet this generous matching gift and permit us to move forward with Phase II - stabilization of the ravine - including a series of ephemeral pools which will serve as storm water retention areas. Next in line is extensive plantings of trees, shrubs and groundcovers, followed by revitalization of the existing outdoor amphitheater as a more useable space for the entire Cathedral community.

Donations may be made payable to All Hallows Guild—Olmsted Woods Restoration and mailed to: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Aves., Washington, DC 20016

All Hallows Guild Sponsored Events: *Two Early Spring Offerings in 2001*

Monday, March 12th—Olmsted Woods Pilgrim Way Formal Dedication

3PM - All Hallows Guild members, contributors, friends and neighbors will gather at the newly designated south entrance to the Olmsted Woods on Garfield Street. The Olmsted Woods Restoration Committee has planned a parade to celebrate the first phase of the restoration. Participants will walk the new Pilgrim Way from the South entrance up to the George Washington Plaza, where refreshments will be served. PLEASE JOIN US!!

5:30—Preceding this lecture, wine and light refreshments will be served in the entrance lobby of the Auditorium. 6:30 PM—Lecture and slide presentation, “Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. and the Public Landscapes of Washington, DC” in the Perry Auditorium, located on the 7th floor of the Cathedral. Enter through the Southwest Cloister. Participants include: Timothy Davis, historian with the National Park Service Historic American Engineering Record; Jennifer Hanna, historical landscape architect and coordinator of the Cultural Landscape Inventory in the National Capital Region of the National Park Service; and Perry Wedlock, landscape historian for the National Park Service, serving as Cultural Resource Specialist for Rock Creek Park.

Yes, I would appreciate more information on the events of this day and my participation in it. I am/am not on the Olmsted Woods mailing list.

April 4th - Coffee 10 am and Lecture at 11 am. Location: 7th floor of the Central Tower, Observation Gallery. Graham Dillamore will give a fascinating illustrated talk on the Restoration of the King’s Privy Garden at Hampton Court Palace. In the late 17th century, William (The Reign of William & Mary) decided to remodel the whole of this estate on a Baroque model - at this time a Privy Garden was added. It is this basic layout that survives today. Mr. Dillamore is the Deputy Estates and Gardens Manager for Hampton Court Palace and we are thrilled to offer this unique event in conjunction with the Royal Oak Foundation. Tickets \$15.00

Yes, I would like to attend this lecture. My check is enclosed, made payable to All Hallows Guild Lecture. Mail to AHG Office, Washington National Cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, Washington, D.C. 20016 along with my name, address, and phone number.

My Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number/email _____

AHG Thanks its Tour & Tea Volunteers



Mary Huddle, a Wednesday tea volunteer, happily takes home a "Louise Lynn original",

On January 24th, our wonderful Tea volunteers were invited to be our guests for tea in the Tower and view a special floral arts demonstration by Louise Lynn our Tea Coordinator. Louise is a member of the Cathedral's Flower Guild and is an extremely talented floral designer and lecturer. There was a full house of volunteers watching her floral creations evolve and then if lucky enough "winning" one to take home. Tour and Tea is held every Tuesday and Wednesday. A highly informative tour of the Cathedral is followed by a delicious catered tea in the Tower. Proceeds from this aid All Hallows Guild's work. If you would like to either be a tea volunteer or come to tea and tour as a guest, please call Louise Lynn at: **(202) 537-8993**.

Louise creates a mantle floral piece using magnolia leaves, vegetables and fruit.

