

ALL HALLOWS GUILD

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014



The Embassy of Royal Netherlands provided this stunning floral exhibit at this year's highly successful 75th annual Flower Mart.

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Upper Perennial Border, Bishop's Garden, showing recent new plantings

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Stewards to the Cathedral Grounds



In 2014 All Hallows Guild marks its 98th year of continuous service to benefit the grounds and gardens of the Washington National Cathedral Close. The Guild, stewards of the 59 acres of the close, from the famous Bishop's Garden, based on medieval design, to smaller memorial gardens in various quiet corners of the grounds to the five acres of the Olmsted Woods, work to keep the close a place that refreshes the spirits of those who visit, work and worship here.

MISSION STATEMENT

Since its founding in 1916 , All Hallows Guild's mission has remained unchanged; "to provide for the care and beautification of the Cathedral Close." - keeping in mind the vision and plans of Bishop Satterlee, the first Bishop of Washington, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., Cathedral landscape architect, and Florence Brown Bratenahl, Cathedral landscape designer Major design elements are a park-like setting, open spaces, native woodlands, and gardens suitable for a 14th century Gothic cathedral.

HOW DOES THE GUILD RAISE FUNDS?

- Flower Mart (a major fundraiser for the Guild since 1939)
 - The Gift Shop in the Herb Cottage
 - Memorials & Donations
 - Membership Dues
- Special Landscape Projects—like the Restoration of the Olmsted Woods, Amphitheater and Bishop's Garden
 - Tour & Tea Program
 - Lectures & Programs

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President's Report By Debbie S. Page



Debbie and her Father ride the AHG antique carousel at Flower Mart 2014

Dear Friends of All Hallows Guild:

The gardens and grounds of the Cathedral have never looked better. Glorious weather this past spring and summer has ensured magnificent blooming in the newly restored Bishop's Garden and across the Close. The Olmsted Woods restoration effort is paying off with the return of native wildflowers such as cardinal flower, woodland aster and never before seen in the Woods, *Elephantopus carolinianus*.

Many of you joined us to rededicate the Garden last October. Since that time we have continued to enhance the plantings, repair and re-plan areas lost to crane damage and replant and renew due to the deterioration of time. The Bishop's Garden is always a focus but we also work in many other areas on the Close and on the Schools' grounds. We hope that you will come wander the grounds and enjoy anew the vivid colors. The Guild continues in its stewardship of, and vision for, this hallowed space and thanks you for continuing to support us in this effort.

This Year's Programs/Projects:

We also thank you for help in celebrating 75 years of our Flower Mart event! It is always a joy each spring to see the gardens and grounds brimming with visitors from near and far. Flower Mart 2014 was one of our most successful ever and featured an amazing array of entertainment, flowers and food. As with all of the Guild's programs, all proceeds directly benefit the gardens and grounds. Flower Mart 2015 work is underway, woods & bird walks and our Tour & Tea programs continue throughout the year.

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Projects/Programs Continued:

We also explored the possibility of building a new retail space on the Close. Ultimately, after thorough evaluation, we decided not to build a new structure, but rather to continue to more directly benefit the outdoor spaces of the Close. The Herb Cottage continues to operate on the B2 level of the garage space and we are seeking to improve the shopping experience. The Herb Cottage will participate in off-site shows such as *St. Albans Christmas House Tour* in December and the *Museum Shop Around at Strathmore* in November.

The Tour and Tea program is celebrating its 25th year! We happily served 2,646 guests this year. This number is down from past years and there is concern the parking fee (maximum currently \$22.00) maybe a factor in deterring people from coming or returning for additional teas. However, our (65) volunteers enjoy their work, being together and being of service in encouraging visitors to the Cathedral.

Our media friends continue to be good to AHG. Bob Joiner of Agenda News, Adrian Higgins and Gerri Marmer of the Post show real interest in the Cathedral's grounds. TV and radio continue to be willing to publicize our Flower Mart. Two things stand out this past year - a collaborative writing of the 75 years of Flower Mart and publishing a booklet revealed wonderful memories of that iconic festival. Our website is under construction and the designer was amazed at the amount of information and depth of our old site. We expect to unveil the new site in the first part of 2015, which we hope will attract even more viewers interested in knowing more about our work and the beautiful place we work in.

All Hallows Guild is a separate entity under the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation. The PEF's other entities are the Cathedral, Beauvoir, National Cathedral School and St. Albans School. During the past year, the Guild has been clarifying our relationship and interaction with the PEF.

Upcoming Goals and Projects:

- In the coming year, potential projects include repairing or replacing the damaged Woodland Bridge in the Olmsted Woods.
- Looking ahead, 2016 will be the 100th anniversary of the founding of All Hallows Guild. We are actively planning programs and events to celebrate this momentous occasion. We want to ensure that the gardens and grounds will be cherished in perpetuity. We remain committed to our mission to the gardens and grounds.

We are grateful to those of you who already assist our efforts and hope that we can count on you again this year. Your donations and membership in All Hallows Guild are the keys to our ongoing work. Do visit our website at www.allhallowsguild.org and our Facebook page. Together we will care for this important landscape and maintain its beauty and serenity.

Most Sincerely,



Treasurer's Report FY 2013-2014

FY 2013-14 All Hallows Guild funds given to the Cathedral/PECF:

Contribution to horticulture budget	35,000
General grounds/horticulture	87,589
Bishop's Garden	30,874
Tour and Tea	15,408
Total:	<u>\$168,871</u>

Major Annual Fund Raisers:

Tea & Tour (in partnership with Visitor Programs)
Flower Mart
Gift Shop in the Herb Cottage

Other Sources of All Hallows Guild Monies:

Memorial & general contributions
Special lecture and programs
Bratenahl commemorative scarf
Membership dues
Life memberships pass directly to the Cathedral's garden and grounds endowment fund.

All Hallows Guild is a unique organization within the PECF. It is not a part of Shared Services but pays Shared Services bills on an ad hoc basis. AHG is primarily an all-volunteer organization that raises money for the care and beautification of the entire Cathedral Close. The Guild represents the green space. Throughout its 90-year history, AHG has allocated its resources to grounds/horticulture projects that go beyond general maintenance. Many of these projects have brought national recognition to the Washington National Cathedral grounds and gardens.

In the last 16 years, the Guild has spent over \$5.976 million dollars on the gardens, grounds, and woodlands and on contributions to the Foundation or Cathedral through AHG memberships, outright gifts and reimbursements to Facilities.

All Hallows Guild pays for: All flowers, bulbs, trees, shrubs, tree maintenance, storm damage to landscape, landscape architects, arborists, garden interns and staff education.

AHG does not pay for: Regular staff salaries, garden and turf maintenance, and hardscape (except in special projects like the Olmsted Woods or the 2013 Bishop's Garden Renewal).

GARDEN COMMITTEE REPORT—BY CAROL KELLEHER

The Garden Committee of All Hallows Guild initiates and/or approves all plant choices and garden designs in collaboration with the Director of Grounds/Horticulture. Usually plantings are installed by staff. Occasionally, All Hallows Guild will employ an outside contractor for projects.

I am now completing my first year as Chair of the All Hallows Guild Garden Committee, and I continue to marvel at the dedication and effort of the horticulture staff and the volunteers of the Guild to make the cathedral close “more and more a haven of peace and refreshment” and a place of surpassing beauty.

Acknowledgement and thanks go first to Joe Luebke, Director of Horticulture, for implementing the plans and designs conceived by the Garden Committee, and to Peggy Steuart, Garden Chair from 2007 to 2013. Under Peggy’s leadership the damages to the Bishop’s Garden from age, winter snows, the falling crane and general wear have been addressed with a revitalized Garden dedicated exactly one year ago. New trees and shrubs have been installed to replace those brutally ripped out by the crane, and we will have the pleasure in coming years of watching them grow to fill their spaces and help to erase the memory of these disasters.

There is never any rest with a garden, and the spaces on the close offer no exception. Following the completion of the revitalization project in the heart of the Bishop’s Garden, we turned our attention to other “rooms” in that glorious space. The Upper Perennial Border has been redesigned and replanted as a warm color border to contrast with the cool tones of the Huidekoper (blue) Lower Border. Inspired by a border at Sissinghurst Castle in England and with suggestions from the Design Subcommittee, Sandy Flowers, new Bishop’s Gardener; Toni Kislear, Horticulture Manager; and Joe Luebke presented a new planting plan last February. The new border was planted after Flower Mart and has surpassed our hopes. Planned to bloom from early spring until late fall, the border has been stunning all season.

The Yew Walk envisioned and implemented by Florence Brown Bratenahl was a victim of climate change, as the stately Irish Yews do not thrive here any longer and did not tolerate “wet feet.” Mrs. Bratenahl’s vision has been altered with the planting of five large *Juniperus Virginiana* ‘Idyllwild’ in place of the yews. They are thriving after their first summer.

We are now turning our attention to the Hortulus – the Little Garden centered on the Carolingian font. With the replacement of much old boxwood in that space and on the path to St. Catherine’s Pool, the Hortulus herb beds look a

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bit sparse. Plants will be lifted, soil amended, and plants replaced and augmented. Herb choices will adhere to Suzanne Miller's 1989 plan, which was itself based on three early plant lists: those of ninth-century monk Walafriid Strabo, of the Abbey of Saint Gall in Switzerland, and of Charlemagne himself.

Remaining signs of the crane damage are most noticeable at the South Road entrance to the Bishop's Garden, where even the installation of replacement trees does not fill the void. A beautiful weeping cherry will again cascade over the stone garden wall as it grows where its beloved predecessor stood; we are now addressing other trees and shrubs to fill the spaces as they mature.

Elsewhere on the close, the Guild has redesigned the Hardwick Memorial Grove at NCS and provided crape myrtle 'Lipan' to replace the styrax trees. A low yew partial hedge defines the space while allowing access and a full view of the cathedral.

All Hallows Guild is pleased to pay salaries each year for summer horticulture interns to help the permanent staff. During the summer of 2014 we supported three such students and they were of great help to the horticulture crew.

In addition, many trusty volunteers work in the woods and gardens, pulling weeds and invasives. Their efforts in the woods have paid off with the gradual return and proliferation of native plants and bird species so crucial to this urban forest.

The Guild is pleased to continue its work for all the spaces on the close, from the environs of the schools, to the Bishop's Garden, to various small gardens surrounding other buildings, to the large public spaces of the West Front. We enter our 99th year of service to those who live, work, walk, and pray here.

Carol Kelleher, Garden Committee Chair

Washington National Cathedral's Horticulture Staff

Horticulture and Grounds Staff

Joe Luebke, Director of Horticulture and Grounds, PECF

Toni Kislear: Horticulture Manager

Sandy Flowers: Bishop's Garden Gardener

Evan Johnson, Turf Manager

Gilberto Castro, Zone Gardener; Toni Kislear, Zone Gardener; Bill Suite, Zone Gardener; Peter Spaulding, Zone Gardener; Luis Hernandez, Zone Gardener; Sean Sullivan, Turf Specialist; Arnaldo Lara, Turf Specialist; Wesley Brockington Jr, Turf Specialist and Carlos Perea, Mechanic.

HERB COTTAGE REPORT

Herb Cottage Report FY 2014 by Susan Crudgington

This was another difficult year for the Herb Cottage, now permanently located below ground in the bus garage. Without the superb management capability of Cheryl Loewe, the financial results would have been far more grim. As it stands, the Herb Cottage lost \$12,829, a better result than the previous year.

The Guild spent the better part of the year analyzing and discussing plans for a new building on the surface, next to our original building, which is being turned into a coffee shop. At the final review, the Board voted not to build. This was a very difficult decision, but the final vote indicated that the cost of the new building was seen as prohibitive by the majority of members.

The Board is now undertaking a review of the basement space and overall retail strategy with a retail consultant. We hope to reconfigure the interior of the current shop to make it more pleasing and to allow us to display more of our traditional goods.

We are so appreciative of all who have worked hard to find us in the basement and have shopped in our wonderful Herb Cottage. We will continue to be the Gift Shop so many have loved for so long.

For Your Holiday Shopping Pleasure

The Herb Cottage will bring their signature inventory of gifts and accessories to:

- *Strathmore Shop Around* on November 10-13
www.strathmore.org
- *St. Albans Christmas House Tour* on December 5th & 6th www.stalbansschool.org
- Tuesday thru Sunday come to the Shop on the B2 level of the parking garage www.allhallowsguild.org
See You There!

Memorial Trees, Plants and Benches 2014
By Louise R. Beale

There were no new benches installed in 2014

In memory of W. Tapley Bennett, Jr. from Margaret R. Bennett Magnolia Grandiflora in the Bishop's Garden

In honor of Margaret Jones Steuart from the Steuart families Sophora Japonica "Regent" in the Bishop's Garden

In memory of her parents and brother from Carol de Force bulbs in the Bishop's Garden

In memory of Edward W. Martin from family and friends Juniperus Virginiana "Idllwyld" in the Bishop's Garden

In memory of William Cabell Grayson from Janet Grayson Whitehouse Juniperus Virginiana "Idllwyld" in the Bishop's Garden

In honor of Mary Lou Semans from the Gardeners of the Junior League three rose bushes in the Bishop's Garden

In memory of Matthew M.O. Walsh from John Walsh Nyssa Sylvatica on the North Slope

In memory of Sylvan Bell Pendley and Bettie Dinkins Stoner Pendley from their daughter Mary Beth Ray a willow oak in the All Hallows Amphitheater



Wayside Cross by Babs Gaillard McNear

FLOWER MART 2014—OUR 75TH YEAR

A Gala two days celebrating with song, dance, music, gift boutiques, Embassy floral arrangements, Ambassadors and dignitaries representing their country's participation over the years, and exhibits highlighting Flower Mart's history.



Co Chairs—Christina Grigorian & Lucie Patton



Howard's Gospel Choir



Ambassador and Mrs. Motsyky—Ukraine



L to r: Ambassador & Mrs. Lyrvall (Sweden)
Ambassador Beazley & Ms. Susie Annus (Australia)



Opening Ceremonies— the singing of the National Anthem, NCS and St., Albans.

Photos by Lauren Modny

Tour and Tea



Come For Tour & Tea on Tuesday or Wednesday
A lovely way to spend the afternoon. Take an in-
depth guided tour of the Cathedral and then
pamper yourself and friends with a delicious
catered tea high above our Capital City. \$30. per
person (no Cathedral admission fee)

Upcoming Tours

October 22, 28—*Cathedral Highlights*

October 29th—*Gothic Architecture*

All November Teas have *Cathedral Highlights*
as the tour

December 2,3,9,16—*Cathedral Highlights*

December 10 & 17—*Angels High and Low*

Reserve your table now

www.tea.cathedral.org or 202 537--8993