

## ALL HALLOWS GUILD



*Stewards to the Gardens and Grounds  
of the Washington National Cathedral since 1916*

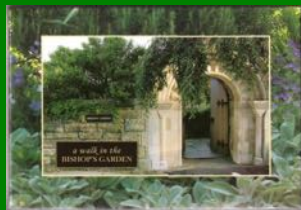
## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015



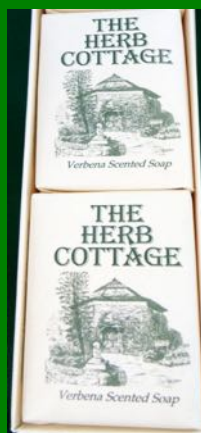
The LeCompte Memorial Garden and Bench—Dedicated October 15, 2015

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Bishop's Garden note cards  
A Soul In Balance



Soaps -Teas-  
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Tea Pots



Christmas at  
The Cottage



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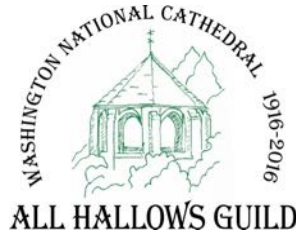
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Thank you Donovan Marks for the beautiful photographs of  
Flower Mart 2015 found in this report.

# ALL HALLOWS GUILD

Stewards to the Cathedral Grounds



In 2016 All Hallows Guild marks its 100th year of continuous service to benefit the grounds and gardens of the Washington National Cathedral Close. Members of the Guild, stewards of the 59 acres of the close, including the famous Bishop's Garden (based on medieval design, 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 there.

## 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)
  - *Cottage Gifts* online and at special shows
    - Memorials & Donations
    - Membership Dues
  - Special Landscape Projects
  - The Tea & Tour Program
  - Lectures & Programs

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## President's Report By Debbie Page



Opening Ceremonies, Flower Mart 2015, Celebrating Asia

Dear Friends of All Hallows Guild:

The Guild itself has been actively engaged in re-examination and renewal for the past several years. We are emerging from this period, energized to begin our second hundred years.

The Guild has established a new working relationship with Washington National Cathedral and we have clarified our role as an established entity of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation (PECF). Reworking of these structural underpinnings have been necessary to ensure that the Guild can confidently move forward to grow existing programs and develop new activities in a sound financial manner.

### **The Gardens and Grounds of Washington National Cathedral**

The grounds and gardens, like the rest of the world have witnessed incredible change since 1916. Garden renovations and replanting have continued making the Bishop's Garden even more wonderful. Please read our Garden Committee Chair's Report on page 11 for information on specific happenings in 2015.

### **Our Centennial**

2016 is All Hallows Guild's centennial year. The Guild has always been fortunate to have donors who wish to support gifts in honor and

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memoriam. In anticipation of the Centennial, the Guild Board and its Garden Committee are developing a menu of gift opportunities. Projects such as the Woodlands Bridge, the Strong Fountain, the Yellin Garden Gates are being studied for this wish list. As part of this program, the Guild is actively looking to invest some of its existing funds, with the intention that the dividends yielded would be utilized in support of the gardens and grounds. We hope to mark our Centennial with lasting gifts. Our website and social media outlets will keep our friends and members informed and engaged in developments of our centennial campaign.

#### **Tea & Tour Program**

After 25 successful years, *Tea and Tour*, our cooperative effort program with Cathedral Visitors Services for a catered tea in the tower and tours of the Cathedral or gardens and woods, continues to thrive. We are looking to expand (one way by adding special teas requested by individuals if they host 20 or more persons plus adding more teas during our season). We are encouraging the public to consider it for a special birthday event or occasion.

In 2015 we served 2,665 guests at 72 teas served by 50 or more All Hallows Guild volunteers. This was 97 more teas than 2014, and included even more of the highly popular Cherry Blossom Teas. The Guild is proud of the hospitality that this program offers to our visitors.

#### **The Herb Cottage**

Sadly, at the end of June, the Guild did close its retail operation in the bus garage area. However, in September, the Guild voted to continue sales of selected, unique items at *St. Albans Christmas House Tour*, at *Flower Mart* and online. The offering of these Guild Gifts will afford us an opportunity to promote and educate people about the Guild and its mission. Do check our website for updates.

#### **Memorials & Dedications**

Tree dedications and bench memorials is an important poignant service for the remembrance of so many. We are looking to expand the availability of this service by working with the schools to coordinate tree and bench donations, so that there is consistency of type and placement of the donation. For a listing of this year's tree and bench dedications, see page 13.

#### **Our Garden and Woods Docent Programs**

Our mission as stewards of the gardens and grounds remains constant. We are proud of our docent program, which guides hun-



dreds of people each year through the Bishop's Garden and the Olmsted Woods. Self-guided current tour pamphlets are in post boxes in both sites.

### **Flower Mart**

Flower Mart 2015 (Celebrating Asia) was our 76th year of producing the famously popular festival for families. This Flower Mart was unique because it had 18 Asian participating partners and 29 countries brought their culture and flowers to add to the festivities and fun. Lucie Du Patton and Lydia C. Benson co-chaired this huge event with a large enthusiastic committee's help and we are happy to say it was the most successful Mart yet.

Flower Mart 2016 (May 6 & 7) is off to a vibrant start. Chairs Beth Cowie and Cynthia Bader are gathering a dynamic team to kick off our Centennial. Mark your calendars! The Guild is still fleshing out plans for Centennial, but is leaning toward a weekend of activities in the fall of 2016.

### **Communications and Marketing**

Our PR efforts have been energized by the Guild's increased presence in social media...Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We have seen the results in filling seats at the Tea & Tour, garden lectures and Flower Mart events. Our new website continues to be a positive addition with its sleek look and easy navigation. It also affords us a new set of email addresses using our own server. Our friends and members have utilized buying tickets, memberships and donations online in increasing numbers. Our database, Giftworks, has given us new avenues for communication through email, for example, making it easier and cheaper to be in contact with donors, friends and members. With our centennial year coming up - we have decided to streamline our logo with new drawings, and to redesign our graphics giving the Guild, Flower Mart and all our communications a fresh new and cohesive look. We are grateful to Beth Cowie and Anne Clippinger for their important contributions for these efforts.

### **In Summary**

The Guild's position on the Close is well-defined and its fiscal health is strong. (see Treasurer's report page 10). I feel that this year has been a challenging one for the Guild, but overall very rewarding.

**AHG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE\*\* JULY 1, 2014-JUNE 30, 2016**

**President:** Debbie Page

**1st VP:** Deborah Karlin

**2nd VP:** Susan Foster

**Treasurer :** Young-ai Kim

**Assist. Treasurer:** Holly Larisch

**Recording Secretary:** Carmen Gutierrez Vegarra (after 9/15 Tammie Manning)

**Corresponding Secretary:** Anne Clippinger

\*\*and all Committee Chairs make up the Executive Committee, which meets once a month.

**AHG BOARD COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS**

Guild President & Guild Treasurer, Ex-Officio on all committees

**\*\*Garden Committee:** Carol Kelleher, Chair. Members: Louise Beale (Memorial Trees & Benches), Patti Beatty, Kay Diane Bowles, Anne Clippinger (Communications), Linda Daisley (Communications), Mary Evelyn Dean-Mead, Anne Elsbree (Olmsted Woods), Vickie Longosz (Design Group), Anne Millar (Docent Education Committee, Olmsted Woods, Tour Docent), Suzanne Miller (Design Group, Historian), Judith Peabody (Design Group), Mary Beth Ray (Docent, Docent Education), and Peggy Steuart (Chair Emerita).  
Director of Horticulture. Meets 2nd Monday of month, 1pm—Library

**\*\*Communications:** Linda Daisley, CoChair (newsletters, publications, website); Anne Clippinger, CoChair (newsletters, writer, website). Members: Beth Cowie (website/Social media); Susan Foster (database); Peggy Pickard (writer); Carrie Tydings (media specialist, website, press releases, schools).

**\*\*Development: Chairs:** Sara Schaberg & Angie Kelso Members: Peggy Steuart, Katherine Wilkins, Debra Karlin and Boucie Addison.

**\*\*Finance:** Young-ai Kim, Chair: Jane Battle, Kay Diane Bowles (Tea), Susan Crudginton (Herb Cottage), Angie Kelso, Holly Larisch; Lydia Benson (Flower Mart), & Carol Kelleher (Garden Committee).

**\*\*Communications:** Linda Daisley (CoChair, newsletters, publications, website); Anne Clippinger (CoChair, newsletters, writer, website, artwork). Members: Beth Cowie (website/Social media, graphics); Susan Foster (database); Peggy Pickard (writer); Carrie Tydings (media specialist, website, press releases, schools).

**\*\*Development: Chairs:** Sara Schaberg & Angie Kelso Members: Peggy Steuart, Katherine Wilkins, Debra Karlin and Boucie Addison.

**\*\*Flower Mart Advisory:** Lydia Benson, Chair. Members: Jane Battle, Patti Beatty, Kay Diane Bowles, Linda Daisley, Susan Foster, Betty Gordon, Angie Kelso, Fran Lewis, Vickie Longosz, Peggy Pickard, Dee Skillern,.



**History/Archives:** Chair to be named. Members: Suzanne Miller, Polly Mitchell, Elizabeth Stern, Peggy Steuart, Nancy Symington

**Hospitality:** Angie Kelso, Chair, Kay Diane Bowles, Christina Bordeaux, Anne Clippinger, Susan Foster, Young-ai Kim (treasurer), Dee Skillern, Carmen Vegarra, Anne Wiebe.

**\*\*Membership/Orientation:** Susan Foster, Chair. Members: Kay Diane Bowles, Patti Beatty, Linda Daisley, Dee Skillern, Angie Kelso, Elizabeth Stern.

**Gifts and Memorials:** Louise Beale (trees & benches only), Susan Crudgington (donations & gifts).

**Tea:** Kay Diane Bowles & Patti Beatty, Co Chairs.

**Cottage Gifts:** Laura Felder

**\*\*Nominating Committee/Past Presidents:** Carol Kelleher, Chairman. Members: Patti Beatty, Kay Diane Bowles, Kay Brown, Linda Daisley, Mary Evelyn Dean-Mead, Betty Gordon, Polly Mitchell, Martha Oliphant, Dede Petri, Peggy Steuart and Julie White.

**\*\* Standing Committee named in Bylaws (Revised January 2007)**



For many years, the Guild has provided fun and interesting activities for visitors....  
Shopping for Treasures at Flower Mart 2015's Gala  
Washington National Cathedral Nave

## Treasurer's Report FY 2015

### FY 2015 All Hallows Guild funds given to the Cathedral/PECF:

Contribution to horticulture budget	35,000
General grounds/horticulture	102,364
Tour and Tea	15,990
Rent	17,878
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$171,232</u>

### Major Annual Fund Raisers:

Tea & Tour (in partnership with Visitor Programs)  
Flower Mart  
Cottage Gifts—Shows and Online

### 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 \$6.148 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).

All Hallows Guild Garden Committee  
2015 Annual Report

The rhythm of the garden year requires that Garden Committee spend the winters designing and planning garden areas for spring, early summer and fall planting. This year followed that pattern.

- **NCS Hardwick Grove** was redesigned and planted with Crape Myrtle and will receive yew hedging and understory plants when the stone paving is complete.

- **The Hortulus** received new boxwood and the herbs were all lifted, the soil amended, and plants replaced and augmented with new following the original plant list. Medieval species from lists of Charlemagne, the monk Walafrid Strabo and the monastery at St. Gall in Switzerland were all incorporated.

- **LeCompte Memorial Garden** is the newest to be designed. Mrs. Peggy LeCompte, widow of famed cathedral glass artist Rowan LeCompte, requested a memorial to her late husband in the gardens. Her generous donation allowed us to design and plant a separate memorial in the border of the Bishop's Lawn with a bench and plants whose blooms will echo the reds, pinks and blues of the stained glass windows.

- **Norman Walk**: This major entry to the Bishop's Garden was decimated by the fallen construction crane in 2011, and suffered further from the winds of the *derecho* of 2012. Large old specimen trees were destroyed. We have worked to redesign the area and provide plants and trees that will help to restore the enclosure of that walk and lead the visitor into the main garden with the delight of a suddenly opened view. Many new boxwoods have replaced those damaged by storm or time, and new trees and understory plantings are in place on both sides of the walk.

- **Olmsted Woods**: Staff and loyal volunteers have worked diligently to try to keep weeds at bay and remove invasives from the woods. All Hallows Guild student interns were assigned to work each week to help with this effort. Although it is a never-ending job, their efforts have been rewarded by the discoveries of new native plant species beginning to appear as threatening vines are pulled away.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Kelleher  
Garden Committee Chair



The recently re-designed Norman Walk entrance to the Bishop's Garden—note the many new boxwoods.



The Rev. Jan Cope, Vicar, at the dedication of two trees on the West Front for Mary Lou and Ed Semans—their daughter and granddaughter on the right.

## *Memorial Trees, Plants and Benches 2015*

*By Louise R. Beale*

### Memorial Trees

In memory of Mary Frances  
and Vincent Allin  
Black Gum Nyssa Sylvatica  
On the West Front  
From their daughter

In memory of John E. Walsh  
American Beech Fagus Grandifolia  
On the North Slope  
From his son

In memory of Carolyn K. Martensen  
Sweet Gum Liquidambar  
"Burgundy Flush"  
On the West Front  
From her family

In memory of Mary Lou Koller  
Semans  
Sweet Gum Liquidambar  
"Burgundy Flush"  
On the West Front  
From her family

In memory of Edwin Walker  
Semans, Jr.  
Black gum Nyssa Sylvatica  
On the West Front  
From his family

In memory of Mary Lib Hotchkiss  
Oak Tree  
On the West Front  
From her family

In memory of Stuart James Dean  
and Evelyn Edminston Dean  
Red Oak Quercus Rubra  
On the West Front  
From their daughter

### Memorial Trees (continued)

In memory of Walter Russell Mead and  
Dorothy Nauss Mead  
White Oak Quercus Alba  
On the West Front  
From their son

In memory of Richard and Jimmie Sue  
Leubke  
White Oak Quercus Alba  
On the North Slope  
From their children

### Memorial Bench

In memory of Francesca I. Economides  
Ulysses G. Blackie Auger  
Lulu N. Auger  
In the Bishop's Garden near the  
Prodigal Son statue  
From their family

### Memorial Bench and Garden

In memory of Rowan LeCompte  
On the Bishop's Lawn  
From his wife



## JOE LUEBKE— DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE



Joe and Tom Wright at this year's Flower Mart Gala

Arriving in 1987 as a horticulture intern, Joe became the Bishop's Garden Gardener in 1990. In 2003, he took over the position of Director of Horticulture from Ray Mims. Since that time he has managed all aspects of horticulture for the 57-acre Close, directing a staff of 14 employees, 12 full time and 2 part time. In recent years, Joe has also directed the facilities staff in setting up and taking down Flower Mart—a huge job. He has worked closely with the All Hallows Guild Garden Committee—attending meetings and advising on garden projects large and small. Joe has researched plantings for installation, learned the latest practices in ecological gardening and safe pest control, led special garden tours and spoken to many groups about the Gardens. Very importantly, Joe has devised a year round plan for keeping all the grounds looking vibrant. The Guild could always count on Joe to excel as Director, cheerfully, helpfully and with an astonishing institutional memory of the Cathedral Close.

Peggy Pickard wrote about Joe in the All Hallows Herald: “Joe Luebke’s greatest dream for the gardens of the Cathedral is to not only care for and maintain the very special beauty of the Close, but to bring together all groups and schools affiliated with the Cathedral to participate as smart ecological stewards, with All Hallow Guild leading the way. And more than anything, he wants the woodlands and gardens to continue to be what they are today; havens of peace and refreshment for all.

With gratitude, sadness, affection and warmest wishes, we bid farewell to Joe Luebke, who leaves the Cathedral in October to take a position with the Federal Government. His creation of the beauty and preservation of the history of the grounds will remain always. We will miss you, Joe!



**Flower Mart, 2015: More Honored Countries, Even More Fun!**  
**Our 76<sup>th</sup> Flower Mart, “Celebrating Asia,” couldn’t have been more fabulous!!**  
**Congratulations to this year’s chairs, Lydia C. Benson and Lucie Du Patton.**



Lydia Benson (left) & Lucie Du Patton



Flower Mart 2015 had 18 participating Asian partners and overall, 29 countries lent a hand in producing one of the greatest Flower Marts ever.



## Tea and Tour



View from the Tower, Pilgrim Road and Bishop's Garden at Flower Mart 2015

*Photo by Donovan Marks*

***All Hallows Guild and Cathedral Visitors Programs Together Have  
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guided tour of the Cathedral and then  
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