“Through and Up a Wooded Hillside…”

In a talk given in 1919, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., landscape architect for the Cathedral Close, spoke about the "great charm of approaching the Cathedral through and up a wooded hillside, leaving the city far behind and below. Helping one to forget the hurly-burly and busy-ness of a work-a-day world must be taken advantage of to the fullest extent."

A century later, the volunteers of All Hallows Guild still work to preserve and maintain this historic landscape as a haven of peace in the nation’s capital. We are proud of all that we have accomplished this past year with the help of so many generous friends, and we continue to focus on our ongoing projects with diligence and energy.

Among these projects is an update of the water management system in our five-acre woodland, the Olmsted Woods (see the list on the facing page). We are also exploring options for replacing the footbridge, which was closed following damage caused by a fallen tree.

The Olmsted Woods are the last vestige of an extensive oak and beech forest on Mount St. Alban, now the site of Washington National Cathedral and the three Cathedral Schools. All Hallows Guild restored the five-acre Olmsted Woods over a 10-year period, completed in 2008 at a cost of nearly three million dollars. Now the Woods include a stone footpath, the Pilgrim Way, a contemplative circle, an amphitheater, native wildflowers and shrubs, and a host of migratory birds.

We welcome you to experience the serenity of our “outdoor Cathedral.” The gardens and grounds are open year round, and free to the public. And we invite you to join us in preserving our urban green spaces for all to enjoy. Thank you for your support!

How can you support All Hallows Guild?

- Join All Hallows Guild now!
- Participate by volunteering and attending our events and activities throughout the year.
- Sponsor the horticultural opportunities that will continue to preserve and beautify these unique grounds created for the ages.

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www.allhallowsguild.org
Our Accomplishments

Here are some of the projects we have completed in 2018-19

• The garden next to Pilgrim Road, a memorial to Mrs. Paul Nitze, former All Hallows Guild President, has been redesigned and replanted. The extensive rebuilding of the stone wall that backs the Nitze Garden, commissioned by All Hallows Guild, allowed new plantings to be safely installed. Funds are still needed to defray the cost of this ongoing project.

• A new Pollinator Garden, designed in summer 2018 by a team of Guild-sponsored summer interns, was partly installed last fall and completed in spring 2019. It lies adjacent to the entrance to National Cathedral School’s Athletic Center and was enthusiastically welcomed by NCS. This project is also ongoing and additional funds are needed.

• All Hallows Guild has continued to preserve the historic 15th-century stone sculptures that have given the Bishop’s Garden a look of antiquity during the century since they were placed in the wall and planting beds. We engaged McKay Lodge Conservation to perform necessary work on the Carolingian Font and the bas reliefs in the upper garden wall.

• In the spring, All Hallows Guild engaged Serra Stone to repair damaged stonework on the stage of the Cathedral’s amphitheater.

• This summer the Guild continued its commitment to sponsor three college students with an interest in horticulture and the environment to work in our gardens and woods. This gives the students valuable practical knowledge and work experience, and provides our staff with help during the busy - and weedy - summer months.

Our Vision

Our work goes on! Here’s where we’d especially appreciate your help going forward. We invite your support for any of these projects through your membership and donations. For more information, visit our website, www.allhallowsguild.org. Please join us!

• The Olmsted Woods. The Guild has engaged engineers and architects to assess the health of the woods’ water management systems, and has been considering a replacement for the Woodlands Bridge. The existing bridge in the Olmsted Woods has been closed since 2012 when it was damaged by falling tree limbs in a derecho.

• Our Antique Carousel. The restoration and maintenance of our antique carousel will assure it will continue to delight the young and young at heart each year during Flower Mart.

• The Strong-Wright Fountain. The Rosalind Wright Memorial fountain, designed by Alice Strong as as a children’s fountain, needs restoration. Once it is restored, we would like to have it moved to a more visible location in the Garden.
Welcome to another fruitful year for the All Hallows Guild! As stewards of the gardens, grounds, and woodlands of the Washington National Cathedral Close since 1916, we remain committed to ensuring that the green spaces around this sublime place of worship remain a vibrant place for contemplation, prayer, gathering, and fun.

AHG was so honored that the grounds of the Cathedral were named one of the ten best picnic spots within driving distance of DC by WTOP. We hope our neighbors, the greater DC community, and our visitors from out of state and the globe continue to bask in the vibrancy of God’s natural world!

We have stayed very busy this year, undertaking new restoration projects, maintenance tasks, and plantings. We continue to seek solutions for improving traffic flow and navigation via crosswalks, railings, and informational signage to ensure accessibility, safety, and ease of use for all our visitors. Stay tuned as we develop those projects.

We continue to restore our antique Flower Mart Carousel, registered as one of only 22 existing carousels built before 1900, and enjoyed by thousands of children at Flower Mart annually. This year we refurbished its historic caliola. We can’t wait for you to enjoy these renovations in 2020.

Our beloved Flower Mart keeps growing, as does our ever-popular Tour & Tea program – if you haven’t yet stopped by for tea, please do so! We’d love to share a cup with you!

Lastly – did you know that the Bishop’s Garden is home to five medieval bas reliefs and a 9th century Carolingian Baptismal Font? Time and environmental factors brought wear and tear to these historical artifacts, so we were thrilled to have completed a careful process of restoration under the guidance of top art conservationists. Come take advantage of these newly restored antiquities on the Close!

Endowing, preserving, and protecting this landscape and all the prayerful, social, and peaceful moments that transpire on these grounds cannot happen without your help. For more information on partnering with us, please visit www.allhallowsguild.org. I hope to see you picnicking in the Bishop’s Garden, meditating in Olmsted Woods, or simply lying in the grass gazing at the majesty of the Cathedral!

Partner with us by becoming a member

All Hallows Guild relies on members and donors to carry out our mission of maintaining the gardens and grounds of the Washington National Cathedral as a haven of peace and serenity in the Nation’s Capital.

In addition to supporting our horticulture projects, membership provides the following benefits:

- Your AHG membership card allows you (and one guest) free admission to the Cathedral 365 days a year.
- Members receive an invitation to our Annual Meeting, program and refreshments in the Cathedral Tower.
- Invitations and notifications to attend special events and dedication ceremonies are sent to members.
- Receive our e-newsletter with garden news and information about upcoming events and activities (some with a discount or free admission for Guild members). Members also receive our two annual mailings.

Fill out the enclosed form or go online to join now: www.allhallowsguild.org/get-involved/become-a-member/

Our on-going programs

- Tour and Tea
- Garden Tours
- Herb Cottage Gifts
- Olmsted Woods Workdays
- AND, Flower Mart!

Put the 81st Annual Flower Mart on your calendar: May 1st and 2nd, 2020. For more information, visit our website.
ALL HALLOWS GUILD
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Join or Renew - Your membership is vital to our mission

- Life - $700
- Steward - $500/year
- Benefactor - $250/year
- Centenarian - $100/year
- Family - (up to 4 family members) $75/year
- Annual - $40/year

Membership provides free admission to the Cathedral, invitations to special events, discounts, and more.

Participate - Volunteer and keep in touch

- I would like to receive volunteer information
- Please provide your email address to help us save on printing

Donate/Contribute - Ongoing projects

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- Antique Carousel Restoration - Restricted

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Any amount you give will help us to reach our goals and ensure that the 59 acres of gardens and grounds surrounding the Cathedral continue to be a haven of peace and refreshment in the midst of the Nation’s Capital.

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