

Forest Hills Gardens Foundation



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Archival Committee Granting Success!

The mission of the FHGF is the preservation of the legacy and history of Forest Hills Gardens. To accomplish this goal, we actively archive relevant documents and photographs both digitally and physically, with the assistance of professional archivists. Through the maintenance of our website (<https://foresthillsgardensfoundation.org>) we share the rich history of our neighborhood, and make it accessible to all. While both the archives and website are entirely funded through community outreach, the Foundation has begun to apply for grants to supplement this important work — and yes, thankfully, we have achieved some success.

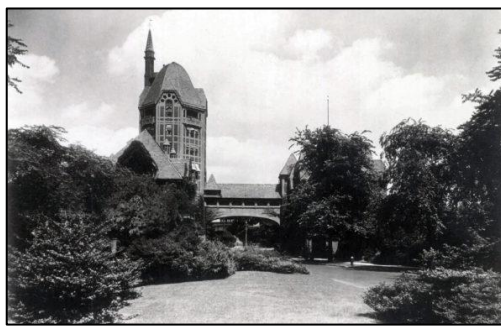
While our initial grant was modest - but encouraging, it does not fully support our ongoing activities of scanning and storing important community documents and photographs. We are hopeful that we will learn of more organizations that both understand and appreciate the importance of our efforts.

One thing is certain — all grant issuing organizations inquire as to how much community support the Foundations receives in pursuing our goals. The contribution of each and every supporter helps the foundation acquire additional funding, which in turn allows us to preserve more of our important history. So a huge “thank you!” to those who have supported us, and continue to do so.

Additionally, through the alliances with fellow neighborhood organizations, like the Church-in-the-Gardens, and the thoughtfulness of residents, we will be adding to our archives greatly in the coming year. It is important to note that when some long-time residents sell their homes, relatives have passed on valuable photographs and documents of our neighborhood, like the Esakof family recently donated when preparing their Greenway North home for sale. .



Tea Garden Behind The Inn



The Inn & Station Square From The Terrace, 1917



The Gardens Bulletin, 1919

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Fundraising Recap

To expand our mission and strengthen community ties, this year, the FHGF hosted a number of fundraising campaigns. We hosted a Guest Bartending event at the West Side Tennis Club where we raised donations through tips - it was an evening filled with drinks and laughter. We partnered with Aigner Chocolates on their annual giant chocolate bunny fundraiser, held a silent auction for the Dave Matthews Band concert at the Forest Hills Stadium, hosted a table at the Annual Gardens Children's Day and held raffles for U.S. Open tickets to the Men's and Women's Quarter Finals. We've had quite a busy summer! Thank you to everyone who participated and helped us raise funds for the work that we do on behalf of our community.



The FHG Foundation Board is Expanding

The FHG Foundation has been growing the scope of it's efforts in recent years and is looking to add more people to the Board. Our Nominating Committee is actively interviewing individuals who could share their marketing, archival, website, fundraising and governance skills. Time commitments are reasonable with 6 board meetings a year and committee work in between. Please email the Chair of Nominating, Christine O'Brien Beydoun at ChristineOBrienBeydoun@gmail.com if you would like to serve, or learn more.



Tax Status and Finances

The Forest Hills Gardens Foundation is a registered 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Forest Hills Gardens. The FHG Foundation is not affiliated with the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation and we get all of our operating budget through generous donations from Gardens and area residents. No one on the Board receives any salary and the vast majority of our expenses are related to preserving historical documents and putting on informational events for the community. Last year, donations enabled us to hire an archivist to create a systematic approach for organizing and housing our current and future collection of documents (see page 1). A sincere thank you to all donors for helping us advance our mission.



Please help to preserve the history of our community!

PayPal:

Go to www.foresthillsgardensfoundation.org and use the left navigation and click on the "Donate" link to donate via PayPal.

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To pay by Venmo, scan the QR code to the right or via the app, send your donation to **@FHGF22**

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Please make check out to: Forest Hills Gardens Foundation

Name: _____

Email: _____

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