

# Forest Hills Gardens Foundation



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## Celebrating Our Community and Legacy

Looking back over the past year and the Foundation's many projects and accomplishments, 2025 has been a transformative year for the Foundation! With the welcomed addition of new board members and volunteers, we have made great strides in capturing valuable website content and launching initiatives that support our mission to preserve the unique legacy and history of Forest Hills Gardens, all entirely funded through community outreach.

Let's take a look at some of the exciting things the Foundation tackled this year:

-First, we gave our website a major facelift! With fresh content, easier navigation, a more intuitive layout, and improved search functionality, we hope it becomes your go-to resource. If you haven't visited recently, we invite you to check it out!

-Next, we launched our new "Stained Glass Series", celebrating the beautiful stained glass windows found in many Gardens homes. Photographing and archiving these one-of-a-kind gems, this is an evolving project and one we hope to greatly expand. If you are the fortunate homeowner of a residence with stained glass, we would love to add photos of your home's unique and priceless features to our archived collection and hope you'll reach out to the Foundation soon ([foresthillsgardensfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillsgardensfoundation@gmail.com)).

-Building on last year's success, we continued our popular "Then & Now" video series. This year, we spotlighted Shorthill Road, showcasing how little has changed thanks to the founding covenants that protect our homes' historic charm. We hope you enjoy this visual journey and share our appreciation for the community's commitment to preservation.

-We also introduced a fun new feature on our website: "Famous Residents of Forest Hills Gardens." It has already become a hit, drawing lots of interest and traffic to our site!

-Last, but not least, we continue to collect responses to the "Why We Have Chosen Forest Hills Gardens For Our Home-2025 Edition" started last year. Inspired by a 1915 resident survey, this updated collection, asking current residents the same question asked over a century ago, will be cataloged on our website and a printed copy added to our archives. Why not add your voice to our collective history for future generation's enjoyment. Visit our site and add your response now!

And Thank You! Your community support and donations have allowed the Foundation to tackle these important projects!

## THEN & NOW



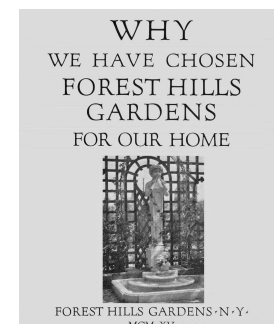
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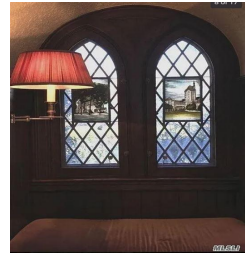
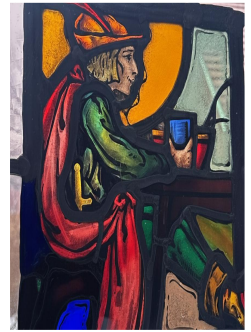


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## Looking Ahead to 2026

We are already busy planning some very exciting events and projects for next year:

- Our “Stained Glass Series” will expand with a special guest speaker event at St. Luke’s Church, on Greenway South, featuring Brianne Van Vorst, a renowned stained glass expert and principal of Liberty Stained Glass Conservation. She is known for her work within the stained glass community, including projects at Woodlawn Cemetery, which houses one of the finest collections of funerary art in the country. Stay tuned for more details – this event is sure to be very popular and well attended. More exciting details to come!
- In the spring, we hope to host a “Walking Tour of Forest Hills Gardens” led by Kate Orff, a celebrated landscape architect and fellow Gardens resident. Be sure to share your email address to learn more!
- As part of its “Blueprint Preservation Project”, the Foundation hopes to ensure the proper storage and preservation of historical blueprints for future generations’ enjoyment and appreciation by working with the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation. The Foundation has committed to donating preservation grade archival materials and storage boxes to the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation.
- And of course, the Foundation will continue to add engaging articles, fun facts, and videos to keep its website fresh and our community connected.



## Finances/Tax Status/Thank You for Your Support

The FHG Foundation, a registered 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Forest Hills Gardens, is not affiliated with the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation and generates all of its operating budget through generous donations and raffle purchases from Gardens and area residents. While Board members receive no salary, the vast majority of its expenses are related to preserving and archiving historical documents, making them accessible via our website, in addition to hosting informational community events. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped us raise funds for the work that we do on behalf of our community.

## Please help to preserve the history of our community!

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