



# IMPACT REPORT

November 1, 2018

The Beacon Hill Garden Club is pleased to provide you with an account of our work between October, 2017, and October, 2018.

- ▼ Put in approximately 120 volunteer hours during fall, spring and summer maintaining Codman Island at the intersection of Beacon and Charles streets and the gardens at the Peter Faneuil House, an affordable housing building on South Russell Street, and at the Joy Street Residences, intended for people living with HIV. Both of these buildings, now part of Rogerson Communities, were developed and partially funded by donations from Beacon Hill residents.



- Planted, pruned, cleaned and watered four times this year at the Phillips Street Play Area and enlisted neighbors to help.
- ▼ Gathered greens and installed them in early December at 74 Joy Street, the Peter Faneuil House and the Joy Street Residences.

- ▼ Hosted the public for a talk on the dangers of climate change by Eric Chivian, a Harvard-affiliated, Nobel Peace Prize winner. Dr. Chivian called the lack of action on climate change “the greatest threat ever to humanity.” Afterward he signed books.



- ▼ Cleaned and planted 72 tree pits on Beacon Hill streets. Partnered with the Beacon Hill Civic Association to regularly water these trees.



- ▼ Planted and maintained the window box at the Charles Street Post Office with help from the post office staff.



- Planted the two window boxes at 74 Joy Street, the location of the offices of the Beacon Hill Civic Association, the Beacon Hill Nursery School and Beacon Hill Village.

- ▼ Donated to the Marathon Daffodil Project and distributed more than 200 pots of daffodils to the businesses, hospitals and library on Charles and Cambridge streets on the Friday before the Boston Marathon.



- ▼ Entertained 2,000 guests in May at our 89th annual garden tour and our third annual Garden Soirée. Ten of our members' gardens were open to the public, raising the funds needed to support 32 horticultural and environmental organizations throughout Greater Boston. We are grateful to Fiduciary Trust, who for the third year was the soirée's lead sponsor.



- Donated \$12,250 to Beacon Hill parks, street trees and civic spaces for plantings, maintenance and disease prevention. Examples of these recipients are the Garden of Peace and historic elm trees.
- Donated \$15,000 to such non-profits as the Mildred Hailey Apartments, the Boston Food Forest and The Food Project. These organizations grow fruits and vegetables or provide food and farming and gardening projects to adults and children in many Boston neighborhoods.

- ▼ Donated more than \$8,000 to Boston's parks and civic efforts throughout the city and nearby locations. Examples are the City of Boston's greenhouses, the Boston Common and Public Garden and the Emerald Necklace. Christopher Cook, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space, (center) ► joined us to celebrate raising the funds for such donations.



- Donated \$8,000 to the re-creation of the garden and educational space for visitors at the Old North Church and continue to raise money for that project. We have maintained that garden since the 1930s.
- Donated \$35,000 toward the reconstruction of the Myrtle Street Playground in honor of the club's 90th anniversary. The work includes a new, historically appropriate fence, repaired tree guards and new irrigation and planting beds.
- ◀ Commissioned a bronze climbing structure, Myrtle the Turtle, by sculptor Nancy Schön, for the Myrtle Street Playground and funded it through club and member contributions. The wax model went off to the foundry in October in the bed of a pickup truck.



- Started a monthly advice column in the *Beacon Hill Times*, encouraging readers to garden more and live a greener and better life in the city.

- ▲ In June, hosted a planting program for neighborhood children and their parents.
- ▶ Shared the cost of a low iron fence around Codman Island with the Beacon Hill Civic Association and the Friends of the Public Garden. It was installed in July, 2018.



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Beacon Hill Garden Club is committed to encouraging the love of horticulture and urban gardening and to promoting the cultivation, preservation and improvement of the urban landscape through educational programs and direct financial support of organizations dedicated to environmental, conservation and civic improvement



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