



IMPACT REPORT

November 30, 2019

The Beacon Hill Garden Club is pleased to provide an account of our work between October, 2018 and October, 2019.

GIVING

- ▶ Donated more than \$120,000 to 36 horticultural and environmental non-profit organizations in the Boston area. Some examples were the City of Boston's Greenhouses, the Boston Medical Center's Rooftop Farm, the Bromley Heath/Mildred Hailey Apartments Community Garden, City Sprouts, the Native Plant Trust and the Rose Kennedy Greenway's wildflower meadow.



GREENWAY CONSERVANCY

The Greenway's wildflower meadow provides a lovely contrast to the high-rise buildings beyond.

- ▶ Included in the donations were gifts of \$15,000 each to the Nature Nook at the Boston Nature Center, the Esplanade Association's tree restoration project and the Healing Garden at Massachusetts General Hospital.



GARY KEARNEY

Perched on a rooftop with interesting views amid the warren of buildings that is Massachusetts General Hospital is the Howard Ulfelder, M.D. Healing Garden, a calm refuge associated with the MGH Cancer Center. The garden club contributed \$15,000 toward the endowment of this beautiful space.



MASS AUDUBON SOCIETY

Kids have a great time at the Boston Nature Center's Nature Nook, a play space to which the club donated \$15,000.

- ▶ Gave \$10,000, the last installment of a total gift of \$32,000, to Old North Church's garden renovation project. In addition, the Beacon Hill Garden Club was able to donate an additional \$30,000, awarded in 2016 to the club from the Garden Club of America, due to the club's winning submission to that organization's Founders Fund.

WORKING

- ▶ Garden club members put in about 120 hours of work time cleaning, planting and maintaining the neighborhood's playgrounds and gardens.
- ▶ Cleaned, mulched and planted 20 tree pits on Charles Street, Beacon Street and Charles Circle.
- ▶ Contracted with the landscaping company, Brightview, to clean, water and prune plants in the Myrtle Street Playground and the Phillips Street Park.
- ▶ Contracted for the watering of 15 newly planted trees on Beacon Hill streets.
- ▶ Cleaned, planted, watered and maintained the gardens on Codman Island, at the intersection of Beacon and Charles streets and at the Peter Faneuil House and Joy Street Residences on South Russell and Joy streets.

JOHN DAVID COREY



Garden club members Miguel Rosales (left) and Sandra Gilpatrick (second from right) enlisted the clean-up talents of neighbors Kathy Judge and Jared Wollaston in maintaining the tree pits on Charles Street.



CHRISTY NICHOLAS

Lizzy Nicholas, Elizabeth Morey and Lexi Nicholas, children of garden club members, helped out too.

FIXING

- ▶ Made substantial improvements to the Myrtle Street Playground, including installing a new fence along Myrtle Street, two new tree guards and a low railing along the planting beds. Installed drip irrigation in the planting beds, stained the wood furniture, installed three large teak planters. Repainted the gas light poles.
- ▶ Pruned the trees at the Peter Faneuil House garden.
- ▶ Paid for weekly cleanings, watering and maintenance from June through November for the Phillips Street Park and the Myrtle Street Playground.



This new fence should last many years, giving the playground a beautiful edge along the street.

BEAUTIFYING

- ▶ Planted new native plants and colorful annuals at the Myrtle Street Playground.
- ▶ Added to plantings at the Phillips Street Park.
- ▶ Dug in 200 daffodils bulbs, supplied by the city, at Codman Island, Peter Faneuil Gardens, Myrtle Street Playground and Phillips Street Park for good blooms next spring.
- ▶ Planted 60 allium bulbs, supplied by the garden club, at the same locations.



Installed a bronze Myrtle the Turtle, crafted by sculptor Nancy Schön, in the Myrtle Street Playground amid newly planted annuals and native perennials.

- ▶ Planted and maintained the long window box at the U.S. Post Office on Charles Street.
- ▶ Donated approximately 30 houseplants from members' summer gardens to residents of Beacon House, Peter Faneuil House, local human services organizations and needy individuals in the Boston area. The plants in this picture were repotted and ready to be distributed to low-income individuals served by Bay Cove Human Services and Vinfen Corporation. The individuals are participating in a smoking cessation program run by the Center for Addiction Medicine.



BAY COVE HUMAN SERVICES

From left are Maddy Fontaine and Meg Donnelly, Community Health workers, and garden club member Dr. Sally Reyer, all employees of Bay Cove Human Services.

ENTERTAINING

- ▶ Hosted the club's fourth annual soirée the night before the Tour of the Hidden Gardens.



Club president, Kate Enroth, and tour co-chair, Diana Coldren, enjoyed greeting the 150 guests who gathered in the King's Chapel Parish House garden, which the club helps maintain.



AMY WILSON

Hosted 2,000 ticket holders at the day-long 2019 Tour of the Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill in May. In this photo the crowds gather to obtain booklets that will guide them through the 10 gardens open on that day.

PARTICIPATING

- ▶ Created a floral arrangement for the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston's Art in Bloom event in April.
- ▶ Continued a monthly horticultural advice column in the *Beacon Hill Times*.



Club members Cynthia Everets (left) and Janie Walsh were assigned one of the more interesting paintings to interpret. This is Man at his Bath by Gustave Caillebotte.

- ▶ Hosted dinners, conducted garden tours, submitted floral and horticultural entries and helped staff the 2019 Garden Club of America's Annual Meeting, held in May at Boston's World Trade Center.
- ▶ Sent delegates to the GCA's National Affairs and Legislation Conference in Washington, D.C. and to the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference in Denver.



Provided a leaf-rubbing activity for children at the Beacon Hill Civic Association's fall HillFest.



Distributed 200 pots of Marathon Daffodils to merchants and organizations the Friday before the Boston Marathon. Club member Liz Morningstar carried a big load.

ADVOCATING

- ▶ Attended hearings at the Massachusetts State House on bills addressing pollinators and pesticides, clean energy, and the Future Act, a piece of legislation designed to move Massachusetts to 100 percent clean energy across all sectors of our economy to meet the goals of the Global Warming Solutions Act by 2050.
- ▶ Met with Massachusetts's members of congress and senators as part of the GCA's National Affairs and Legislation conference.

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.