



All-Park Clean-Up and After-Party Sunday, October 24

All members and their friends are encouraged to attend the clean up, which will be followed by a year-end Gardener Appreciation Party at the Lansdowne Pub. The party will be hosted from 1-3 PM, with free food accompanied by a cash bar. Although participation in the clean up is not required to join the party, it is encouraged! All clean ups meet behind the Special Needs garden at 9:00 AM with coffee, donuts and drinks provided. See page 7 for more information. ■

Winter Annual Meeting Saturday, December 4

All gardeners and the public are invited to attend the Fenway Garden Society winter All-Garden meeting to be held on December 4th at 10:00 AM in the Ansin Building, Fenway Health Center, 1340 Boylston Street.

Elections will take place for next year's board of directors, along with annual reports from the current board and discussion of old and new business. Come to the all-garden meeting to be heard, take part in decisions, and spend time with garden pals.

All gardeners are encouraged to attend the meeting and enjoy the complimentary coffee, donuts, bagels, and muffins. ■

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Things We Take for Granted

Walking to my garden the other evening I was reminded of how much has been accomplished in the past six years.

Pathways: While walking down the stone dust road I recalled how it used to be full of potholes and often impassable after a rain. I remember going out and getting quotes on repairs for then-President Craig Masse. At that time, those repairs were well beyond our budget, but due to good advocacy

and a stuck fire truck we got the road replaced.

Compost: I see the compost areas with their rows neatly laid out with twine and our supply of home brew waiting to be used and I recall as past FGS treasurer paying \$8,800 to have waste removed from the piles. The fact that we had so many needles and condoms in the compost piles

forced us to pay for hazardous waste removal.

Central Lawn: I walk through the central commons and see folks sitting in the grass reading. A couple pushes a stroller while a toddler meanders around. A group of nursery school kids roll through in their strollers. Two girls are sunning in the grass. I see the young trees that will gradually grow into replacements for their larger predecessors. I can recall when we had tables in that same location and all of the problems that were associated with this area.

Plant Nursery and Wheelbarrow Yard: I look at our plant nursery and see the tall ample boxes we built with the help of a city Seed Grant. I look at the Wheelbarrow Yard and see the tool boxes painted and raised out of the mud and the barrows lined up. The fence lines are clean and the area has stopped being used as a toilet. The mud hole that the tool boxes were sunk into is gone and the boxes are dry and useful once again.

Irrigation: I walk down my row and I see the new plastic access boxes for the new water system. I think back to when the pipe would be vandalized in the night and the water would run for hours, wasting thousands of gallons of water each time. I recall proposing a timer system in my first water grant proposal and how the city followed up and installed the timer for FGS. This stopped the overnight leaks but left us with vandals who turned on

spigots at night so we had to patrol the garden each morning at 6:30 AM to turn the spigots off. I see the spigots now without the handles and I am relieved that FGS no longer has to do a daily water patrol.

Trees: I look up at the trees and I see that they are well pruned and healthy thanks to donated arbor work, tree grant funding, and professional arbor care. I see the planting beds in the common areas and I am grateful that we have such great members who tend to these planters. I walk to the Special Needs garden and I see the beds we temporarily repaired last year and I look forward to seeing the beds rebuilt by the student engineers from Northeastern University.

Park Programs: I recall how many gardeners and their extended families came out for July 4th and FensFest. I see the active visitors that we have attracted from our free events and how much more use the park gets from our neighbors on a daily basis. I see the volunteers who show up for the clean-up days and I am awed at the positive response.

Outreach: I walk past the High School garden and I think of the students who have a new found respect for their park and a healthy new outlet for urban youth.

Message Center: As I walk out of the gardens, I stop at the new kiosk and read about scheduled events, garden award winners, and application information. I see the newly designed garden map and I see the row numbers on the post that make navigation in the gardens easier and aids police in responding to problems.

Fencing: As I walk home I see the new perimeter fence and I think of all the community outreach and fund raising that it represents. I see the volunteers who negotiated the work and I see the individual gardeners who gave \$5,500 to make it happen. I see the city being engaged and putting their funding behind our project. I see the generous grant from NEGEF and their solid support for our gardens and the opportunities we provide for urban residents to garden and enjoy urban green space.

I look at all of these things and more that have been accomplished in the past 6 years and I am amazed. It is only through the concerted efforts of dedicated volunteers that all of this has happened. FGS has clearly entered a new era of community involvement and park advocacy and I am happy to have been a part of a dedicated line of volunteers who have helped to make this happen. As I pass on the reigns of FGS, I am very proud and pleased to leave with so much done and taken for granted. ■

TIM HORN



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PARK

A Banner Year

This has been a banner year and a great growing season. The gardens look fantastic! I would like to give a special thanks to the section coordinators and area directors. They did an outstanding job this year and without their efforts, the park would not look nearly as good as it does. All the clean-up days have been successful so far and volunteer turnout has been strong. I think everyone who helped should give themselves a pat on the back.

There is, however, a lot more to do and help will be necessary. To start, we have to remove everything from the Special Needs garden to make way for a total rebuilding of this space. We are also going to try to re-fence the Special Needs area and weed block under the new fence.

There is also a lot of tree work and other fencing projects to be done. These projects will begin in October and run throughout the off season. Anyone that wants

to volunteer can email me at dvdstjean@yahoo.com. All help, no matter how small, is welcome. Also, if anyone is looking for fencing materials, you can email me. We will make a bulk order if there is enough interest.

The park is in great shape! Most of the gardens were beautiful this year. As we start to prepare for the 2011 growing season this fall, I would ask that everyone with a cell phone bring it with them and report any vandalism or illegal activity to the police via 911. We have seen a big change in the park this year thanks to the Boston Police Department. The park is being cleaned up and I for one have noticed a huge improvement, but there is a ways to go. The more people that report incidents to the police, the more of a response we will get. This will improve the security and peacefulness of our gardening experience. ■

DAVID ST. JEAN

When FensFest comes in the fall, everyone gathers in the gardens for a barbecue lunch with music and garden awards, to mingle and trade stories with other gardeners, and buy raffle tickets in hopes of winning a prize.

Each year Delia Alvarez puts together a fantastic white elephant table, featuring Jerry “King of Records” Cooper’s donated treasures. This year they had help from Brenda Lew and Claire Flury, a white elephant table veteran. The inventory was top quality, and the take was reported to be record breaking. The author of this article purchased a nice leather bag.

Miriam Vincent sold her famous pickles, along with the raffle tickets, at the plant table where Tomoko and Ken Seki presided over a virtual field of donated impatiens, petunias, and coleus.

Naturalist Stephen Baird and friend

FensFest

State Representative Byron Rushing attended FensFest, and eagerly presented the special awards to our senior gardeners, each with a long record of dedicated service to the Fenway Garden Society. Without their past service, where would we be today? Parks Commissioner Antonia Pollak, a community gardener herself, stopped by to meet with members and make our celebration special with raffle donations from the Boston Parks Department.

A garden flower and produce contest also dominated the head tables, where attendees could vote on the best flower arrangement and best produce from gardener entries.

Lunch was provided for free to all, but the donations from attendees were nearly equal to as if it were offered for sale. The food table was headed up by

**Rep. Byron Rushing
and Richard Barry**

Senior Service Awards

Senior awards were selected through member nominations and submissions to the FGS board, from notices posted in the FGS summer newsletter. Many thanks to ALL senior members who have contributed to FGS operations!!!!

Leo Romero

Claire Flury

Joan Murphy

Phyllis Hanes

Carmen Musto

**Al and Marian
Sabal**

Delia Alvarez

Arthur Rose

Arthur Mattuck

Michael Waltel

Jerry Cooper

Lois Johnston

**Fredericka
Veikley and
Ed Burke**

Brenda Lew

Richard Barry

Jan Peretz

**Kathleen
Sanborn**

Garden Awards

Park

Best Shade Garden

Anthony Siracusa
(N3, M13-15)

Best Spring Garden

Tomoko Seki (N12, N13)

Best Summer Color

Arturo Garcia (J3)

Best Vegetable Garden

Patricia Smith (M10)

Best Fall Garden

Olga Goldus (L14, L15)

Best New Gardener

Lisa Rasbach (O11)

Center North

Best Shade Garden

David Hafey (Y1)

Best Spring Garden

Susan Povak (Z13)

Best Summer Color

Michael Waltel (X25, W1)

Best Vegetable Garden

Daniel Viens (Y32)

Best Fall Garden

John Heropoulos (Z23)

Best New Gardener

Fred Karp (Z1)

Best Secret Garden

Anne Marie Juris (X27)

The Potting Shed

Karen Wepsic (Y7)

Boylston

Best Spring Garden

Bonnie Thryselius
(D7, 8, 9)

Best Summer Color

Nadezhda Novolskaya
(C17)

Best Vegetable Garden

Gregory Cardinale (C21)

Best Fall Garden

Edward DeBortoli (E25)

Best New Gardener

Valerie Smith (C6)

Best Veg and Floral Combo

Rita Domasevicius (E18)

Most Improved Garden

John Mayer (C18, 19, 20)

Best Garden Design

Ronald Dion (C27, D14, 15)

Center South

Best Shade Garden

Ilya Dulttsyn (T2)

Best Spring Garden

Lorna Andersson (Q3, 4)

Best Summer Color

Daniel Steger (U4)

Best Vegetable Garden

Scott Frost (U13)

Best Fall Garden

Yevgeny Lobkov (U8)

Most Helpful

Ilya Dulttsyn (T2)

Most Industrious

Tom Keller (V4)

Most Improved

Will Johnson (Q6)

Newcomers Igor and Natasha sold this year's Fenway Victory Gardens T-shirts

Bullinga. Drinks were generously provided by Machine, and Hong Kong donated food as well.

The raffle was absolutely spectacular this year with over 55 local businesses supporting the annual tradition, including Casa Romero, Sheraton Hotel, Top of the Hub, Winston Flowers, Woody's Grill and Tap, Kelly's Roast Beef, The Upper Crust, and Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum. A full list is on the next page.

Steve Buck, Karen Wepsic, and Donna Frisell, with Chef Bert Antonio presiding. They cooked the hot food, managed the cold food and kept the line moving with a steady stream of help from McKenzie and Val, Richard Dunshee, Bob Paluzzi, and Linda

Lacking a proper category, though no less worthy of thanks are the following: Ed Burke arranged for donation of the handy houses from Samuels and Associates. Chris Murphy and his band "Priceless" performed great music for free. Children's Hospital funded the children's entertainment provided by Stephen Baird. Several Boston Police Officers and Rangers were spotted enjoying FensFest in uniform. An extra special thanks is due to the Parks and Recreation department for managing our event waste, along with a shout-out to Michael Rosa for organizing FensFest, and fitting together each amazing part. Thanks to ALL FGS members who attended and supported this event! ■

Flower and Vegetable Awards

Best Vegetable Arrangement
Victoria Stock

Best Flower Arrangement
Brenton Simons

Victoria Stock took first place in produce for her Christmas lima beans.

FensFest Raffle Supporters

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Christine Lynn

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Huntington Theatre

two theatre tickets, \$150.00 value

Jerry Remy's

\$100.00 gift certificate

BSC Newbury Street

one month membership

Boston Bodyworker

massage gift certificate

Milk St. Café

\$100 gift certificate for Winston Flowers

Sam LaGrassa's

\$100 gift certificate

Boston Red Sox

autographed baseball, \$100+ value

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

1-year family membership, \$85.00 value

Top of the Hub

brunch for 2, \$78.00 value

IKEA Stoughton

\$75.00 gift certificate

Lansdowne Pub

\$50.00 gift certificate

Woody's Grill & Tap

two \$50.00 gift certificates

Citywide Friends of the Boston Public Library

\$50.00 certificate, BPL book sale

The Lower Depths Taproom

\$30.00 gift certificate

T Anthony's Pizzeria and Restaurant

\$25.00 gift certificate

Baseball Tavern

two \$25.00 gift certificates

Cheesecake Factory

two \$25.00 gift certificates

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two \$25.00 gift certificates

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Johnny's Selected Seeds

two \$25.00 gift certificates

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

two pairs of admission tickets, \$24.00 value

Jillian's/Lucky Strike

gift certificate for 2-hour bowling party

Bon Bon ice cream

\$20.00 gift certificate

College Pizza

two gift certificates for one large pizza

Casa Romero

two \$50.00 gift certificates

Saks 5th Avenue

1 15% shopping spree for 2 adults

Boston Parks and Recreation Department

swan boat tickets and public garden book

O'Brien's Florist and Greenhouses

plants for plant sale

Samuels and Associates

Handy Houses

Fern

bonsai

Whole Foods

gardening tools

Machine

drinks

Children's Hospital

children's entertainment funding

Hong Kong

Chinese food

October 24th to Complete Six All-Park Clean-Up Dates

Get your gloves ready! The last and final FGS park clean up for 2010 is scheduled for Sunday, October 24th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All members and their friends are encouraged to attend the clean up, which will be followed by a year-end Gardener Appreciation Party at the Lansdowne Pub. The party will be hosted from 1-3 PM, with free food accompanied by a cash bar. Although participation in the clean up is not required to join the party, it is encouraged! All clean ups meet behind the Special Needs garden at 9:00 AM with coffee, donuts and drinks provided, with the Gardener Appreciation Party held at The Lansdowne, 9 Lansdowne Street in the West Fenway.

**Come join us
for a final clean-up and
a well-deserved celebration
at The Lansdowne!**

The six clean up dates have accomplished many important tasks in the gardens this year:

- Kept SN plot paths free of debris
- Weeded the plant nurseries and wheelbarrow yard
- Assembled communal wheelbarrows
- Fixed irrigation
- Maintained working compost piles
- Cleaned garden paths, overgrowth and abandoned plots
- Kept the park and garden paths free of refuse and debris

These work sessions not only keep the gardens working and clean for members and park visitors, but save FGS important operational costs. Estimates from past budget years calculate savings from working compost piles vs. haulage of plant debris at more than \$4,000.00 per year—close to 25% of member dues.

Volunteerism is an important part of community gardening—and a good way to meet your fellow gardeners!

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Willows to Be Pruned

The historic willows along Row A in the Fenway Victory Gardens are slated for upcoming pruning, thanks to FGS and the Fenway Civic Association.

Maltby and Co. will be performing emergency pruning of both willows lining the main path of the gardens in order to address immediate hazards. Trees will be evaluated for health during the pruning, and should either tree be assessed as hazardous, the City will be contacted for removal.

Though willows provide high value for migrating songbirds, their growth habit and brittle nature make maintenance a difficult and financially challenging issue for park organizations. Fenway Civic Association, an all-volunteer neighborhood organization whose mission is promote a vital and livable neighborhood, has generously offered to share pruning costs with FGS, with the goal of maintaining urban tree canopy in the historic Back Bay Fens.

Pruning is scheduled to take place in the third week of October. Thanks to Maltby and Co. and to Fenway Civic Association for their support! ■

2010

A Year of Accomplishments

The 2010 Board has seen large and challenging goals set at the beginning of the year come to fruition. Here is a list of major 2010 accomplishments that FGS, its members and supporters can be proud of:

Security

Police – Continued close working relations with Boston Police, Area-D officers as well as rangers to include regular patrols and to control crime in the gardens. Increased patrols, private park stakeholder meetings and attendance at monthly crime meetings has helped keep gardener safety a major focus of police in the Fens. Repeated meetings and walk throughs with the City Council, Police Superintendent, and Parks Department grew awareness and collaboration on key security issues.

Site lines – The site line policy continued to be enforced this year, and being able to see into and through most gardens has helped reduce break ins and vandalism along with late night partying by unwanted guests.

Gate and fence security – VP David St. Jean donated time and labor to help needy gardeners deal with broken gates and fencing. Gardeners overwhelmingly helped in their own gardens to secure fences and gates which lead to reductions in property damage and breaks ins this year.

Water Shut off Program – By working with Parks and Recreation to save thousands of gallons of water in the gardens, water timers and member allocation of faucet wheels continue to conserve valuable resources as well as the amount of late night and early morning illicit activity in the paths and gardens.

Volunteerism

Simmons College provided volunteers from their Student Leaders in Service to help with two all-park clean ups.

Green Team – Emerald Necklace Conservancy selected FGS for their youth Green Team outreach. The Green Team performed important work including compost maintenance, invasives removal, clearing and weeding abandoned plots, improving the S.L.U.G. plot and public herb garden, and general park maintenance

Y.A.V.A. – The Young Adults Volunteer Association joined FGS for two All-Park Clean Up days, assisting with needed compost turning

B.U. Organic Gardening Association – The students at the association joined FGS for our Spring Park clean up

The Lansdowne hosted Gardener Appreciation Parties for hardworking clean up volunteers to relax with food and get to know each other

The Citywide Boston Shines Day saw numerous crews working in all sections of the Fens, from the Sears Building down through the Victory Gardens.

Irrigation Crews – Hardworking annual irrigation volunteers were bulked up this year due to workshops and training geared towards maintaining and fixing our new irrigation system. These volunteers performed finishing touches in the parks, including end of row hook ups. The irrigation project leader, Richard Rogers, devised a reporting system for leaks and provided repair information to all members via newsletters, workshops and the website.

New Trees and Forestry Plan – Seven new trees were planted in the park, thanks to Grow Boston Greener and DCR's Urban Forestry Grants and FGS volunteer work. These trees help to replace lost urban canopy, and are being maintained through FGS volunteer efforts. Additional work on park trees was funded by FGS to address existing disease and maintenance issues, and this fall, pruning on our historic willows will take place with the

cooperation of FGS and Fenway Civic Association. Tree mapping phases of FGS' forestry plans are underway.

Individual volunteerism and support for park programming – In addition to the hard core volunteers that keep up common areas as well as water our new park trees, there was a fantastic turnout of volunteers for both 4th of July, FensFest and both event planning committee meetings, as well as working groups to brainstorm fundraising and website improvements.

Capital Improvements

Have finished two of the three major infrastructure needs facing the gardens: All new irrigation and new perimeter garden fencing! This important and expensive work included use of FGS capital improvement funds, extensive grantwriting, fundraising, positive responses to annual donor and member appeals, and the invaluable partnership of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

VOLUNTEERISM

All Park Clean Up days – Continued commitment to six annual all-park clean ups with enthusiastic attendance and repeat volunteers. Volunteers built new wheelbarrows, finished irrigation work, turned compost, and helped to keep the gardens and the park clean and safe. In providing member supported compost maintenance, FGS has saved \$4,000.00 in operational costs, at the same time providing gardeners with usable compost for their gardens.

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Irrigation – Irrigation was installed and funded in this past winter. Savings in lost water due to outdated, leaky and aging systems will help preserve limited resources while saving City and taxpayer funds. The \$20,000 needed to conduct this improvement was funded through NEGEF grants in 2009, matched with savings from FGS and supplemented by additional appeals.

Special Needs Garden – The aging SN garden was adopted formally as a project by Northeastern University’s American Society of Civil Engineers Student Chapter. This project will increase gardening opportunities for SN gardeners, enhance the quality of beds to provide deep sections in raised planting tables, improve aging pathways, and create a new accessible gate.

Central Pathways – Aging pathways are the remaining infrastructure goal facing our gardens. Two site visits and meetings to discuss future repairs have set a goal for cooperative work with the Boston Parks Department to face the goal to keep our park accessible for all.

Fund Raising

This year fund raising was strong and helped meet overwhelming needs for important capital improvements while continuing our goals to assist with park programming, continue outreach to non-member populations and to provide free opportunities for the public to enjoy the gardens and park.

Gardener donations remain strong. Member contributions above plot dues reached \$3,700.00 this spring as gardeners pulled together to support infrastructure improvement needs.

Annual Appeals – Annual appeals approached \$3,000.00 as a special mailing reached gardeners, local businesses, and neighboring organizations this summer. These funds helped us to meet seemingly insurmountable challenges to fund improvements that were well beyond our annual operational budgets.

Grants and FensFest Profits

4th of July – Grant funding with the assistance of volunteer grant writer Mike Menonno to the Mission Hill Fenway Neighborhood

Trust yielded a wonderful public event in the Fenway- our 2nd 4th of July festival in the park. The \$3,500.00 provided by the Trust helped to continue our children’s outreach with a Monarch Butterfly workshop, fed over 350 hungry people, and provided the neighborhood with music and entertainment for their holidays.

Grow Boston Greener – GBG funding helped yield four new trees for our park as \$2,500.00 for plantings was approved with grant applications to the City.

DCR Urban Forestry Grant – DCR Funding added another 3 trees for our forestry program in a challenge grant for \$3,332.50.

Perimeter Fencing – New England Grassroots Environment Fund approved a challenge grant application to assist in meeting challenges of funding perimeter fence restoration. Substantial support was received in the form of Boston Parks Department participation, with final sections of fencing still in the works.

FensFest – FensFest was a resounding success as hundred of people enjoyed a day in the park with free food, music, prizes and raffles while learning about our community gardens. Donated talent for musical entertainment helped to meet challenges in funding this important but expensive annual event, and Children’s Hospital

continued to support our children’s programming component. Total donations, used to offset event costs, including white elephant, plant sales, raffles, and visitor donations were more than \$2,200.00.

Willow Pruning – Upcoming willow pruning on the main path of the Boylston section will take place this month with the support of Fenway Civic Association, who will provide approximately \$800.00 in cost sharing for emergency pruning.

Local organization participation – Mission Hill Fenway Neighborhood Trust, Fenway Civic Association, Samuels and Associates, Children’s Hospital, Fenway Affairs, Fenway High School, Simmons College, The Lansdowne, and a wide range of neighborhood businesses who supported FensFest with donated raffles all contributed to support and partnership in our garden operations.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Perimeter Fencing – No more collapsed fencing! Perimeter fencing replacement helped to ensure garden safety and integrity, improve aesthetics for members and visitors alike, and help realize those positive results to the end of promoting our gardens as the ‘heart of the Fens’ for all to visit and enjoy. This project, costing more than \$30,000 in total, was funded with the cooperation of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, FGS savings, additional appeals, and a recent grant by the New England Grassroots Environment Fund.

Improving the Gardener Experience

Free compost – Provided by BNAN in conjunction with the City of Boston and Brick End Farm was a big hit and is scheduled to continue next year.

Bulk Ordering – Huge success with this program that allows gardeners to order manure, peat, and other hard-to-carry bulk items. This program is slated to continue next year.

Free events – Two annual celebrations on the 4th of July and at our fall FensFest made for great chances for gardeners and visitors to gather and celebrate the park and our neighborhood. Both events featured children’s entertainment, and one provided environmental education on the monarch butterfly. FensFest was attended by hundreds of gardeners and guests to the park, including Parks Commissioner Antonia Pol-lak and State Representative Byron Rushing, who handed out special citations to honor our senior FGS members for their hard work and advocacy. In addition, two gardening workshops were held this fall, enhancing gardener education on tree/shrub care and rose cultivation. Thanks to the help of The Lansdowne, numerous Gardener parties were held after park clean ups as a way for people to mingle and get to know each other.

Compliance

This board made every at-tempt to use fair application of rules to all, and has resulted in increased cooperation from individual gardeners.

Continued work with FGS members and the Boston Parks Department yielded ongoing improvements in plot compliance. Trees were removed during plot turnovers, in accordance with existing rules, resulting in greater plot visibility and compliance. The board’s policy this year was to enforce all rules in a uniform manner, without favoritism or ‘grandfathering’. Gardeners were educated on compliance at annual meetings, reviewing the cost and labor involved in dealing with non-compliant trees and plots, with an understanding that forestry efforts would focus on restoring and maintaining trees in the park.

Plot Marking – Plots were hand marked by volunteers at our park clean ups, in compliance with Boston Police requests.

Waiting List – The gardens continue to increase in popularity, with vegetable garden-ing growing as an interest. Membership has remained strong, eliminating high inventories of vacant gardens.

Affiliations and Sponsorships

This Board established new relationships as well as kept ongoing relations with Emerald Necklace Conservancy and the Green Team, Fenway Civic Association, Mission Hill Fenway Neighborhood Trust, New England Grassroots Environment Fund, Children’s Hospital, the Boston Red Sox, Mahoney’s, Economy Hardware, Marshall’s Fen-way Farm Stand, The Lansdowne, Fenway High School, Boston Natural Areas Network, Grow Boston Greener, DCR, Friends of Ramler Park, Happy Tree, Maltby and Co., Northeastern Uni-versity, Simmons College, B.U. Organic Garden-ing, Y.A.V.A., and many others.

In addition, board members attended and served on com-mittees and panels at Boston Natural Areas Network, Emerald Necklace Conservancy’s Board of Park Overseers, City of Bos-ton Park Partners meetings, Em-erson College garden workshops, as well as attended Boston Parks Coalition and other open space advocacy meetings, City Hall and Conservation Commission hearings, while filing Landmarks Commission applications where needed.

Outreach – Hard working volunteers arranged to include

the gardens on a national radio special on com-munity gardening, offering their experiences as gardeners in these interviews. Additional work was done to contact ParkArts in the interest of developing programming appropriate to the gar-dens to bring in more public presence and park programming. Contact with the original student engineers who built the SN garden yielded a formal project to renew and improve this im-portant plot. Day care groups visiting the park were invited to all park events, with the eventual goal of building child-focused gardens at FGS. Overwhelming response from direct appeals to local businesses for support for fencing and public programming continued to align common goals of a safe and vibrant neighborhood and park. Tree stewardship remains strong, with new plantings, ongoing care of park trees, and plans for future plantings and tree care in the works. ■

GARDENER EXPERIENCE

Big Security and Safety –

Strides in these important issues yielded our larger mission goals as stewards of the park: increased visitors, including day care groups who spent their time in the park daily. Increased use of parks make them both safe and welcome, and ways to keep increasing usage and outreach will continue.



YourGardenShow.com

YourGardenShow.com supports local gardeners by providing a free, integrated set of online tools for sharing inspiration, gardening tips and best practices for sustainability. Co-founders Tom Finerty and Lisa Marini Finerty (a Master Gardener) built the site so gardeners everywhere can help and inspire each other.

“We believe that more and better gardeners improve global health as well as build stronger local communities and fellowship. Our goal is to elevate the importance of gardening, and in so doing expand the global gardening footprint,” says Lisa.



Your Garden Show co-founder
Lisa Marini Finerty

“Gardeners visit over the virtual garden gate—with one click you can be transported from an Italian Grand Garden to a community garden in the Fenway—everyone’s got something to share,” says Tom.

Members share their gardening



Your Garden Show co-founder
Tom Finerty and scarecrow

activities through photos and videos while tracking the seasonal progress on their garden log—or ‘GLOG,’ a fun timeline journal developed exclusively for the site. YourGardenShow.com offers hyper-localized features, making it easy for gardeners to identify their unique local climate and plant hardiness zones, and showcases what others in the region are planting and when.

The website is rich in tools and features, including a database of 6,000 vegetables (including 778 tomatoes alone!) developed by Cornell University, and a 5,900 ornamental plant database powered by Missouri Botanical Garden, one of the oldest botanical gardens in the U.S.A. ■

Please visit www.yourgardenshow.com.

Record-Setting Fund Raising

This year, the 2010 FGS Board raised more than its combined membership dues in outreach and infrastructure grants, setting a new record. Some of these grants and donations include:

- July 4th Event – Mission Hill Fenway Neighborhood Trust: \$3,500
- Tree Funding Grow Boston Greener: \$2,500
- Tree Funding Department of Conservation and Recreation Urban Forestry Grant: \$3,332.50
- Children’s Hospital FensFest children’s programming: \$500
- Perimeter Fencing – New England Grassroots Environment Fund Boston Grants Initiative: \$4,000

- More than \$1,000 in outreach funding to neighborhood businesses and institutions
- More than \$5,500 in member donations and appeals.
- More than \$3,000 in advertising revenues from the newsletter.
- More than \$1,200 in donated postage.
- More than \$3,600 in donated printing

Total raised is over \$28,000!

Congratulations and thank you to all of the gardeners, board members, and sponsors who put in hundreds of hours of their own volunteer time to make this happen. ■



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Coming Soon...

Special Needs Plot Improvements!

The Northeastern University Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (NUS-CASCE) have formally voted to adopt the FGS Special Needs plot for upgrades and improvements. NUSCASCE is a student-run, faculty advised group with diverse activities, one of which provides important community services through a team of student engineers, advising professors and practitioners, alumni and corporate sponsors. Working in 1999, the engineering students installed the original SN plot, which currently hosts two raised wheelchair accessible beds and three additional raised bed planting areas.

Specific upgrades to the plot will accomplish the following:

- Increased availability of SN plots for Boston community gardeners

- Increased functionality of planting tables, incorporating deep planting areas into improved designs
- Increased longevity of all planting areas through construction design and materials
- Increased accessibility with enhanced pathways and newly installed gates

Work on the plot will begin in mid-October, phased into a fall and spring construction. All work is scheduled to be completed in time for next year's gardening season.

Interested gardeners can access information on the SN plans by contacting the FGS board. Your questions and comments are welcome! In addition, fundraising is being performed by the NUS-CASCE and any support for construction materials, donations, or grant funding is welcome. ■

Top of the Heap

Compost Pile Management Saves Big Money

Five times this year boot-clad gardeners have descended upon the common compost piles with gloved hands, pitchforks, and shovels, to turn and combine the compost rows as they decompose. The final compost turn is scheduled for the fourth weekend in October.

As a result of cooperative efforts, our compost piles are mostly self managed, while producing a consistent supply of “home brew” that is used to build up garden beds, supplement soil, or raise garden levels for those in low land garden plots.

composting. As the piles are combined, material in various stages of decomposition is mixed together to increase the rate that this combined material decomposes.

After the six seasonal compost turns, the rows are allowed to sit for the winter where freezing and thawing action will reduce the size of organic matter clumps, furthering the composting process. In the spring, as the compost is near finished, the Garden Society hires a bobcat operator to combine our home brew into a single

pile for distribution and use, pretty much without limit.

All members of the Fenway Garden Society should be very proud of our cooperatively maintained compost areas. Many community garden associations have given up on self-managed compost because of the effort involved in maintaining it, in favor of paying to have it trucked away. Others look to the Victory Gardens as an example of how to functionally manage garden waste.

This is not to say the system is perfect. Though each of the six compost turning sessions is only three hours, the work is quite hard, and dirty too. Some days the progress is slower than expected, but the system is still fairly new, and can be improved each year.

The Financial Perspective

The self-managed compost saves money. In 2005 the FGS spent \$8,800 on earth removal and trucking, and \$1,500 on importation of compost/soil.

After compost pile reorganization, the FGS spent \$1,125 on earth removal and trucking and \$580 on importation of compost/soil as listed in the 2008 treasurer report. Add to this savings the bonus of providing our own home brew to supplement the rationed purchased compost.

While we still spend money on the bobcat operator to move our finished home brew and re-grade the compost areas, the examples cited above reflect an annual savings of \$8,595.

Savings are compounded with help from the



Volunteers from Simmons College helping to turn the compost

Implemented several years ago under former FGS President, Bonnie Thryselius, designed by gardener Steve Bastide, and funded with a grant from NEGEF organized by current FGS President Tim Horn, our compost is organized and deposited in long rows that fill from the back to the front of the row.

Between each active row, is an inactive row closed for organic material deposits. Each gardener separates the trash—including flower pots, litter, broken garden tools—from garden waste. Garden trimmings are further categorized as either “generally compostable”—including leaves, small branches, and rose trimmings—or “woody”—like big logs and tree branches. Smaller woody items like fallen tree branches with canes less than 2 inches, are optimally chopped into a few pieces, not left as one rather large branch. This aids breakdown.

Starting in the spring, and excepting July when the weather is just too hot, these piles are rolled together and turned six times during the year, loosely following guidelines for cold

City, who coordinated with BNAN and Brick End Farm to provide free compost to community gardens across Boston, and by the HUGE reduction of trash in the compost—which had been previously classified as hazardous waste by the hauling companies.

Many gardeners claim to enjoy turning the compost, visiting with fellow gardeners, and learning about how composted material is broken down for use in the garden. Still others relish the opportunity to work for physical exhaustion, ensuring the follow-up of a good night’s sleep.

So hats off to all gardeners. Not only those strong individuals who climb and move the piles, but to those who separate the plastic, trash, rocks, logs, and compostable garden material to keep our compost areas clean. Each of you has helped to save money, conserve resources, and improve cooperation. ■

VICTORIA STOCK

Simmons College Volunteer Program

Since the fall of 2008, volunteers from Simmons College have helped out at Clean-Up days, providing hours of service helping to improve our gardens. Program Director Carolyn Grimes talked to us about the program.

What is the Student Leaders in Service program?

The Americorp Student Leaders in Service program is a nationally funded program through Massachusetts Campus Compact and the Corporation for National and Community Service. It recognizes students who are volunteering 300 hours over the course of a year with an education award. Currently, more than 30 Simmons students are enrolled in this program.

How long has Simmons College been involved in a volunteer relationship with the Fenway Garden Society?

From the ASLIS aspect, we have been involved for three years. One of our ASLIS coordinators, Corey Kritzman ('09SW) planned and led the first group in fall of 2008. She has since graduated and is a social worker with an organization that works with elders and homelessness. We have a long-standing relationship with the Fenway CDC and first learned of the work day through them.

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What is their motivation for being involved?

Most of the students have an interest in being part of their community and have a strong desire to help others. They also do receive the education award which helps them pay back loans and/or tuition.

What did the students think after their volunteer effort? Did it change their thinking about the community and/or gardening?

The students really enjoyed meeting others that live in Fenway and loved that the gardens exist and the community aspect of the gardens and the event. Most of them were not aware of what goes into the care and maintenance of a plot. They were happy to see such a vibrant and knowledgeable community of gardeners. They mentioned that that they were thanked by several of the gardeners who came and took some of the compost that they were working on that day. They also felt part of a strong team and reported that although it was tough physical labor they really felt great to be a part of it. ■

FENWEGS



ON THE FOURTH

The second annual 4th of July celebration was an amazing success, thanks to a generous grant from the Mission Hill Fenway Neighborhood Trust. Kenji Kikuchi and Friends performed live music in the gardens, while Naturalist Stephen Baird conducted a special Monarch Butterfly Art and Conservation workshop that included paper butterflies and live ones too! Handy Houses were donated by Samuels and Associates.

A free barbeque was available to all attendees, estimated at over 300 based on the number of plates used and hot dogs consumed. But there weren't just hot dogs, there were hamburgers, Italian sausages, bratwursts, veggie dogs and burgers, corn on the cob, grilled vegetables, watermelon, and myriad salads, side dishes, and desserts—potluck style of course!—that gardeners brought to share.



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Why fight crowds at the esplanade when the perfect party is happening at our gardens?

After the festivities, volunteers, organizers and gardeners took about an hour to clean up the common lawn before retreating to any one or more of the dozens of private garden parties held that afternoon and evening. As the sun descended in the sky, shovels and rakes were at rest while gardeners lounged together talking about the day, their garden plans, and hopes for harvest. It was a perfect day. ■

VICTORIA STOCK



Kenji Kikuchi and Friends play jazz favorites

FGS Fall Workshops

FGS held two workshops following the All-Park Clean-Up on September 25th. Open to all members, these workshops were attended by more than a dozen interested and enthusiastic gardeners.

Tree and Shrub Care At the first class, conducted by arborist Norm Helie, members learned about pruning tools and how to maintain them, pruning terminology, timing and technique of pruning, followed by a group flagging exercise done on the witch hazel at the central entrance of the gardens.

Attendees learned when to prune flowering shrubs such as lilacs and hydrangeas, as well as how to comply with existing FGS height regulations through rejuvenation pruning techniques, geared towards retaining the juvenility of plant canes.

Some examples of skills learned at the arbor workshop:

- Red twig dogwood has the best canes on 1-2 year wood, so removing older canes in the fall with a hand saw increases both the look and the health of this specimen shrub.
- Lilacs are best pruned right after flowering, and is ideally performed on a regular basis to create a multistemmed shrub. When lilacs turn into 'trees', pruning them severely to the ground in the fall, followed by a fertilizer and pH dressing will result in new growth the following spring which gardeners can maintain through seasonal pruning techniques.

Rose Care The second workshop was held by New England Rose Society rosarians David Cannistraro and Cynthia Fraser. Covering planting, pruning, feeding, watering and wintering of roses, this workshop stressed the ease of growing roses in New England. Organic insect and disease control using neem, pyrethrin, rotenone and baking soda was discussed. Gardeners were encouraged to dig out invasive multiflora roses and were given hybrid climbing roses, donated by Roseland Nursery of Acushnet, Mass., in replacement, as well as free shrub roses.

Some examples of skills learned at the rose workshop:

- Roses in New England should be planted 3-4 inches below the graft, or bulbous area of the plant where the root stock meets the blooming portion of the plant.
- Roses should be pruned in spring when forsythias bloom, though climbing roses should be pruned only dead canes occur
- Pruning principles follow the four "D"s: dead, damaged and diseased canes, and for design of the plant.
- Gardeners should buy potted roses in the spring, and steer clear of purchasing boxes or bagged plants

Many thanks to Norm Helie, David Cannistraro and Cynthia Fraser for their time and expertise, and to Roseland Nursery for their generous donations! ■

Homeland Security

Security is a top concern for the Fenway Victory Gardens. While much progress has been made over the last year and years, we still have a long ways to go. In addition to reviewing the information below, I encourage each gardener to at-



tend a community police meeting and voice your concerns or appreciation, as the case may be.

Reporting Incidents

Whenever you see something—say something! It only takes a few minutes of your time to call 911 and make a police report over the phone.

- Give a location and street address. Since the Victory Gardens have no address, say “opposite” whatever street you’re closest to when making the call i.e., “opposite 65 Park Drive.

- Be as specific as possible when reporting the incident:

- Give location, clothing, height, race, etc.
- Tell the operator whether you are/were in fear
- Tell the operator what direction the perpetrator fled to, if applicable
- VERY IMPORTANT: Tell the operator that you are calling from the Fenway Victory Gardens, and ask them to put that information into the report

New Police Initiatives

- District Four’s Chief of Police, Captain Paul M. Ivens, has adopted some new police practices

which will hopefully have an impact on improving safety in the parks, including:

- Assigning a single officer to have ownership over all Fens area incidents and to get reports back (as opposed to reading out incident reports at roll call). Hopefully this method will prove more effective, and prevent things from falling through the cracks.
- Community Response Teams of roaming officers
- “Real Time Crime Watch” connecting business owners directly to the police reporting system (currently in development in the South End)

Current Police Presence

- Officers Collins and Mizola are currently on a 4-to-midnight motorcycle patrol of the Fens.
- District Four sends out Community Response Teams of roaming officers, and Sergeant Provenzano will ask for one officer to go down through the Fens on their route.

How You Can Help

- Report incidents! The amount of police presence in an area is directly related to the amount of incident reports they have on record.
- Call or write your city councilor and ask for more Safe Street Teams for District Four. These teams have proven very effective in the other areas they’ve been used in, and if District Four can get the funding to get more of them together, they will be able to direct a Team to the Fens area.
- Stay informed. Check out www.BPDnews.com for links to Citizens Alert, Neighbor to Neighbor, etc.
- **Community police meetings** are held twice a month: at 5 PM on the third Wednesday in the police substation located on the second floor of the Landmark Center and at 6 PM on the third Tuesday in Morville House. ■

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Sponsor the Newsletter

We encourage local businesses and organizations to contact us regarding sponsorship. By tapping into a highly targeted group of more than 410 Boston residents that actively garden (and shop!) in the neighborhood, you can harness the Garden Society’s collective purchase power. A sponsor of the Fenway Garden Society will enjoy a steady stream of business from gardeners, their friends, and their families. It does not matter what type of business—hardware store, florist, nursery, restaurant, clothing store, grocery store—these gardeners will know your business as a sponsor, and a place they can feel confident spending money locally, while supporting the Victory Gardens. If you are a gardener and know a local business owner or staff member, or if you own a business in the neighborhood, or have a destination location, mail order company or work for a business that wants to get involved in the community, please contact us today at **617-267-6650**. ■

Multiflora Roses

Why Not to Grow Them

Every spring, white blossoms cover plots and fences in the Victory gardens. The familiar sight of the multiflora rose (*rosa multiflora*) is a challenge to all of us as gardeners in the Fens. Nothing protects our fences better than thorny roses, and if birds and bees like the flowers, why shouldn't we grow them?

The multiflora rose makes the Plant Conservation Alliance's "Least Wanted" alien plant list as a plant with high ecological threat. Originally introduced to the East Coast from Japan in 1866 as rootstock for ornamental roses, then used as living fences for erosion control in the 1930s, this plant was originally valued for its strong growth habit and ability to provide cover for wildlife and feed songbirds. Cuttings of the plants were even distributed free of charge to landowners! Its unstoppable growth habit soon choked out pastures and unplowed land, disturb-



ing farming operations. Today, *rosa multiflora* is posted on state noxious weed lists in 12 states, with Massachusetts listing it as 'prohibited', meaning that the importation, sale and trade of these plants are banned.

Plant Biology

The multiflora rose reproduces readily by seed and by forming new plants off of arching canes of the plant that touch the ground. Birds who eat fruits are primary dispersers of seed, and germination of these seeds are enhanced by passing through their digestive tracts. One multiflora

rose plant may produce up to one million seeds per year, with the seeds remaining viable in the soil for up to 20 years.

Plant Impact and Effects of Invasion

The multiflora rose readily invades prairies, savannas, open woodlands and forest edges, and when growing in dense thickets, crowds out and replaces surrounding vegetation. Studies done on the multiflora suggest it is highly competitive for soil nutrients, robbing neighbor plants of these resources. Its tolerance of a wide range of growing conditions gives it potential to invade and modify native plant populations. In states with chemical control programs, the impact of the multiflora rose triggers use of chemical and mechanical controls, including glyphosate (Round Up) and other herbicides.

What Can We Do?

As gardeners, we can have a positive impact on our plant populations by limiting the spread of invasive plant species.

Remove and replace. By digging out and replacing a multiflora with any number of climbing roses, we can stop the spread of plants that negatively impact our environment. The multiflora rose has a daunting root system, but by digging out any repeat growth, you can eradicate it within a single gardening season.

Limit spread. If you cannot remove a plant immediately, control its spread by removing fruits. If you see a 'wild rose' that you did not plant emerging from your garden, remove it! It is likely a multiflora rose.

Educate. Tell any new gardening neighbors of yours how to identify invasive plants, and provide suggestions for alternative plants. ■

MARIE FUKUDA

OCTOBER

24 Sixth Clean-Up Day

NOVEMBER

3 Board Meeting

DECEMBER

1 Board Meeting

4 Annual Meeting



Clean-Up Days are from 9:00 AM to noon; meet at Special Needs Garden

Board Meetings are at Morville House at 6:30 PM

Annual Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM to noon at the Fenway Health Center



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Board Positions Opening

Candidates Welcome



2010 was a banner year for volunteerism with the Gardens' appearance and organization benefiting greatly. Clean-up day workers, 4th of July and FensFest volunteers, Section Coordinators, Area Directors, Board Members and countless others working on ad-hoc projects and ongoing initiatives have proven that many hands make the load light.

In addition to maintaining the acreage of the Fenway Victory Gardens, the Fenway Garden Society has organizational needs including administration, fund raising, maintenance, financial reporting, liaison with other public and private entities and so on. As we prepare for 2011, FGS has a need for volunteers with a desire and ability to assist with these needs to step forward. Following is a partial listing of volunteer posts that need to be filled for 2011.

Elective Offices: President, Senior Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Communications and Development, Treasurer, Vice President of the Park

Appointive Offices: Archivist, Mail Officer, Membership Officer, Pipes Officer, Public Relations Officer, Security Representatives

Committees: Nominating Committee, Auditing Committee, Fundraising and Outreach Committee

Commitments to these posts range from as little as 1-2 hours per month up to a satisfying part-time volunteer opportunity for gardeners with a penchant for service. More complete descriptions can be found in our bylaws (available for download on our website: <http://www.fenwayvictorygardens.com>).

Those interested in serving on the 2011 Board of Directors as an elected officer are encouraged to submit their questions and names to the Nominating Committee at <http://fenwayvictorygardens.com/contact.html>.

MICHAEL ROSA

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