

White Plains Beautification Foundation, Inc. Beautification News

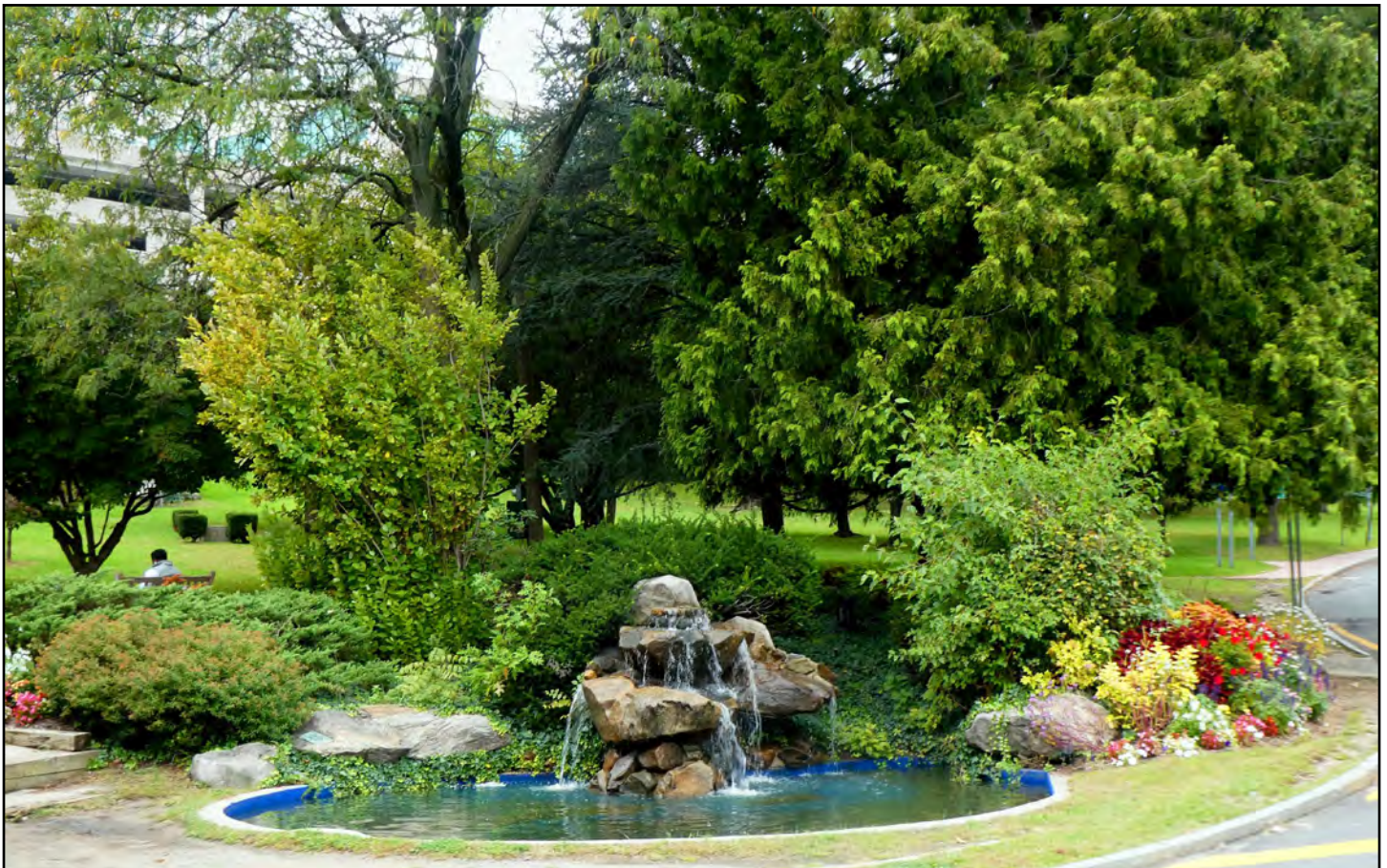
Fall/Winter 2021

Volume 44, Number 1

PLEASE ADOPT ME

The G. Kent Hawks Water Cascade Garden is located in Lower Tibbits Park at the foot of Armory Place and Westchester Avenue. It replaced a damaged shell fountain that had become unsightly by the late 1970s. WPBF raised the funds for the reconstruction of the site surrounded by office buildings. It provides a serene setting that appeals to our senses with the sound of water gently tripping over boulders accompanied by the scent and sight of flowering plants.

We lost our sponsor last year and this beautiful setting is calling out to be adopted by a business, family or individual.



Hawks Water Cascade Garden

To inquire about this or other gardens up for adoption,
contact Jean Bello at jeanmbello@gmail.com or info@wpbf.org

White Plains Beautification Foundation Board of Directors and Advisors

Honorary Chairman

Honorable Thomas Roach
Mayor, City of White Plains

Officers

Mary Ann DeRosa

President

P. Lynn Oliva

First Vice President

Terry Hanson

Vice President

Nick Wolff

Corresponding Secretary

Diane Taylor

Recording Secretary

Cormac Daly

Treasurer

Joanna D'Addario

Assistant Treasurer

Jean Bello*

Adopt-A-Park Chair

Deborah Donahoe*

Immediate Past President

Garden Chair

Directors

Patricia Bernstein
Sue Jacobine Brennan
Mary Briante
Dorothy Chervinsky
AnnMarie Dougherty
Ann Edwards*
Nancy Giges
Micaela Kelly Goldberger
Blaine Levenson
Ruth Manecke
Marie Silverman Marich*
Kathleen Masterson
Mary Merenda*
Barbara Ramsdell*
Nancy Rice
Dorothy Schere*
Cecelia Spilotros
Angela Vitellas
Beth K. Wallach*
Stuart Werner
Peter G. Wilcox

Honorary Directors

Barbara T. Vrooman*
Brian Wallach*

Associates

Rebecca Bright
Lucille Claroni
Dolores Curley
Renate Daly
Verdell Hilliard
Rose marie James
Mary Helen Jordan
Beth Levine
Esther Natter
Iti Pathak
Karen Quinn*
Beth Roach
Julie Trelstad
Alison Walsh
Jeanne Wilcox

Counsel

Lucia Chiocchio, Esq.
Cuddy and Feder

Advisors

Comm. Wayne Bass
White Plains Dept. of
Recreation & Parks
Deputy Comm. Francine Croughan
White Plains Dept.
of Recreation & Parks
Comm. Richard G. Hope
White Plains Dept.
of Public Works
Deputy Comm. Stefania Mignone
White Plains Dept.
of Public Works
Patrick Laidman
Arborist
Davey Tree Expert Company

Newsletter Committee

Terry Hanson, Editor
D. Scott Faubel,
Contributing Editor
Jean Bello*
Pat Bernstein, Photographer
Beth Wallach*

*Past President



In-Memoriam

Our hearts are with the loved ones
of the dear friends we lost this year.

Paul Weissman
September 30, 2020

Albert Nolletti
October 15, 2020

Barbara Clay Mauriello
January 1, 2021

John A. Ramsdell, M.D.
February 9, 2021

Guy Terhune
April 5, 2021

Robert Stone
August 1, 2021

White Plains Beautification Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 1614
White Plains NY 10602

www.wpbf.org

A Non-Profit Organization of Volunteers

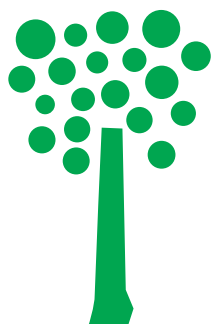
Inquiries to the President:

Mary Ann DeRosa (917) 696-2738

e-mail: Info@wpbf.org

**A copy of our last financial report filed
with the State may be obtained by
writing to:**

NYS Attorney General's Office
Charities Bureau
120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

WHITE PLAINS
BEAUTIFICATION
FOUNDATION



Dear Friends,

Brrr! While fall has been in the air since October 18th, we are experiencing temperatures below normal for this time of year, and then we're not. Even so, our summer garden plantings remained lush and beautiful, a phenomenon many of you have been appreciating. As we changed over to fall flowers and foliage, let me thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your continued, unwavering faith in the White Plains Beautification Foundation. Our indomitable team is very grateful for your support of our mission to beautify White Plains. Thank you also for turning out to collect 5,000 daffodil bulbs at our Farmer's Market giveaway on October 20th. We are looking forward to seeing the results of all your digging this coming spring. In addition to the 98,525 bulbs WPBF donated, and 32,200 Daffodil Project bulbs the City of White Plains planted since 2014, WPBF partnered with the Department of Public Works to plant 25,000 more bulbs this year. With your 5,000, White Plains will be covered with 30,000 more gorgeous blooms in April. If you all planted the 4,250 bulbs we gave away last year then we have 164,975 more daffodils in our City since we began the Daffodil Project! We are also very interested in hearing how 600 native plant plugs many of you picked up from us at our May 19th Farmers Market are doing.

While everyone thought we were beginning to put the pandemic behind us, we still need to use caution when we are out and about, since Covid variants seem to keep arising. Due to this uncertainty, we sent out an Appeal Letter in lieu of a 2021 Gala and urged you to continue giving generously. We all hope this pandemic will soon be a thing of the past and we can treat Covid the way we do the flu AND anticipate an in-person Gala in 2022. In spite of our current situation, our partners, the nurseries (Amodio's, Gedney, and Ridgeway) and the City, especially the Mayor and his office, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Recreation and Parks, all with somewhat reduced resources, deserve our deep thanks, along with our sponsors, as we serve you to the best of our ability. Let me also extend our forever gratitude to all the Essential Workers we honored with our re-envisioned City Hall Pollinator Garden.

FYI, WPBF has used this past summer and fall to insure our organization's longevity. We divided into three groups focusing on our bylaws, our organization itself, and our outreach programs. As we work our way to conclusions, we invite you to consider joining WPBF. New and fresh faces are always welcome. Be sure to check out our website, www.wpbf.org to better understand what we do. If we don't already have your e-mail address, please send it to info@wpbf.org. Meanwhile, we wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season!

With deep appreciation,

Mary Ann DeRosa
President

YOUR AMAZING FRONT YARDS



The summer garden of a resident who received an appreciation post card.

For a number of years the White Plains Beautification Foundation has been searching throughout city neighborhoods for special front-yard gardens. With an eye out for the use of native plants and environmental sensitivity, we were delighted to find an abundance of them this year.

Board member Dorothy Chervinsky had done the job single-handedly over the years and now two former presidents are keeping an eye on things and cruising through one neighborhood at a time. Dorothy Schere covered the Soundview-Prospect Park area this year, while Beth Wallach did The Highlands.

More and more homeowners have switched from the standard front-yard landscape to inviting park-like settings with benches and chairs, and informal gardens with lots of native plants, in keeping with our Pollinator Pathway program. Encouraging birds and bees and butterflies makes good sense.

If we can find house numbers from our cars (we hate to use binoculars because it makes us look suspect) we mail a special card of appreciation to you, "Homeowner," and hope you get in touch with us and tell us who you are.

We'll be cruisin' again next year, so start planning something special in your front yard. And keep your house numbers visible.

IN MEMORIAM JOHN A. RAMSDELL, M.D.

John A. Ramsdell, M.D. passed away on February 9, 2021, just shy of his 94th birthday. He and his wife Barbara, a former White Plains Beautification Foundation President, and current active Director on the Board, have been Adopt-a-Park sponsors for many years.

John held various positions during his decades-long tenure at White Plains Hospital including surgeon, Chief of Staff, President Medical & Dental Staff and on the Board of Directors. He has also served on many community organizations and boards including president of the Rotary Club of White Plains. John exemplified the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."

The WPBF Board of Directors and Associates extends our condolences to John's wife Barbara and all the family.

DIG THIS

As the WPBF's Daffodil Project marches on toward its goal of planting half a million bulbs throughout the city, we distributed another 5,000 bulbs during our Daffodilly Days giveaway at the White Plains Farmers Market on Oct. 20, 2020.

Packages of 25 bulbs were given to city residents who promised to plant them in a sunny spot this fall and share their email contact information with us. Instructions for the planting and care of daffodils was sent via email to those who received bulbs.

Last year's launch of Daffodilly Days saw more than 100 25-bulb packages given out at the Farmers Market. In total, 4,200 bulbs were distributed last year.

This year WPBF purchased a total of 20,400 bulbs, half of them Narcissus Trumpet "Dutch Masters," and the other half split between Narcissus Large-cupped "Ice Follies" and "Fortunes."

The city ordered another 6,600 bulbs, 1,400 each of five varieties: the three listed above along with Narcissus Bunch-flowering "Sir Winston Churchills" and "Martinettes."

This fall's planting plans include the participation of 15 schools and other learning centers, and more than 13 new public sites and apartment complexes which were recommended by residents, the city Department of Public Works and our members.



WPBF President, Mary Ann DeRosa, volunteering at Daffodilly Day



Battle Hill resident Anthony Pilla donates a handful of \$2 bills for his daffodil bulbs.



(L-R) WPBF volunteers Jean Bello, Diane Taylor and Mary Merenda distribute daffodil bulbs to "customers" Yvette Pujols and Buki Nezap.

from press release by J. D'Addario

2021 ADOPT-A-PARK

Sincere Thanks to our Very Generous 2021 Adopt-a-Park Sponsors

DIAMOND SPONSORS

\$10,000 & Up

Amodio's Garden Center & Flower Shop*
Anonymous Good Friend
Cuddy & Feder*
Gedney Farms Nursery*
Ridgeway Garden Center*

POWER OF LEGACY

Thank you to our donors who have left charitable bequests to WPBF.
We appreciate and value your gifts!

PLATINUM SPONSORS

\$5,000 – \$9,999

Anonymous Good Friend
Michael Bellantoni Landscaping*
Maier Markey & Justic, LLP*
Montefiore Health System
The Petrone Family
Drs. Nancy Rice & Millard Hyland
The Syd & Jan M. Silverman Foundation
Guy A. Terhune**
Anne & John Uglum

GOLD SPONSORS

\$2,500 - \$4,999

AKRF, Inc.
Bloomingdale's
The Devine Family
Hon. John M. Martin & Family
Linda & Mel Teetz
Karen & Richard Trepp
Westy Self Storage
White Plains Hospital

MAJOR SPONSORS

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Alloy Printing*
Antonio Meucci Lodge #213, Inc.
James & Rosalee Arndt Family
Ballard-Durand Funeral Home
Paul & Jean Bello
Caspi Development
Caterina Ciaramella
Laurie MacDonald Coe
The Container Store
Elias Dagher
The Davey Tree Expert Company*
DeRosa Builders, Inc.
Jean & Mike Divney
Ann & Bob** Edwards
Empire State Realty Trust
Lauren M. & Robert Fales

Preston Farr
Marjorie & Robert** Feder
First Church of Christ Scientist
Gedney Farms Nursery
Peter Gisondi Painting Company
Charlie & Micaela Goldberger
Mary Jane & Alan Goldman
Howard Hanna Rand Realty
Houlihan/Lawrence Real Estate Center
Rose marie James Graphic Design*
Hon. Rita & Thomas Malmud
Mignone Family
Thomas J. Minck
North Broadway Citizen's Assoc.
North Street Community, LLC
P. Lynn, Ed & Marland Oliva

Marland & Julia Oliva
Rev. Everett Parker Fund
Prato Capital Management
Reckson, a Division of SL Green
Rotary Club of White Plains
Jonathan & Dorothy S. Schere
Gail & Max Schwartz
Silverman Realty Group, Inc.
The Tobin Family
Liz & Herb Tulchin
Brian & Beth K. Wallach
Brian Wallach Agency, Inc.
White Plains Cherry Blossom Festival

BENEFACTORS

\$500 - \$999

Loretta & Walter Anderson
Benerofe Properties, Corp.
Joy & Paul Bergins
Wendy S. Blum
Sue Jacobine Brennan
Hon. David & Lara Buchwald
Dr. Laura Butterfield & Peter Wolfson
Combe, Incorporated
Joanna D'Addario
Cormac & Renate Daly

Mary Ann DeRosa
Nancy & Marc S. Giges
The Edward Handelman Fund
Hocherman Tortorella & Wekstein, LLP
Mary Helen Jordan
The Kempner Corporation
Hon. John & Susan Kirkpatrick
Leason Ellis LLP
James Louis Leinwand Fund
Blaine & Stephen Levenson

P. Robert & Marie Silverman Marich
Markey Realty Company
New York – Presbyterian
Westchester Division
NILOC Operating Co., LLC
Scully Construction Corporation
Harriet & Paul** Weissman
The Westchester Bank

FRIENDS OF THE PARK

\$250 - \$499

Richard Bernstein & Janice Abbott
Hon. Benjamin & Carsandra Boykin
Mary Briante
Rebecca W. & Harry O. Bright
Dorothy W. Chervinsky
John & Maria Davis
Ruth Perin Davis
Deborah & John Donahoe
German International School New York
Dr. Timothy & Nancy Hill
Beth & Eugene Kava
Deidre K. & Matthew S. Kimble

Hon. Dennis & Eleanor Krolian
Jim & Leslie Levy
Shari "Candy" & Dennis Light, Esq.
Kathleen & Joseph Masterson
McCarthy Associates
Mary Merenda
NorthEast Community Bank
North Street Association
Bonnie Peritz & Perry Liberty
Barbara & John A.** Ramsdell, M.D.
Ridgeway at White Plains HOA
Johanna Safar

Sam Schwartz Consulting
Gregory J. & Hon. Beth N. Smayda
Elizabeth Stanton
Barbara & Bill Vrooman
Alison & Rob Walsh
Barbara & Barry Wenglin, M.D.
Garry & Kim Wessel

Names current as of 10/29/21

**Denotes In-Kind*

*** Denotes Deceased*



Photo By Terry Hanson



Photo By Larry Mendillo



Photo By Larry Mendillo



Photo By Larry Mendillo

WPBF is delighted that pollinator enthusiasts and eco-friendly gardeners are supporting the effort to sustain natural resources in their own back yards. Some of our neighbors have been doing this for many years. Here are images from the gardens of White Plains residents Karen and Larry Mendillo, which are bursting not only with flowers but also with birds, bees and butterflies due to the elimination of pesticides and the use of sustainable gardening practices. Artfully placed statutes add whimsy to this pollinator haven.

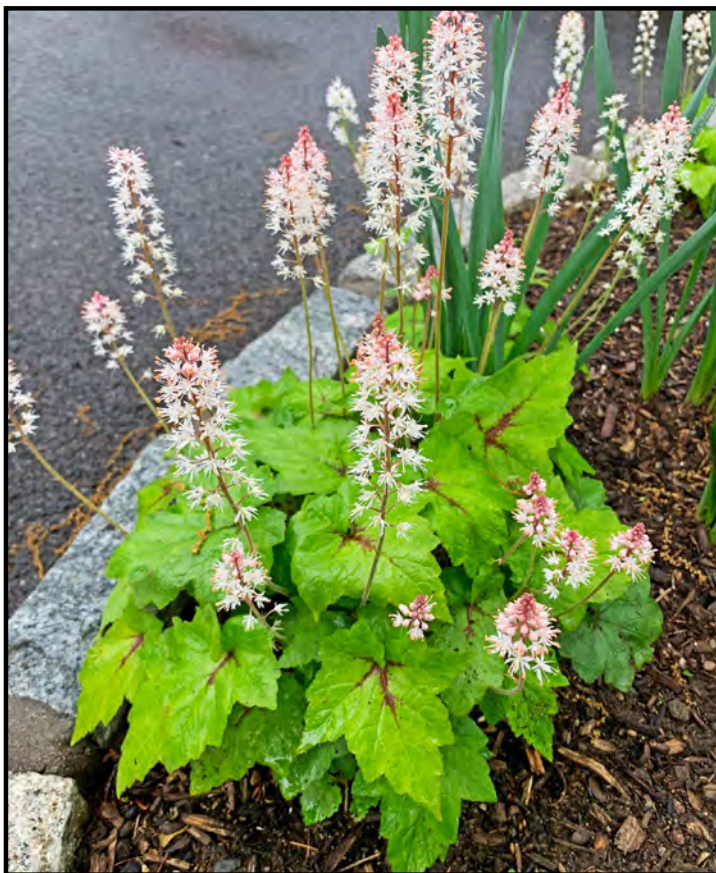
PROTECTING OUR POLLINATORS

WPBF volunteers spent a day at the White Plains Farmers Market on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, to help distribute free native plant plugs to gardeners willing to nurture plants that attract butterflies, bees and other pollinating insects. Over 150 boxes with three plant plugs in each were distributed to appreciative gardeners. The free plant plugs were given with the request that those taking them promise to care for their plants and to provide their name and email addresses.

Many lingered at the WPBF table to share their gardening experiences and learn how to care for the plants they received. Gardeners are an enthusiastic bunch. Excitement for the art of gardening remains strong and a growing interest in protecting pollinators was evident.

Everyone can join the effort to protect pollinators. Whether you tend a small flower box or a garden of any size, here are some practical steps you can take:

- Don't use pesticides
- Plant native species to nourish native bees, visiting butterflies and other pollinators
- Protect nests and egg-laying sites by allowing some leaf litter to remain
- Spread the word



Tiarella cordifolia, Foam Flower, seen here thriving in a White Plains garden, was one of the native plant plugs offered at the White Plains Farmer's Market.

Jacqui Bergonzi and Mary Ann DeRosa are two of the volunteers who instructed gardeners about the importance of native plants in supporting pollinators throughout their life cycle.



IN LIEU OF GALA



Treasures are waiting to go home to the winning bidders at the Raffle Table of the 2013 Gala.

White Plains Beautification Foundation volunteers enjoy a good party, which is why we normally spend about 10 months of the year planning for our Annual Fall Gala. Invitations and programs have to be designed and printed, menus and decorations planned, RSVPs gathered, silent auction prizes solicited and wrapped, speeches prepared. It's a buzz of activity beginning early in the year and continuing right up to the moment we greet our guests at the door for a fabulous evening. Normally.

In 2020, the COVID pandemic forced us to hold an unGala via Zoom, at which we honored our Essential Workers for their sacrifices and dedication to our community, with every intention of seeing you in person at a spectacular 2021 Gala.

Sadly, with the uncertainties early in the year regarding infection rates and venue capacity restrictions, we were unable to begin planning as early as is necessary for this type of event. The decision was upon us: Do we hold another unGala? Via Zoom? But aren't we all Zoomed-out? This technology has been an amazing gift, but it can also be a reminder of the distance that has been put between us.

The Gala has always served a dual purpose. First, to enjoy your company and conversation in a festive setting; and second, to fundraise, primarily to help cover the cost of watering our gardens during the summer, a total expense of \$35,000. We are already disappointed to miss another year of celebration with you, but we are also faced with the dilemma of meeting our annual expenses.

With that in mind, a letter was mailed appealing to the public to consider an "In Lieu of Gala Gift." The response has been hopeful, and it is not too late to add your name to the list of donors who share our vision of making White Plains "a city in the park."

As we are well into the second year of this pandemic, we have to remain hopeful that 2022 will be the year of renewed, unrestricted, and stress-free gatherings and that we WILL see you at an in-person Gala where we will raise a glass – or two – to toast you, our loyal supporter!



At our last held in-person gala we honored three past presidents, from left, Mary Merenda, Ann Edwards and Dorothy Schere, affectionately dubbed Our Queen Bees.



Over 200 guests celebrated WPF's 50th anniversary in 2015 at the historic C.V. Rich Mansion, home of the Woman's Club of White Plains.

WPBF DONORS

(9/1/20 - 10/31/21)

Janice Abbott & Richard Bernstein
Jean & Narinder Aggarwala
Mitchell Achiron
Rochelle Abrams
Patricia Keegan Abels
Anonymous Good Friend (2)
Loretta & Walter Anderson
AKRF, Inc.
Antonio Meucci Lodge #213
Diane Ametrano
James & Rosalee Arndt Family
Sari & Kirk Bedevian
Apple Bank
Malcolm H Baehr
Alloy Printing
Dr. Michael Antonelle
Sara M Arnon
Louis & Laura Amadio
American Legion Post 135
Leticia D Aquarius
Patrick & Mary Jean Austin
Bobbi & Simon Baker
Amodio's Garden Center & Flower Shop
Barbra Arnold
Commissioner Wayne Bass
ArtBizLaw
Alno Gedney Farms, Inc
Ballard-Durand Funeral Home
Spencer Barback
Barbara H Barnes
Beecher Flocks Funeral Home, Inc
Mary & Robert Begun
Michael Bellantoni Landscaping
Jean & Paul Bello
Benerofe Properties Corp
Joy & Paul Bergins
Lawrence & Janis Berglas
Jacqui Bergonzi
Patricia Bernstein
Better Homes & Gardens - Rand Realty
Sheila & Michael Black
The Blackbaud Giving Fund
Bloomingdale's
Wendy S Blum
Nancy Bonagura
Nanette Bourne
Mary Ann & Tom Boustead
Carsandra & Hon Benjamin Boykin II
Michele & William Brady
Walter & Lucille Brady
Hon Justin Brasch
Sue Jacobine Brennan
Deborah & Andrew Brennan
Anne & James Bretones
Mary Briante
Rebecca & Harry O. Bright
Fran & Ray Broderick
Iris F & James B Brucks
Victoria Bruni
Hon David & Lara Buchwald
Don & Naomi Buchwald
Karen & Patrick Buckley
Dona J Burke
Marguerite Busetti
Dr. Laura Butterfield & Peter Wolfson
Cameo House Owners Inc.
Caspi Development
Judith & Alan Cass
Marjorie & Ray Castro

Millie Castro
Mary & John Cavallero
Dorothy W Chervinsky
Jane C & Bernard Ciaramella
Caterina Ciaramella
Benny Cipriano
Laurie MacDonald Coe
Renee Cohen
Michael D Colby
Susan Edwards & Robert Colson
Combe Incorporated
Computershare/KCC
The Container Store
Virgil & Lica Contescu
Corsun Family Foundation
Martha Cox
Tony Magnotta & Mary-ellen Crehan
Deputy Commissioner Francine Croughan
Catherine M Cucurullo
Cuddy & Feder LLC, Lucia Chiochio
Patrice E & Dennis C Cuddy
Loredana & George N Curtis
Joanna D'Addario
Frances & Sebastian D'Alessandro
Mary D'Amico
Elias Dagher
Renate & Cormac Daly
Barbara Dannenberg
The Davey Tree Company
Ellen & Robert A Davis
Ruth Perin Davis
John & Maria Davis
Ruth B Davis
Ellen & Robbie Davis
Connie DeFilippis
Robert Del Torto

Empire State Realty Trust
Suzanne Evans
Loretta & Bernard Fabel
Josephine M Falcone
Lauren M & Robert Fales
Preston Farr
Marjorie & Robert* Feder
Minda P & Fred Feinberg
Elsa Ferrari
First Church of Christ Scientist
Michael Fistel
Judy Freeman
Gale & Stanley Friedland
J. Brady Garber
Erika Gard
Alfred B Gates
Gedney Association
Gedney Farms Nursery
Amy & Larry Geiger
German International School of NY
Nancy & Marc Giges
Judy & David Gilberg
Ginsburg Development Companies LLC
Peter Gisondi & Co Inc
Pamela & Elliott Glass
Marjorie & Milton Gleit
Judy & Mathew Gluckson
Dorothy S Gluckson
Ellen & Richard Gold
Charles & Micaela Kelly Goldberger
Mary Jane & Alan Goldman
Susan J & Kenneth Gordon
Karen Gottfried
Patricia Gougelmann
Catherine & William Grant
Susan Graziano

Colleen & John Iodice
Aaron & Claudia Jaffe
Tim James
Rose marie James
Mary Helen Jordan
Amy & Mitchell Josephs
Anthony J Justic
Maier Markey & Justic LLP
Andrea L Kaminsky
Edith Kapoor & Alphons Yost
Katz & Katz P.C., Louise & Alan Katz
Beth & Eugene Kava
Richard P Kaye & Susan Strickler Kaye
Laura J Keegan
Valerie Keegan
Josephine C Kellman
The Kempner Corporation
Deidre & Matthew Kimble
Hela & Peter Kindler
Marjorie J Kingsley
Susan & Hon John Kirkpatrick
Eileen & Jeffrey Klein
David & Evelyne Klein
Carol & Eugene Klein
Eda & Bernard R Klinger
Hon Dennis & Eleanor Krolian
Richard & Judith Kuhlmann
Gail & William Kuschman
Caroline Kyzivat
Brenda LaManna - DamselFly Designs
Lucille Landry
Janet T Langsam
Leason Ellis LLP
Milagros Lecuona
Penelope Lehman
Wendy Leibowitz
Christopher K Lendt
Peggy Shea & Gary Leogrande
James Louis Leinwand Fund
Blaine & Stephen Levenson
Linda & Mark Levine
Elaine & Martin Levitin
Jim & Leslie Levy
Shari "Candy" & Dennis Light, Esq.
Mary E Logan & Paul Beeken
Barbara R Loucks
Margaret LoVergine
Roberta Lowell
Hon. Rita & Thomas Malmud
Mamaroneck & Waller Ave Properties
Ruth M Manecke
Juliana & Henry R Marbach
Marie Silverman & Robert P Marich
The Marich Family
Markey Realty Company LLC
Hon John M. Martin
Maryann C & John E Martin
Margery & Edgar Masinter
Kathleen & Joseph Masterson
Carol Mastoloni
Kenneth Matinale
Fernando Maura
Shelley Mayer
John R McCarthy
Marie Louise McClure
Eileen McGarvey
Kathleen & Kevin McGrath
Marie F McMahon
McMahon, Lyon & Hartnett Funeral Home Inc.

Every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of this donor list. We apologize for any inadvertant exclusions or errors. Please notify us of corrections at info@wpbf.org.

Jane DeLaCruz
Beth & Ed DeLaurentis
Mary Ann DeRosa
DeRosa Builders
Alison & William Devine
The Devine Family
Doris & Marvin Dingott
Sam & Nancy DiValentino
Jean & Michael Divney
Ruth & Michael Doehring
Deborah & John Donahoe
Sisters of the Divine Compassion, Sister Laura Donovan
Don Marie & Robert Dougherty
Patricia & John Douglass
John Doyle
Naomi R. Duker & Stephen P. Gold
Andreas Dunker
Joanne & Edward Dunphy
Nancy J & Paul J Durante
Rebecca S & William G Eckfeld
Wm. David Eddy, Jr. Esq
Ann & Bob* Edwards
Alane & Rudolph Ellenbogen
Empire State Realty Trust

Silverman Realty Group, Inc
Doris & Norbert Gruenfeld
Leonard Gruenfeld
Deborah P & Marc J Guthartz
The Edward Handelman Fund
Howard Hanna Rand Realty
Diane & John Hanrahan
Terry Hanson & D Scott Faubel
Jackie Harper
Jeanne & Joel Harris
Jill Haskel
Healy Electric Contracting Inc
Barbara S Hendey
Jean Hendry
Dr. Timothy & Nancy Lee Hill
Verdell Hilliard
Hoeherman Tortorella & Wekstein, LLP
June & Kevin Hodapp
Commissioner Rick Hope
Regina Hosey
Hospice of Westchester
Janet Hotchkiss
Houlihan/Lawrence Real Estate Center
Mary M Hughes
Hon Nadine Hunt-Robinson

Virginia McMath
 Karen & Lawrence Mendillo
 Mercedes-Benz of White Plains
 Mary Merenda
 Rhona Merkar & Paul Schupak
 Judith Meyer
 Mignone Family
 Madeline Mignone
 Carlos Milian
 Rochelle Miller
 Virginia Mills
 Thomas J Minck
 Alan & Alice Model
 Margaret Moline
 Montefiore Medical Center
 Marjolein C Mooney
 Thomas & Monica Morton
 Kristin & Kevin Mulvey
 Susan & Brian Murphy
 Edward P Murphy
 Gordon D Murray
 Scott Nammacher & Constance Haslett
 Esther S Natter
 Dr & Mrs John Nelson
 Network for Good
 New York-Presbyterian-Westchester Division
 Lenore M & Joel P Nieves
 NILOC Operating Co LLC
 Albert A Nolletti*
 Carla Nolletti
 North Broadway Citizens Association
 North Street Area Civic Association
 North Street Community, LLC
 NorthEast Community Bank
 O'Connor, McGuinness, Conte, Doyle, Oleson,
 Watson & Lotus, LLP
 Barbara & Phil O'Keefe
 Anne Ocone
 Patricia O'Grady
 P Lynn Oliva
 Edmond and Margit Oliva
 Julia & Marland Oliva
 Jack & Pricia Orben
 Carol & Arthur Ostrove
 Mona & Seymour Page
 Francis & Ann Palazzo
 Rev. Everett Parker Fund
 Elizabeth Patterson
 Amy Paulin

Brianne Penn
 Bonnie Peritz & Perry Liberty
 Michelle R Perkins
 Lois L & Arthur A Perlmutter
 Holly Hord Perry
 Carol M.J. Peterson
 The Petrone Family
 Anthony Pilla
 Jean Pollak
 Karen Pollard-Batchelor
 Margaret Postlewaite
 Prato Capital Management
 Hon Victoria Presser
 Thomas G Preston
 Jane Prout
 Hon Jennifer Puja
 Karen Quinn
 Catharine Raffaele
 Douglas Ramsay
 Barbara & John A* Ramsdell
 Reckson, a Division of SL Green Co
 Marie H Renz
 Helene S Reys
 Nancy Rice & Millard Hyland
 Ridgeway at White Plains HOA
 Ridgeway Garden Center
 Riemann Auto Body
 Hon Tom Roach
 Lynne A Robinson
 Nancy L Robinson
 Dorinn & Philip Rodman
 Jonathan S Rodney
 Alessandra Rodriguez
 Christine & Mark Roithmayr
 Elliott Rose
 Anita Rosenstock
 Judy & Steve Ross
 Rotary Club of White Plains
 Phil Rothenberg
 Nancy & Douglas Rutenberg
 Denis & Sara Sackett
 Marlene Saer
 Joanna Safar
 Barbara & Robert S Sandler
 Louise A Sanet
 Eileen Santoro
 Dorothy & Jonathan Schere
 Deborah Schindelheim
 Julia Schonfeld

Rosalind J Schulman
 Sam Schwartz Consulting
 Felicity Awerbuch & Stanley L Schwartz
 Gail & Max Schwartz
 Barbara & Paul Schwarz
 Scully Construction Corporation
 Alice Seidman
 Marc E. & Mariana Lopez Sharff
 Robert W Shaw
 Elisa & Joseph Siciliano
 Fred & Christine Sigona
 Syd & Jan M Silverman Foundation
 Gregory J & Hon. Beth N Smayda
 Stanley Sokol
 Laura B Solomon
 Cecelia Spilotros
 Elizabeth Stanton
 Sign Stop
 Richard E Stout
 Terry & John Stratta
 The Stuetz Family
 Charlotte Hope Szabo
 Diane H Tabakman & David W Rhodes
 Eileen Taht
 Robert and Janet Tascio
 Diane Taylor
 Dr. Allison Taylor & Wm. David Eddy, Jr. Esq
 Linda & Melvin Teetz
 Guy A Terhune*
 The Woman's Club of White Plains
 The Tobin Family
 Joan Traber
 Suzanne Trapp
 Diane Travers
 Mary Travis PhD
 Karen & Richard C Trepp
 Eileen & John Troise
 Tomomi & Robert Trudell
 Liz & Herb Tulchin
 Susan L Turnbull
 Anne & John Uglum
 Jennifer Longobardi & Alex Ungerer
 Angela Vitellas
 Barbara & Bill Vrooman
 Susan M Wackerow
 Elisabeth H Wallace
 Beth & Brian Wallach
 Brian Wallach Agency, Inc.
 Cynthia A Wallquist

Alison & Rob Walsh
 Gloria D Ward
 Betsy & Stanley Weiner
 Linda Rodney & Marc Weinstein
 Robert Weintraub
 Harriet & Paul* Weissman
 Barbara & Barry Wenglin
 Werkheiser Home Maintenance Inc
 Stuart Werner
 Kim & Garry Wessel
 Westchester Arts Council Inc
 The Westchester Bank
 Westy Self Storage
 White Plains Cherry Blossom Festival
 White Plains Common Council
 White Plains Hospital
 A.G. Williams Painting
 Rosemary & John Williams
 Aileen & Nick Wolff
 The Woman's Club of WP Foundation, Inc.
 Laurette Young
 Janet Younkin
 Judy Zendell

* Deceased

GIFTS IN HONOR OF:

Iris & Jim Brucks
 Joanna D'Addario
 Mary Ann DeRosa
 Nancy DiValentino
 Nancy & Marc Giges
 Dr. Catherine Grelket
 Jane Hanley
 Mary Merenda
 Kat & Andy Nolletti
 Dorothy Schere
 Edward Schleiben
 Charlotte Hope Szabo
 Beth & Brian Wallach
 Nick Wolff

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Salvatore Alfano
 Jeanne Alpert
 Jennie Amelio
 Joe Ametrano
 Connie & Frank Arndt
 Demaree Barnes
 George Brucks
 Tom Burke
 Charles Chervinsky
 Silvio Ciaramella
 Sally Gillespie Coe
 Steve A Cohen
 Catherine Sheldon Dagher
 Raymond Nelson Davis
 Raymond P. Davis
 Janice DeRamon
 Margery A. & Tom Devine

Clark Wm. Douglas
 Robert Edwards
 Yvonne Farr
 Manuel Fonesca
 Earl Freeman
 Peter Gisondi
 Herbert J.R. Gluckson
 Richard A. Graziano
 Len Hendry
 Catherine McNally Holland
 Elizabeth C Hord
 James Louis Leinwand
 Mary & John Lolis
 Mariana Lopez
 Gracel Machado
 Dorothy Marks
 Patricia Murray Martin

Raymond Mastoloni
 Barbara Mauriello
 Berry Farinas McNally
 Helen Minck
 Patrick Mulvey
 Ray & Ellie Murray
 Rudy Nabel
 Thomas John Nammacher
 Pauline & Patrick Oliva
 A. Thomas Oliva
 Geneva & Rev. Everett Parker
 John Peterson
 Carol Petrone
 Paul Petrone
 Thomasina Petrone
 James Powell

Noreen Preston
 Donald G Prout
 Jeanne Quinn
 Julie Scatena
 Joe Siciliano
 Hattie Freeman Silverman
 Jan McNally Silverman
 Syd Silverman
 Patricia May Britton & William Spinner
 Guy Terhune
 Patricia Terhune
 Clara Elizabeth Whitehead
 Virginia McNally Whitehead
 Anthony Zanazzi

PLANTING THE SEEDS IN A COUNTRY GARDEN: A COMMUNITY COLLABORATION



Grainger sign & pollinator sign



Percy Grainger at his piano

Sometimes the best community projects start with a partnership. In October, 2020, White Plains Beautification Foundation's "Daffodil Lady" Joanna D'Addario, contacted the Percy Grainger Society, offering 500 Fortune large-cupped daffodils ready for planting on the grounds of the Percy Grainger Home and Studio, 7 Cromwell Place, White Plains.

The Grainger Home, built in the late 1800s, is a beloved White Plains historic landmark and a graceful reminder of White Plains neighborhoods from days gone by. Its place in local history was established when it became the residence of internationally renowned musician Percy Grainger and his wife, artist/poet Ella Ström-Grainger in 1921.

In the spring of 2021, the golden daffodils bloomed, complementing the setting as well as the mood and spirit, of the house. The Society celebrated with a series of open houses inviting the community to tour the house and experience just how the Graingers lived. "We want visitors to have a chance to see and learn about this historic home," noted Anne Ocone, museum coordinator at the Grainger site. During one of the open houses, WPBF's "This Blooming City" host Marie Silverman Marich taped an episode of the show that is telecast on community access channels and can be accessed via wpcf.org.

The collaboration continued when WPBF offered to donate and help plant some native plant plugs to enhance a newly planted pollinator garden that is part of a major renovation and renewal project inside and out. "Such collaboration is a good way to welcome visitors new and returning here," Ocone said.

Australian born Percy Grainger (1882-1961), is an internationally known pianist/composer, whose reputation as a composer was indelibly



Percy and his mother, Rose moved to White Plains in 1921

stamped by the success of his 1918 composition Country Gardens. During the early 20th century, he was known as a virtuoso pianist. His reputation has grown over the years due to recorded performances drawing attention to his numerous and varied compositions. Those for military bands are regarded as classics; his settings of British and Danish folksongs are acclaimed for sensitivity and appropriateness. He spent the final 40 years of his life in White Plains.

Maestro Grainger settled in White Plains on Cromwell Place in part because it provided easy access to his preferred mode of transportation, trains, to fulfill his heavy performance schedule all over the world. He could often be seen walking to the White Plains train station with his wheelbarrow loaded with luggage, scores, and instruments. The station master even gave him a closet to store the wheelbarrows, now located in the basement of 7 Cromwell.



Percy Grainger's restored piano in the music room



The original kitchen appliances.

The Percy Grainger Society was chartered by the New York State Board of Regents in 1964. Its mission is to promote his work and legacy with a membership community that preserves his historic house, encourages appreciation and performance of his music, and promotes a deeper understanding of the cultural, social, and economic context of his life and work.

Susan Colson

Susan is a board member of the Percy Grainger Society and, as a local resident, is often the caretaker of the house.



Grainger Home Daffodils



Daffodils planted by the Eagle Scouts in side yard of Percy Grainger Home

NOTES FROM DONORS:

“Thanks for all you do.
WP looks beautiful whenever I visit my home town.”
- Joan T

“I love that our White Plains gardens are planted throughout the city.
It makes such a difference in the feeling of the city.”
- Micaela & Charlie G

“Thank you for the extraordinary gardens in White Plains that give so much joy.
They seem to get more and more beautiful.”
-Laura Solomon

GARDEN QUIZ

Can you identify the location of these gardens, planters and daffodils?
See bottom of Page 23 for Answers.



HERO REMEMBERED

We remember Guy Alden Terhune, 95, our friend and longtime board member, with grateful hearts and fond memories. Guy, who died April 5, became involved with WPBF as his wife Patricia's "right arm" when she preceded him on the board as our hard-working planting chairman. When he retired from Pfizer, he was called upon constantly, not only by Pat but by all of us, so eventually he became a board member too. (Pat died in 2005 and in her memory Guy endowed a lovely hillside garden at historic Purdy House on Park Avenue.)

Whether as a strong arm or as an assistant to the treasurer, he devoted quality time to the foundation in his 30 retirement years. Yes, as heroes go, he was our unsung hero.

But speaking of heroes, read on. Guy Terhune served in the U.S. Army Infantry, was injured in the Battle of the Bulge, and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze star. In 2019 he was a participant in the Veterans Honor Flight program to Washington DC, an event that he thoroughly enjoyed.

A father of five, including daughter Elizabeth, who is also one of "ours," he was the grandfather of ten.

A life well-lived.

We miss him.

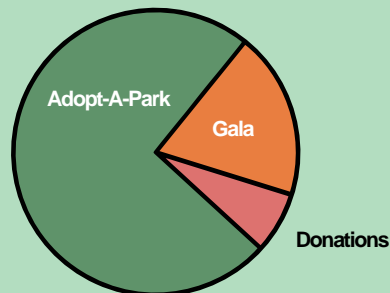


Guy Terhune and Family at the WPBF 2016 Gala

FINANCIAL REPORT WPBF Funds for 2020

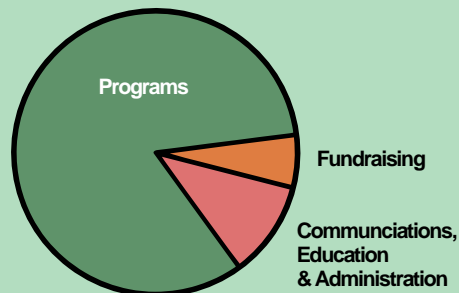
2020 Income: \$173,365

Adopt-A-Park program (74%)	\$128,290
Annual Gala event (19%)	\$32,940
General donations (7%)	\$12,135



2020 Expenses: \$173,325

Programs: Garden Planting, Care & watering, Schools Garden Programs (83%)	\$143,859
Fundraising incl. Gala (6%)	\$10,400
Communications, Education & Admin (11%)	\$19,066



*With fond memories of
Guy A. Terhune
A true gentleman
Renate & Cormac Daly*

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS!

**McMahon, Lyon & Hartnett
Funeral Home, Inc.**
491 Mamaroneck Ave
White Plains, NY 10605
(914) 949-7777

www.mcmahonfuneralhome.com

**President
Marie F. McMahon**

**Licensed Manager
Timothy W. Buckley**



**Proud Supporters of
White Plains Beautification**

THANK YOU WHITE PLAINS BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION FOR ALL YOU DO.

DAVEY 
Proven Solutions for a Growing World

**Elmsford
914-345-8733**

Call today for a complimentary consultation of your trees!

Full Service Tree Care | Plant Health Care | Pruning
Fertilization & SoilCareSM | Certified Arborists
The Davey Tree Expert Company | davey.com

Congratulations to our cable **TV** show

This Blooming City

and current host Marie Silverman Marich

on **31** years of service on White Plains Community Media.

TBC is the longest-running, continuously-produced and
hosted local show on the network!

With special thanks to Beth Wallach,

founder and longtime host, the team at White Plains
Community Media, and our terrific guests and viewers.

We have an archive of over 60 shows, so catch up with
TBC any time at wpbf.org or tune in on Saturdays at 6:30
PM and Sundays at 10:30 AM on Fios Channel 45 or
Cablevision Channel 76

And remember to have a blooming day every day in every way!

RESIDENT'S GUIDE

Cameo  House



LUXURY COOPERATIVE RESIDENCE • WHITE PLAINS, NY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WHITE PLAINS BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION, INC.



Hon. Thomas Roach, *Mayor*
Hon. Nadine Hunt-Robinson, *Council President*
Hon. Justin Brasch, *Councilmember*
Hon. John Kirkpatrick, *Councilmember*
Hon. John Martin, *Councilmember*
Hon. Victoria Presser, *Councilmember*
Hon. Jennifer Puja, *Councilmember*



Thank You to all of the White Plains Beautification
Foundation volunteers that help keep
White Plains Beautiful



GINSBURG DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES LLC

Amodio's

Est. 1939

**Congratulations to
THE WHITE PLAINS
BEAUTIFICATION
FOUNDATION**

**An outstanding organization
bringing blooming beauty
to the City of White Plains**

1160 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605
(914)949-3922 • amodiosnursery.com



Damselfly Flowers

Damselfly Designs

Global Event Design & Decor

www.damselflydesigns.net

 @damselfly.designs

Main Office

52 Virginia Road
White Plains, NY 10603

Warehouse

175 Clearbrook Road, Suite 153
Elmsford, NY 10523



Compliments of




General Contractors & Construction Managers

141 Lafayette Avenue
North White Plains, NY 10603
(914) 682-8088
www.scullycorp.com

Jim Scully, Jr. Brian A. Keating


BEECHER FLOOKS FUNERAL HOME, INC.

THE PLACE TO TURN IN YOUR TIME OF NEED



PERSONAL & COMPLETE FUNERAL SERVICE

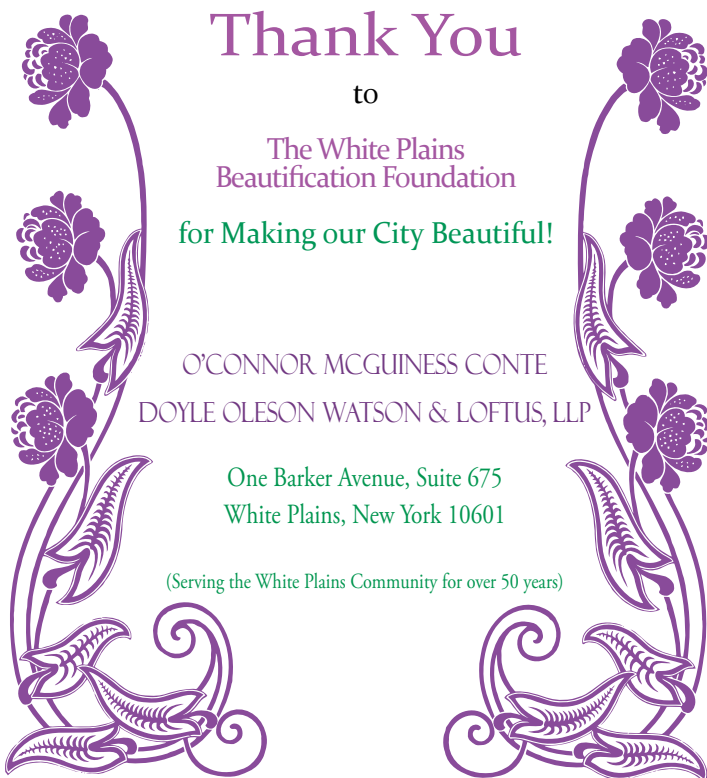
SINCE 1928



PERSONALLY OWNED AND SUPERVISED BY
WILLIAM F. FLOOKS, JR., PROPRIETOR

WILLIAM J. FLOOKS JEFFREY S. GOLDHORN
FUNERAL DIRECTOR LICENSED MANAGER

418 BEDFORD ROAD | PLEASANTVILLE | NY | 10570
PHONE: (914) 769-0001
WWW.BEECHERFLOOKSFH.COM



Thank You

to

The White Plains
Beautification Foundation

for Making our City Beautiful!

O'CONNOR MCGUINNESS CONTE
DOYLE OLESON WATSON & LOFTUS, LLP

One Barker Avenue, Suite 675
White Plains, New York 10601

(Serving the White Plains Community for over 50 years)



Gedney Farms Nursery
870 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains, NY



**Congratulates
White Plains
Beautification
Foundation**

In loving memory of
Syd and Jan McNally Silverman
and their many years of
steadfast volunteer commitment to
White Plains
Beautification Foundation
and its mission of making
White Plains a splendid place
to live, work and play.

With love and gratitude from
Robert, Marie, Nicholas
The Marich Family



*Our heartfelt thanks and
sincere appreciation to the*

WHITE PLAINS

BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION

*for encouraging gardens &
green spaces throughout
the city of White Plains.*

FROM YOUR FRIENDS,



MORANOLANDSCAPE.COM // RIDGWAYGARDENCENTER.COM

Just wait till next year!
It will be THE PARTY OF THE YEAR.
Meanwhile, remove your mask, stand 6-feet away and smell the flowers.
They were planted just for you!

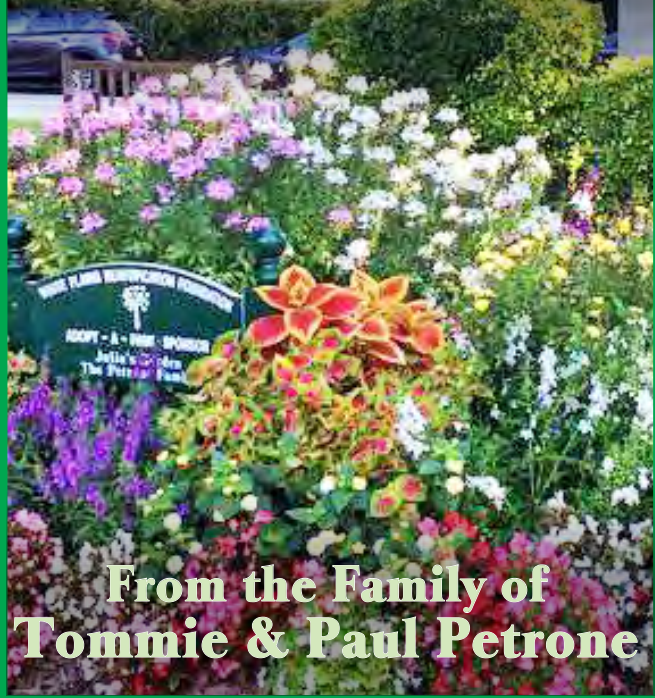
Brian & Beth Wallach



THE ANTONIO MEUCCI LODGE #213

IS PROUD TO SUPPORT
THE WHITE PLAINS BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION'S
EFFORTS TO MAKE WHITE PLAINS
A MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO LIVE.

Looking forward to another great year for
The WPBF & The City of White Plains



**From the Family of
Tommy & Paul Petrone**

THE DAFFODIL PROJECT

White Plains Beautification Foundation
wishes to thank the
White Plains Department of Public Works
for its continued assistance in
planting daffodil bulbs



with Special Thanks to **Joanna**,
our very own Daffodil Lady



Thank You to

**The White Plains
Beautification
Foundation!**

ALLOYPRINTING

www.alloyprinting.com

T (914) 993-9007
F (914) 993-0029

190 East Post Road
White Plains, NY 10601




Over a century of commitment
to our community!

**White Plains Beautification
Foundation**

*We thank
you for making
White Plains
always look so
beautiful.*



Apple Bank 

**At Apple Bank, we've always
believed that a strong community
and a strong bank go hand in hand.**

**We are proud to support the families,
businesses and organizations in the
neighborhoods we serve.**

Established 1863 • Member FDIC
Convenient branches throughout greater New York
www.applebank.com • 1-914-902-2775

**HEALY ELECTRIC
H E C
CONTRACTING**

Proudly supports
The White Plains Beautification Foundation
On your hard work in keeping the
City of White Plains
"A beautiful place to live!"

Healy Electric Contracting, Inc.
Healy Datacom Corp.
4 Fisher Lane White Plains, NY 10603
(914) 428-1010

Thomas Devine- James New- Steve Povemba



~ In Loving Memory of Roland N. Barnes ~

With appreciation and thanks to the White Plains Beautification Foundation
for continuing to enhance and enrich the life and beauty
of our "City Within a Park" during challenging times.

Barbara & Barry Wenglin

**Bright colorful flowers and deep foliage
in White Plains are always a big delight.**

Honorable Ben Boykin

*"Where flowers bloom
so does hope."
- Lady Bird Johnson*

**Thank You
White Plains
Beautification
Foundation
for Keeping Us
Beautiful!**

**With our Gratitude
and Admiration,**

***Terry Hanson
and D. Scott Faubel***

Join the Club?

WPBF is exploring the idea of launching a separate garden club in White Plains.

If you might be interested in such a venture, please send an e-mail to info@wpbf.org



WE NEED YOU!

Can you:

- ◆ Help boost our social media presence?
- ◆ Write an article on WPBF events?
- ◆ Find new ways to promote membership?
- ◆ Encourage sustainable gardening practices with Pollinators of White Plains?

Then come join one of our committees!

Contact us at info@wpbf.org



Riemann Auto Body Shop
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR · AUTO BODY SHOP



Riemann Auto Body is a full service auto repair facility. With over 40 years of excellence and craftsmanship we take pride in returning your car to the pre-auto accident condition. Riemann Auto Body repairs all cars, both foreign and domestic.

160 OAKLEY AVE, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601

ARTSWESTCHESTER
TOP 5 arts picks

Subscribe for fun weekly arts events.
artsw.org/subscribe

ARTSW
 ARTSWESTCHESTER

artbizlaw.com

Lawrence A. Berglas
 Attorney at Law

914.448.9448

Contact: 17 Gilbert Place, White Plains, NY 10604
 Meetings: The Watercooler, 21 N. Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591

Copyright & Trademark
 Artists' Rights
 Wills & Estates
 Real Estate & Business Closings
 General Practice & Business Law

Hospice
 of Westchester

**29 YEARS OF PROVIDING
 CARING AND COMPASSIONATE
 END-OF-LIFE CARE TO
 WESTCHESTER COUNTY RESIDENTS**

1025 Westchester Avenue Suite 200
 White Plains, NY 10604
 914-682-1484 www.hospiceofwestchester.com

*Painting with Pride
 & Passion Since 1906*

**A.G. WILLIAMS
 PAINTING COMPANY, INC.**

Our Painting Projects

- Are performed by full-time employees, not sub contractors.
- Are overseen by a Project Manager on every job.
- Are GUARANTEED! The best warranty in the industry.

- Interior & Exterior House Painting
- Commercial Painting
- Carpentry Repairs
- Maintenance Programs
- Wallpaper Installation

 Like us to view pics, read design and home improvement tips, and find out about special promotions and events at [facebook.com/agwilliamspainting](https://www.facebook.com/agwilliamspainting)

914.738.2860 | 203.618.0058
agwilliamspainting.com 411 Fifth Ave. | Pelham, NY 10803

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
 WHITE PLAINS BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION**

The use of sea and air is common to all; neither can a title to the ocean belong to any people or private persons, forasmuch as neither nature nor public use and custom permit any possession thereof.
 Elizabeth I of England (1533-1603)

"Adults keep saying we owe it to the young people, to give them hope, but I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. I want you to act. I want you to act as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if the house is on fire, because it is."
 Greta Thunberg-World Econ. Forum-Jan. 2019

Law Office of W. David Eddy
 914 949-0109
eddylawoffice@gmail.com

One Barker Avenue, Suite 230
 White Plains, NY 10601
 General Practice

Serving the Community

GARDEN QUIZ (Page 14) ANSWERS

Photo 1
 Planters on Mamaroneck Avenue and Main St.

Photo 2
 City Hall planters at entry to building on Main St.

Photo 3
 Cultivator Garden on Westchester Ave. median, westbound

Photo 4
 Daffodils on Orchard St.

Photo 5
 Civil War Monument on North Broadway at Main St.

Did you know that **White Plains Beautification Foundation** has a **Facebook** Page?

Visit us at: <https://www.facebook.com/wpbeautification>

You will know you are at the right place when you see our logo:

**WHITE PLAINS
 BEAUTIFICATION
 FOUNDATION**

WATCH OUR VIDEOS ON YouTube

by entering "White Plains Beautification Foundation" in the YouTube search box.
Happy Viewing!

White Plains Beautification Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 1614
White Plains, NY 10602

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
White Plains, NY
Permit No. 513

CULTIVATOR GARDEN

We are proud of the Garden we call the Cultivator Garden, created by Peter Wilcox. It is sponsored by the Martin Family and dedicated to Patricia Murray Martin. Here are two seasons of planting beautifully tended by Gedney Farms Nursery throughout the year. Our resident photographer Pat Bernstein is caught in action at the site.



Pat Bernstein



Cultivator Garden in August



Cultivator Garden in October