

Friends of Station Square



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Fall 2019

“The prettiest block in New York”

That was how Station Square was described in New York Magazine this past June and we couldn't agree more. How lovely to see the space restored to its former glory; let's hope another 100 years go by before any repairs are again necessary! After some initial problems with pesky pigeons pecking at the petunias, we were able to watch the annuals flourish in the center islands once more and the Square became even prettier. Now that cooler temperatures have arrived and the summer perennials are past their prime, we have added chrysanthemums for some Fall color. We are fortunate indeed to live close by such a unique location and to be able to pass through it as we go about our daily business. We are also fortunate to live in a community that recognizes the value of green space and understands that it takes effort and money to keep it that way. Rocco Parente's crew continue to take care of our landscaping needs and Kenrick the watering of the center beds.

Raffle results

Due to the generosity of the concert promoters and FOSS Board members we had some valuable prizes which enabled us to hold a raffle this past Spring. Many thanks to all our “Friends” who participated, and congratulations to the winners. Proceeds from the raffle enabled us to engage Ritchie's Tree Service for some major tree trimming on the embankment, and

to arrange for Modern Art Foundry to clean the plaque at the base of the station ramp and Burns Street (see photo on reverse).



FOSS Board Member News

We were sad to say goodbye to Bill Donohoe who moved to Rhode Island this year. Bill had been a Board member for over 20 years and FOSS benefitted greatly from his background in urban planning as well as his calm and steady personality.

Now we are happy to welcome new Board member Ann Dichter who, having retired from her career in Investment Counsel, was looking for something to do in addition to her work on the membership committee of the Society for Industrial Archeology and volunteer work with the Junior League of Brooklyn. For 20 years Ann loved coming home after work to the lovely greenery of Station Square so when offered the opportunity to work with FOSS she jumped at the chance.

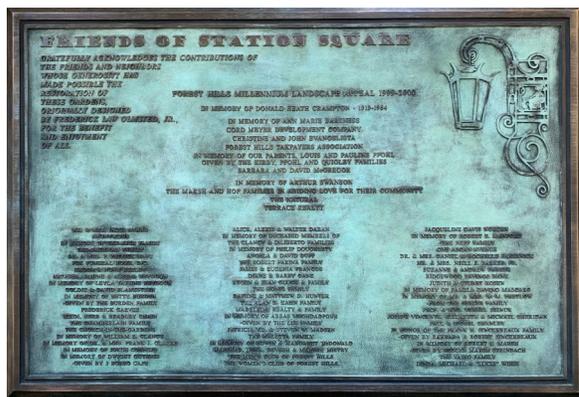
Meanwhile Liz Haberkorn has stepped down from the position of FOSS Treasurer due to her increasing responsibilities as a FHGC Board member. Luckily for us Barbara Marsh has agreed to take on the FOSS Treasurer role – Barbara has been a member of our Board since 2006 and was formerly the Treasurer for the Women's Club of Forest Hills for 6 years.

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Finances

A report on the finances of Friends of Station Square will be presented on Tuesday, December 3rd at the Annual Meeting. It is also available on request. Please address your inquiry to Friends of Station Square, 14 Station Square, Forest Hills, NY 11375.

Friends of Station Square is a registered 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization dedicated to beautifying Station Square. As such, FOSS is not affiliated with the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation. The organization raises its entire operating budget through generous donations from residents of the Gardens and surrounding neighborhoods. Several local businesses consistently provide financial contributions as well. The bulk of the FOSS budget goes towards landscape maintenance and watering the plant materials.



Please mark your calendar!

Our next Benefit will be held at the West Side Tennis Club on Sunday, April 26th 2020. We hope that you will be able to join us as we raise a toast to the next 100 years in the Square's existence.

**Friends of Station Square
Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, December 3rd

7:30 p.m.

One Station Square - lobby area

All are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

Please help us to continue taking care of our Square. Your support is what makes it happen.

I would like to join / renew my membership at the following level:

\$35 _____ **\$50** _____ **\$100** _____ **\$200** _____ **Other** _____
 Check here if renewal

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Planting _____ **Mailings** _____ **Future benefits/fundraising** _____ **Other** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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