

Friends of Station Square

Wendy Bachman, President; Karen Koffler, Vice-President; Elizabeth Haberkorn, Treasurer; Laura Evangelista, Secretary

Directors: Giselle Bates, Arlene Cohen, Kathleen Davis, Bill Donohoe, Angela Duff, Rachel Borut-Firestone, Sue Gregg, Susanna Hof, Barbara Marsh, Suzanne Parker



Fall 2016

Changing of the Guard

As announced in our 2015 Newsletter, Angela Duff, Suzanne Parker and Susanna Hof resigned from their long standing executive positions on the FOSS Board. Please meet our new leadership team!

FOSS President Wendy Bachman has been a resident of Forest Hills for over 30 years, living in the Gardens for over 20 years. In addition to serving as the President of Friends of Station Square, she is the Communications Secretary for the Women's Club of Forest Hills. Wendy has served on the FOSS Board since 2008 and is also a former PA president at the United Nations International School Queens. She hails originally from England where the climate is much more hospitable to plants!

Karen Koffler (Vice President) has lived in Queens for 28 years and is a newcomer to the Gardens; she and her family moved to Winter Street in 2004. She enjoys reading, gardening, Pilates and cooking. Karen has served on Friends of Station Square since 2012, and previously was the Recording Secretary. She currently volunteers on the FHGC Communication and Beautification Committees . In past lives, she has been the Co-President of the Townsend Harris High School PTA and served for a decade on the Kew Gardens Civic Association board.

Liz Haberkorn (Treasurer) has lived in Forest Hills with her husband and 12 year old son for almost 15 years. She enjoys walking her dogs in the neighborhood. Her hobbies include gardening, especially tulips and daffodils, as well as many outdoor activities such as kayaking, paddle boarding and hiking. An active volunteer in the community and at her son's school, Liz brings more than 20 years of experience in banking and finance to FOSS.



Photo: Wendy Bachman

By day **Laura Evangelista** (Recording Secretary), an attorney, serves as the Deputy Superintendent for Insurance for the State of New York. But in her spare time, the mother of two (Benjamin, age 16 and Sara, age 10)

is actively involved with both the Community House and the United Nations International School. One of her favorite moments as a long time member of the community was attending the CH's Mother-Daughter luncheon with her grandmother, mother and daughter, who was 8 months old at the time, resulting in four generations of family in attendance.

In the Square

For the third consecutive year, the beds located in the center island in Station Square were a riot of color as the petunias, vinca, blue salvia and lantana bloomed profusely through the summer and early fall. Once again, these annuals were planted by a loyal band of volunteers in mid-May and were hand watered through this year's hot dry summer (there is no sprinkler system in those beds). Dozens of mums were recently planted in the Square and will be enjoyed for the next few months.

Some of the trees and shrubs on the embankment have grown a bit too large. The landscaping committee will be considering replacing or pruning the overgrowth depending on available funds.

With the 2016 season concluded, Friends of Station Square was pleased to observe that attendees were generally respectful of the plantings. The promoters generously provided concert tickets for FOSS to use as raffle prizes the past 2 years.

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Friends of Station Square Annual Meeting



Monday, November 28th

7:30 p.m.



Church-in-the-Gardens Lounge

50 Ascan Avenue

Enter through center breezeway door and go through door on left. Ring doorbell if closed.

All are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

Spring Benefit

Friends of Station Square celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2017. Founded in 1992 to preserve, improve and beautify Station Square, we will celebrate our milestone anniversary with a cocktail party on **Sunday, April 30th, 2017** at the West Side Tennis Club. Please mark your calendars!

Finances

A report on the finances of Friends of Station Square will be presented on Monday, November 28th 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. In an effort to make it easier for patrons to donate to FOSS, our website now includes a PayPal link. Please use this link to conveniently donate to FOSS.

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

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