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friends of the ROBBINS Town Gardens

Garden Party

Greetings Garden Friends,

It has been quite an eventful summer!

We saw many of you at our Garden Party in June. As before, the food was yummy, the music delightful and the garden was decked out for the occasion. We hope you will join us again next year as we celebrate our ongoing progress in restoring the garden.



Restoration Planting

As promised, we did a lot of planting this summer. Thanks to CPA funds, we were able to restore many of the roses under the magnolias near the fountain vault and plant lots of shrubs - high bush blueberry, yew, mountain laurel, juniper, cotoneaster, and azalea, to name a few. We also installed a fence around the grotto to give the new plants a chance to take hold and thrive. The grotto area is looking full and lush, providing a varied forest background for the statue.



Up in the woodland area we planted lots of trees – Birch, Dogwood, Red Cedar, and White Pine. Thanks to the abundant rain, most of our new plantings are thriving, and those that did not make it, we hope to replace before the end of fall. If you haven't been in the garden lately, please pass by and enjoy the fruits of all our efforts. We have a wonderful gem at the center of our town, and it is slowly returning to showcase the original 1938 design.



We are grateful to our volunteer Friends, volunteers from the Garden Club and the Rotary, and to Mona McKindley, our Historic Gardener, for all their hard work. Without all of you, all of this would not be possible.

We hope you will continue to help us next year and bring your friends.

Put the Garden to Bed for the Winter October 22

The days are getting shorter, and the leaves are starting to fall and change their colors. It's that time of year – time to put the garden to bed for the winter, and time to plan for what lies ahead in the Spring. We are planning a garden clean-up day on October 22 - rain date October 29, and we hope you will join us. It's a great way to meet and work alongside others who appreciate our wonderful garden. If you can join us, please email us at frtg2018@gmail.com

Work on next CPA Grant

We are in the process of applying for another CPA grant – this time to replace many of the missing original shrubs on either side of the reflecting pool, remove the invasive barberry and replant portions of the beds that border the grassy oval and the brick pathway. If you would like to help us with this process, please send us an email at frtg2018@gmail.com If you like to write, it is a great way to learn a bit about grant writing and about historic gardens.

Annual Public Meeting November 20

On November 20 we will have our annual board meeting in the Robbins Library Community Room at 6pm. Please come! We will talk about what we have accomplished in the past year and will be electing new board members. That will be a great time to meet the people behind the garden restoration, ask questions and learn about our long-range plans and the garden design. We hope to see you there!