

friends of the **ROBBINS** Town Gardens

OCTOBER, 2025

Welcome Garden Friends,

FALL CLEANUP -- NOVEMBER 1 AT 10AM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FALL CLEANUP ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025, (rain date Saturday, November 8). The fall cleanup will be preparing the garden for winter -- raking leaves, trimming dead branches, and planting if possible.

We'll start our day at 10 AM and end by 2 PM,

Everyone is invited with snacks and a good day.

We very much appreciate all help!



Spring Cleanup – May 3, 2025 along Maple St. Garden Entrance

ANNUAL MEETING

We will have our Annual Meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025 @ 7 PM in the Conference Room in the Robbins Library on the 4th floor. All members are invited to attend. We will report on what we have accomplished in the past year, and will be electing new Board members. We would love to have you consider in serving on the Board please send us an email at frtg2018@gmail.com The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to meet the people behind the Garden restoration, ask questions, and learn about our long-range plans and the Garden design. Hope to see you there!

GARDEN PARTY

We saw many of you at our annual Garden Party & Fundraiser on June 21, 2025. At this event, we honored Miriam Levine – one of the original founders of the Friends, for all her work in the years after the group was founded - helping us get organized, filing for non-profit status, planning for new plantings, and increasing our membership. In 2015, Miriam also became Arlington's first Poet Laureate.



The Band "What She Said" at our June 2025 Garden Party

The food at the Garden Party, provided by the Menotomy Grill & Tavern, was delicious, the music from the local band *What She Said* was delightful, and the Garden was festively decorated for the event. Also, after several preceding Saturdays of rainy weather, we were blessed with perfect weather for this

occasion. We hope you will join us for this gathering next year in June as we celebrate our ongoing progress in restoring the Garden.



Attendees Enjoying the Entertainment at our June 2025 Garden Party

TOWN Day

We had wonderful weather for Town Day, September 20, 2025, and lots of people stopped by our booth to learn about what we've been doing in the Garden. Many folks signed up to volunteer with planting and maintenance. It was great to be able to direct people to look at the Garden right behind our booth's location, and to suggest that they walk through when they had a chance to take in its serenity and beauty.

PLANTINGS IN THE GARDEN

This spring, summer and fall we have been working on a third Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant to continue plant restoration, irrigation, and additional plants where they can be needed. This phase of the garden restoration is still in progress, with final planting scheduled for the spring of 2026. We are replacing many of the missing original shrubs on either side of the reflecting pool, and the new shrubs and trees on the hill behind the Menotomy Indian Hunter, removing invasive shrubs, and replanting portions of the beds that border the grassy oval and the brick pathway.



We hope you can visit the gardens and bring your friends to experience the beautiful gardens in the center of Arlington. The Friends always welcome visitors to join us at member meetings or cleanups. For more information about the Robbins Town Gardens and the Friends, or if you want to help support us with a donation, please visit our website – www.friendsoftherobbinstowngardens.org, or email us at FRTG2018@gmail.com.