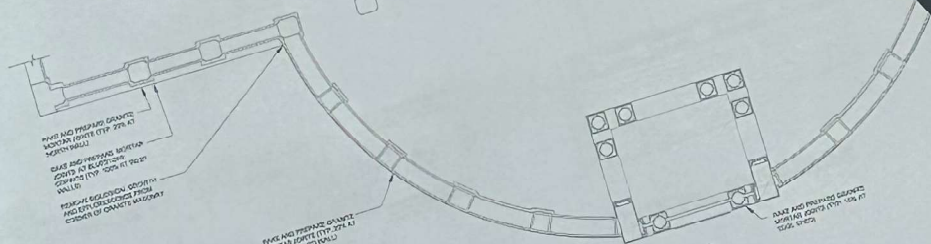


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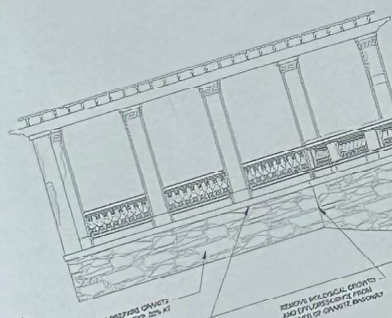
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2. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ARE NOT TO BLOCK ACCESS TO THE GARDEN AT ANY TIME. LADDERS AND OTHER MEANS OF ACCESS TO THE BUILDING ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE GARDEN AND PROPERLY SIZED ACCESS TO MATCH OPENING IN MATERIAL SIZE.
3. ALL NEW COMPONENTS TO UNAUTHENTICALLY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. PROFILES, COLORS AND TEXTURES.
4. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DAILY SITE CLEAN-UP.



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1/4" = 1'-0"



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1/4" = 1'-0"

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The Work Begins
on Blithewood Garden

2023 was a banner year for the Garden Conservancy, highlighted by a successful **Garden Futures Summit**, which brought 250 gardening enthusiasts to the New York Botanical Garden to listen to notable names in gardening discuss the state of the craft. We also had our biggest **Open Days** season in many years! As we dive into 2024, the Conservancy is energized and building on these incredible successes.

Last year also marked a significant transition for the Conservancy. Our longtime Board Chair, Courtnay S. Daniels, stepped down at the end of the year, passing the leadership torch to her Vice Chair, Robert Balentine, and is now honored as Board Chair Emerita. Courtnay's tenure was a period of remarkable resilience and growth, as she guided us through a global pandemic and spearheaded a strategic plan that fortified our foundation. Her leadership during such a pivotal time helped us thrive and expand in unprecedented ways. Just as we flourished under Courtnay's watch, we are excited for the many great achievements to come under Robert's guidance.

To honor Courtnay's outstanding commitment and seventeen years of board service, we established **The Courtnay Daniels Grant for Historic Virginia Gardens**. This permanently endowed fund will preserve the beauty and historical significance of gardens in Virginia, ensuring future generations can enjoy the rich horticultural heritage of the region.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and deepest thanks to Courtnay for her exceptional service. Her legacy will continue to inspire and flourish within the Garden Conservancy and beyond.

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On the cover: Construction drawings for the restoration of **Blithewood Garden** at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, funded by a \$93,000 Garden Conservancy preservation grant with generous support from **Susan Zises Green** and an anonymous donor. Blithewood is a nationally significant neoclassical garden with important connections to the evolution of American landscape design. The drawings were created by preservation architecture firm Jan Hird Pokorny Associates as part of our commitment to preserve significant gardens like Blithewood. The Garden Conservancy continues to work with Bard College to restore this garden, designed by Francis Hoppin in 1903, to ensure that it lasts another hundred years and continues to serve as an important public resource for future generations. For more information on Blithewood, please scan the QR code.

Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends,

For Christmas 2008, my mother gave me Frank Cabot's book, *The Greater Perfection*, introducing me to Les Quatres Vents. And in September of the following year, my wife, Betty, and I traveled to La Malbaie to see Frank's magnificent garden. Upon arrival, a tall, patrician looking man with piercing blue eyes wearing knee pads and carrying a trowel, greeted us heartily and gave us a wonderful tour of his garden. Later that day, Frank and his wife, Anne hosted us for a delicious luncheon in their home, and it was then that I first learned about the Garden Conservancy. Now, **fifteen years later, I am honored to serve as Chair of this extraordinary organization which Frank founded more than three decades ago, during an especially exciting time.**



I began my tenure as Chair of the Garden Conservancy in January 2024 after another year marked by numerous achievements. In September 2023, we hosted our **Garden Futures Summit** at the New York Botanical Garden. The Summit brought together prominent voices in gardening, including architects, landscape architects, horticulturists, and media personalities, to discuss the evolving world of gardening and how we can adapt, capped off by a thought-provoking keynote address by renowned author and rewilding advocate Isabella Tree. On the second day, Summit participants toured seven public and private gardens in the New York City area, showcasing the evolving landscape of green spaces.

In 2023, we also experienced one of our most significant **Open Days** seasons in years, opening gardens in eighteen states and welcoming eighty new gardens to the program. Through our **Digging Deeper** program, gardening enthusiasts engaged in thirty-nine site-specific talks, tours, and demonstrations.

More than 6,000 tickets were sold for our **Virtual Programs** in 2023, highlighted by the four-part *Sissinghurst Through the Seasons* series, hosted by Head Gardener Troy Scott Smith, which explained how this extraordinary place is maintained and interpreted today. Our **National Speaking Tour** also brought noted authors Isabella Tree and Dr. Sue Stuart-Smith to four lecture stops apiece.

We took our collaboration with Bard College to restore **Blithewood Garden** to the next level in 2023, awarding \$93,000 to the college for construction drawings for the historic garden and releasing a documentary film short about this magnificent oasis overlooking the Hudson River. Meanwhile we provided resources and guidance to help preserve 35 private and public gardens, doubled our engagement efforts for the **Garden Conservancy Northwest Network**, and continued to build upon our archive to meticulously preserve the rich heritage of gardens we have worked with since our beginnings in 1989.

And, importantly, our membership continues to grow! Last year, we welcomed 1,300 new members and we are now more than 7,000 strong.

In closing, I would like to express heartfelt appreciation to Courtney Daniels for leading our organization these last seven years, to my fellow board members who give generously of their time and talents, and to James Brayton Hall and his extraordinary staff, who work hard each day to further the mission of the Garden Conservancy. **Finally, special thanks to each of you, our Fellows, and members, for we could not do all we do without you!**

Warm regards,

Robert M. Balentine

New Garden Conservancy Board Members for 2023

KATE CORDSEN, New York, NY

Kate is a fine art photographer well known for her ethereal, large format landscapes. Her work, which she prints in her Essex, CT, darkroom, is housed in public and private collections, including at Harvard University and American Express, and she has been published in several publications including *The New York Times*. Kate studied art history at Harvard University and has a master's in public policy from Georgetown University. Passionate about arts education, she has served on numerous arts-related boards, including the Aperture Foundation, The Japan Society, NYCSALT, and Lyme Academy of Fine Arts. Kate lives in New York City and the Connecticut River Valley. She was elected to the board in March 2023.



CATHY BARANCIK GRAHAM, New York, NY

An award-winning artist and fashion illustrator, Cathy Graham has also contributed editorial work to leading newspapers and magazines and served as a contributing editor at *Elle Décor* and *House Beautiful* magazines. For more than a decade, Cathy worked with the late floral designer and event planner Robert Isabell, noted for his unique, lavish, and innovative parties. She is a New York City resident and a board member of the Lincoln Center Theater and other cultural organizations. Her first book was *Second Bloom: Cathy Graham's Art of the Table* (Vendome Press, 2017). Cathy was elected to the board in March 2023.



KAYE HEAFEY, Oakland, CA

Kaye Heafey founded Chalk Hill Clematis, a specialty cut flower farm and nursery in 1995. It shipped clematis, olive oil, and balsamic vinegar nationally. CHC won numerous awards for quality. Several publications, including *House & Garden*, *Garden Design*, and *Martha Stewart Living* featured the company and property. Kaye and Ron Morgan published their 2007 book, *A Celebration of Clematis*, to tell the story behind the creation of Chalk Hill Clematis and provide a useful clematis glossary with photos. She has served as a trustee and board member for many nonprofit organizations in northern California, including the Oakland Museum, Quarry Hill Botanic Garden in Sonoma, and the Garden Conservancy's West Coast Council. Kaye continues to experiment with her English-style garden at her Oakland home, where she and her husband, Richard, have lived since 1976. She was elected to the board in September 2023.



RAUN L. THORP, Los Angeles, CA

Raun Thorp is a licensed architect and co-owner, with her husband, of the multi-disciplinary design firm Tichenor & Thorp Architects, Inc., in Los Angeles. Since 1990, their firm has completed more than 400 projects nationwide, both commercial and residential, which are featured in the monograph *Outside In: The Gardens and Houses of Tichenor & Thorp* (Vendome Press, 2017). A native Californian, Raun is active with various museums and charitable organizations. She has been a member of the Garden Conservancy's Society of Fellows since 2010 and was elected to the board in March 2023.



2023 Financial Report

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2023 and 2022

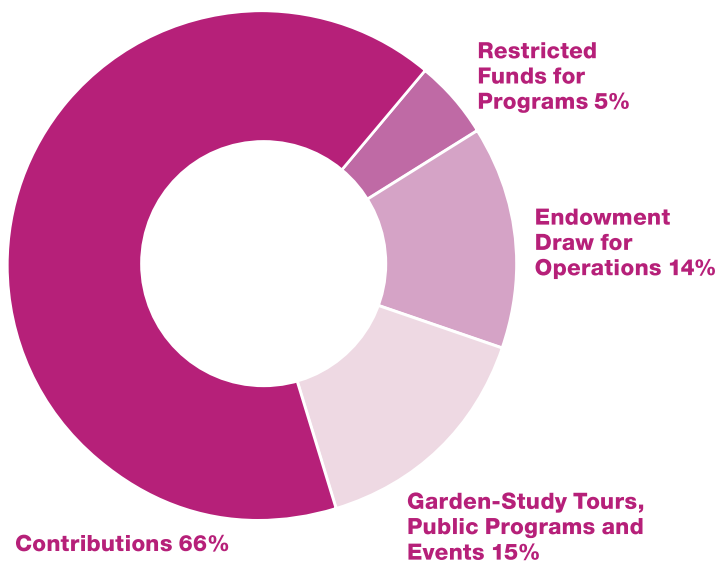
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,203,037	\$1,718,626
Investments	33,109,256	29,409,142
Other assets	966,075	234,992
Non-current assets	1,770	1,885
Fixed assets	21,474	6,233
Total Assets	\$37,301,612	\$31,370,878
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	\$667,399	\$365,808
Total Liabilities	\$667,399	\$365,808
NET ASSETS		
With donor restrictions	\$16,479,609	\$15,090,750
Without donor restrictions, designated by board of directors	2,727,266	2,727,410
Without donor restrictions, undesignated	17,427,338	13,186,910
Total Net Assets	\$36,634,213	\$31,005,070
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$37,301,612	\$31,370,878

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

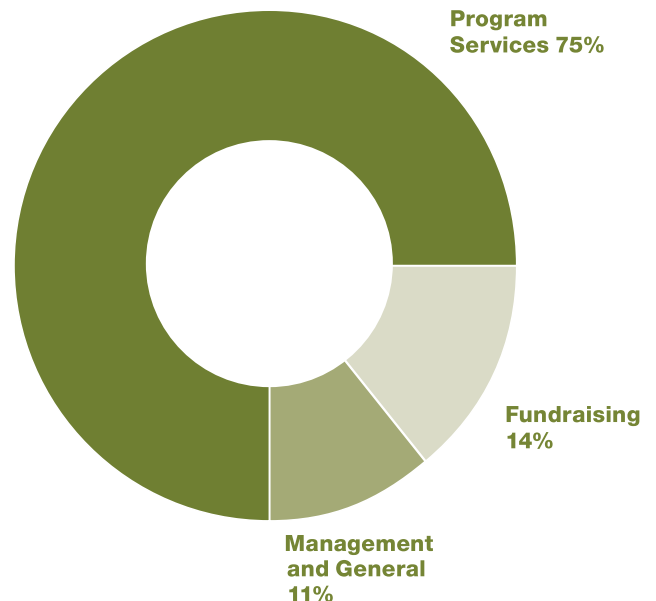
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	2023	2022
PUBLIC SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$3,781,523	\$2,210,835
Membership	445,744	435,745
Total Public Support	\$4,227,267	\$2,646,580
REVENUES		
Open Days admissions	\$254,581	\$215,856
Special events and programs	719,483	906,878
Interest, dividends and realized gains	1,431,830	391,586
Unrealized gains (losses)	3,984,751	(5,679,105)
Other	13,067	23,012
Total Revenues	\$6,403,712	\$(4,141,773)
Total Public Support and Revenues	\$10,630,979	\$(1,495,193)
EXPENSES		
Program services	\$3,656,727	\$3,016,543
Supporting services		
Management and general	690,511	752,889
Fundraising	654,598	548,585
Total Expenses	\$5,001,836	\$4,318,017
NET ASSETS		
Changes in Net Assets	\$5,629,143	\$(5,813,210)
Net Assets - beginning	31,005,070	36,818,280
Net Assets - ending	\$36,634,213	\$31,005,070

2023 Sources of Public Support and Revenues



2023 Distribution of Expenses





The Garden at the James Petigru Law Office, Charleston, SC

2023 Report of Gifts

Gifts from Garden Conservancy members, donors, garden clubs, and other organizations, together with grants and sponsorships from foundations and corporations, sustain our mission to preserve, share, and celebrate America's gardens and diverse gardening traditions for the education and inspiration of the public.

We are deeply grateful to all our donors for their participation and support, only regretting that we cannot name each of them on these pages. We are also thankful for the many volunteers and partners who make our efforts to preserve, share and celebrate gardens across the country possible through their collaboration and support.

The listings on the following pages recognize members and donors who contributed \$125 or more in cumulative gifts between January 1 and December 31, 2023.

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Suzanne Rheinstein (1945-2023)

In March 2023, we lost our dear friend, Suzanne Rheinstein. For 19 years, Suzanne served as an enthusiastic and visionary member of the Board of Directors of the Garden Conservancy. Suzanne retired from Board service in December 2022, leaving behind an enduring legacy of passion and dedication to our mission.



Suzanne was a driving force behind many of the Conservancy's initiatives, including educational programs, hosting Open Days at her Los Angeles house and garden, serving as co-chair of the Conservancy's 25th-anniversary celebration in 2014, and most notably, envisioning and creating the Frederic Rheinstein Garden Documentation Program (now called the Suzanne and Frederic Rheinstein Garden Film Documentary Program) in memory of her beloved husband Fred, a television producer and media executive.

Suzanne believed that documenting significant gardens through film would expand access to these remarkable but fragile gardens and preserve their stories for future generations. This initiative elegantly captures not only the beauty of a garden at its height but also deepens the story with historical archival materials and the significant voices within the gardening world.

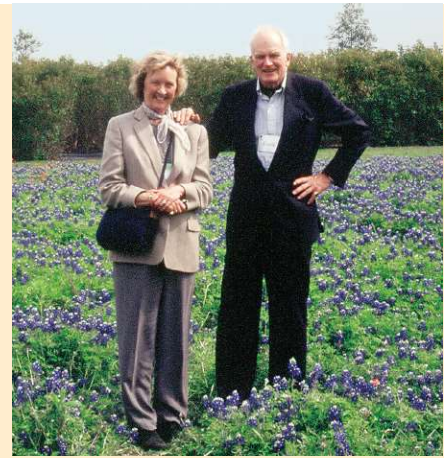
In addition to her work with the Garden Conservancy, Suzanne worked as a television journalist at CBS News and later became a renowned interior designer known for her classical designs with elements of Southern style. Her design projects are the subject of three monographs published by Rizzoli: *At Home*, *Rooms for Living*, and *A Welcoming Elegance*.

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The Garden Conservancy honors our visionary founders through the Frank & Anne Cabot Society, recognizing donors who have made planned gifts to support the future of our organization. We celebrate those whose generosity ensures that the legacy of extraordinary gardens—the living horticultural heritage and cultural legacy of America—is available for generations to come.

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Rodman Ward, Jr. (1934-2023)

Director Emeritus Rodman Ward, Jr. passed away peacefully in March 2023 at the age of 88. Rod was not just a dedicated leader; he was a passionate gardener who generously shared his knowledge and love for the craft.

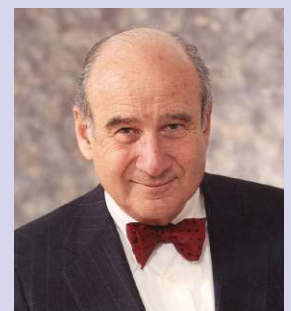
For over forty years, Rod excelled in corporate law and governance, bringing his sharp mind and dedication to the Garden Conservancy's Board beginning in 2005. He served with distinction on the Executive, Development, and Nominating Committees.

Rod's impact went far beyond board meetings. He and his wife, Susan, were a gardening dream team—their enthusiasm as contagious as the beautiful gardens they cultivated across continents and climates. From their island retreat on Great Cranberry Island, ME, to their Wilmington, DE haven, and even their stunning South African home in Constantia, Cape Town, they nurtured vibrant landscapes that reflected their deep connection to the natural world.

This passion was not for them alone. In 2015, Rod and Susan helped staff plan the Garden Conservancy's Fellows

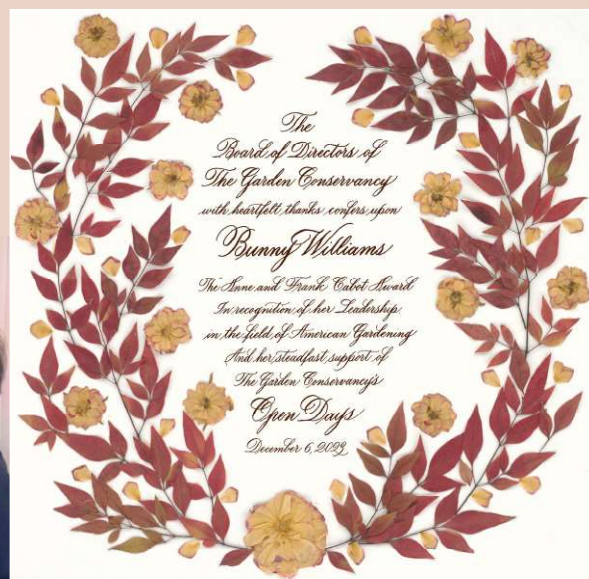
Garden-Study Tour of South Africa, ensuring it would be an unforgettable experience. Their profound knowledge of the region, along with their sage advice, warm hospitality, and the chance to explore their breathtaking Constantia garden, left a lasting impression on all. Their generosity extended to their home in Maine, where the indefatigable gardeners unveiled a new rock garden for a Society of Fellows tour in 2021.

The love for gardens was not confined to their own backyards. The Wards believed in supporting the cause they cherished. Their Wilmington Garden, a testament to their dedication, was featured in author Rick Darke's book, *The American Woodland Garden*. Beyond the Garden Conservancy, Rod's leadership extended to other cultural institutions, including the Delaware Historical Society, Delaware Art Museum, and Winterthur Museum and Gardens.



Six Honored with Anne and Frank Cabot Award

In December, we were pleased to honor Bunny Williams, along with Barbara Paul Robinson, with the Anne and Frank Cabot Award. The award is given to recognize garden hosts who have opened their gardens each year since the inception of the Open Days program in 1995. Our heartfelt thanks to Bunny, Barbara, George Schoellkopf, Maxine Paetro, the Merrin Family, and Phillis Warden for their continuing efforts for our Open Days program.



Above: Beautifully calligraphed certificate designed by Marion McEvoy.

Left: (L to R) Robert M. Balentine, Bunny Williams, and James Brayton Hall. Photo: Brian Jones

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Patricia A. Steffan (1952-2023)

Patricia A. “Patsy” Steffan was a remarkable individual who touched the hearts of many through her enduring dedication to the Garden Conservancy. She left an indelible mark on our organization as a valued board member for over twenty-seven years. She was made Board Member Emerita in 2022.

Patsy’s impact on the Conservancy transcended her role as a board member. Her expertise in writing and editing was of great benefit to the Garden Conservancy’s programs. An editor and writer by profession, she helped write the Conservancy’s anniversary book, *Outstanding American Gardens: A Celebration – 25 Years of the Garden Conservancy* and she served on the Communications and Audit Committees. She played a vital part in the organization’s endowment campaign, providing invaluable leadership support and serving on the Campaign Committee. Her meticulous attention to detail ensured the success of many initiatives throughout her tenure.

Alongside her beloved husband, Andrew, Patsy tended a captivating old-fashioned cottage garden on the serene East End of Long Island, NY. There, they created a sanctuary adorned with vibrant blooms and lush greenery, a testament

to their exquisite design sensibilities and deep connection with nature. As a member of the Garden Club of East Hampton and the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons, Patsy found solace and inspiration among like-minded individuals who shared her passion.

While Patsy found peacefulness in her garden retreat, she remained committed to her bustling life in the city. Her involvement with the Horticultural Society of New York showcased her dedication to cultivating a greener, more vibrant cityscape.

Patsy and Andrew’s unwavering passion for gardens, love for exploration, and commitment to the Garden Conservancy’s mission led them to become cherished members of the Society of Fellows. They joined the Fellows on transformative journeys to international destinations such as London, the Cotswolds, and France. These experiences enriched Patsy’s understanding of horticultural traditions worldwide and fostered lifelong connections with fellow enthusiasts.



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WINTER

Small Space Gardening with Jason Williams,
The Cloud Gardener, January 12

Lily Kwong, January 26

The Crevice Garden with Paul Spriggs, February 9

Beauty of the Wild with Darrel Morrison, February 23

SPRING

Black Flora: A Conversation About Inspiring Black Flower Farmers and Florists with Teri Speight, April 20

The House of a Lifetime: Collecting Northern Morocco Memories with Umberto Pasti and Ngoc Minh Ngo, May 4

Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden
with Camille T. Dungy, June 22

FALL

Garden: Exploring the Horticultural World with
Matthew Biggs, Abra Lee, and Kristine Paulus,
October 19

Du Pont Gardens of the Brandywine Valley with
Larry Lederman and Jeff Downing, November 2

The English Gardener's Garden with Tom Stuart-Smith,
Tania Compton, and Dr. Toby Musgrave, November 16

Art in Flower: Finding Inspiration in Art and Nature with Lindsey Taylor, November 30

POP-UP PROGRAMS

Piet Oudolf At Work with Laura Ekasetya, Meredith Simpson, and Jonny Bruce, April 13

Connecticut Gardens: A Celebration of the State's Historic, Public, and Private Gardens
with Caryn B. Davis, May 25

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The Society of Fellows visited the private garden of world-renowned architect, Peter Marino (center, in black), who led the group on a remarkable tour of his estate.

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