

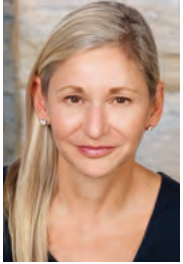


Every season is beautiful at the Preserve, but there is something truly miraculous about the spring. The cacophony of birdsong, the return of wildlife, the flowers blooming. It feels like a rebirth – a real spring awakening.”

# THE PRESERVER

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## A LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP: *A Spring Awakening!*

Dear Neighbors,

The Preserve has experienced a real awakening in the last month. Every day, the park is buzzing with more families, travelers, and students. The seasonal Sands Point Preserve Express train is up and running. Our pond is bursting with life, and the first hints of color are popping up in the Hempstead House Garden.

At the same time, the Preserve's historic Hempstead House is experiencing a renaissance, with structural repairs that have given it new life. We hope you'll join us at the Preserve for your own awakening – whether it's connecting to nature, learning a new skill, or enjoying time with friends and family, you can find your springtime joy here with us.

*All the Best,*

Karli Hagedorn  
*Chair of the Board*

Jeremiah Bosgang  
*Executive Director*

## UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

### HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

Wednesday, June 4 • 6 – 7:30 pm

### WORKSHOP: WRITING A THRILLER

Thursdays, June 5 & 12 • 6:30 – 8 pm

### MONTHLY MEDITATION

Thursday, June 5 • 7 – 8 pm

### NATURE JOURNALING FOR FAMILIES

Sunday, June 8 • 9:30 – 11 am

### QI GONG

Sunday, June 8 • 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

### NORTHWINDS SYMPHONIC BAND

Sunday, June 8 • 3 – 5 pm

### NORTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRD WALK

Saturday, June 14 • 8:30 – 10 am

### WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: FORAGING FOR FOOD AND MEDICINE

Saturday, June 14 • 10 am – 12 pm

### ECOTHERAPY

Saturday, June 21 • 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

### PRINCESS DAY AT THE CASTLE

Sunday, June 29 • Multiple Sessions



For our full calendar and to purchase tickets, visit [www.sandspointpreserve.org](http://www.sandspointpreserve.org)

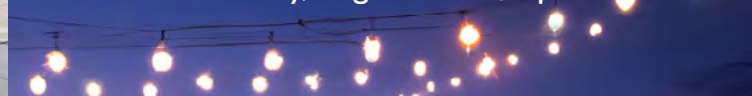


*Save the Date!*

## Gala Blanca: A Magical Night in White

The Conservancy's Annual Summer Gala

Thursday, August 7 • 6:30 pm





# A Spring Awakening at the Preserve!



## From Fragile to Fabulous... and Historically Restored!

In the March issue of *The Preserver*, we mentioned the work that was in store for Hempstead House. We are delighted to report that the leaking flat roofs have been fixed and the crumbling façade stones have been replaced. These critical repairs have bolstered the foundation of the house and will prevent future water damage to the interiors. At the same time, they have enhanced the building's aesthetics, restoring the original grandeur of the house.

## PRESERVE PETS SPOTLIGHT: *Puma (In Memoriam)*

Puma was rescued as a kitten and lived in Castle Gould for 7 wonderful years. He never ventured far from the Castle, but when he was spotted by visitors, they sometimes mistook him for an exotic wild animal! He loved getting a treat and a good belly rub and often inserted himself into staff meetings and discussions. He was beloved by all and will be deeply missed. So sleep now, *Puma*, soft and deep / In dreams where all the good cats sleep. / We'll miss your grace, your quiet cheer / But every purr still echoes here.



2024



2025

## Make Way for Ducklings (and Turtles!)

Have you noticed a difference in our pond? That murky, green water is clear! The pond had suffered from eutrophication – the issue of excess nutrients causing harmful algal blooms and making the resource inhospitable to local wildlife. Using an innovative all-natural intervention, the pond's ecosystem has been restored, welcoming back turtles, ducks, geese, and other birds and critters. We're so happy to see our pond coming back to life! Thank you to the Robert F. Schumann Foundation and Manhasset Community Fund's Greentree Foundation Good Neighbor Fund for their generous support and to Enbiorganic Technologies and Spadefoot Design and Construction for their expertise.



## What's Blooming in the Garden?



Did you know that up until 2021, the Hempstead House Garden was filled exclusively with thousands of roses? Originally created by Florence Guggenheim in 1924, by 2011, the garden had become a ragged field of grass. That's when Karli Hagedorn and Aldo Calabrese designed a rose garden

that would pay homage to its history while also bringing beauty and elegance to the space. Unfortunately, in 2021, the garden was hit by Rosette's Disease, which decimated the roses. In 2023, a new garden was unveiled. With a carefully curated selection of dozens of diverse native plant species, the garden is filled with colorful flowers that attract birds, butterflies, and other local pollinators, making it both aesthetically pleasing and ecologically beneficial. It's beautiful all year round, but our first flowers are just starting to bloom – visit today to see the Bluestars, Geraniums, and Yarrows!



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