



## THE CANOPY CLUB AND THE YOUNG SAPPLINGS: ONE TREE AT A TIME

The Association has turned its collective eyes skyward and, in forming a new young professionals committee, The Canopy Club, is about to address the care, feeding and replenishment of a vital part of the Park: the tree canopy. In its early stages, the Canopy Club will host a series of events, the proceeds from which will fund the first-ever scientific survey of the trees in Carl Schurz Park.

In conjunction with The Canopy Club, the Playground Committee is forming The Saplings, a junior group of kids who will raise awareness of the trees in the Park and contribute to the purchase and care of a newly planted sapling tree in the Park.

The first Sapling event will be a kids' "Potting Shed" day. Families are invited to the East 86th Street mall in the Park,

11-12:30, June 7 (rain date June 8). There will be flower pots to color, seeds to plant and Saplings t-shirts to purchase. Suggested donation: \$20 per Sapling.

All proceeds from the Potting Shed go to the Canopy Club tree fund. For information, call 212.459.4455.

The Canopy Club: Saving One Tree at a Time. 🌱



## THE 36TH ANNUAL GRACIE SQUARE ART SHOW WELCOMES NEW CO-CHAIRS

Last fall, the two new co-chairs of the Gracie Square Art Show, **Laura Lijewski** and CSPA Board member, **Ann Meschery** hit the ground running. Working with their committee, they have coordinated a review of artists' work and are pleased to have selected new exhibitors along with many returning popular artists. Most of the artists are from along the eastern seaboard with a few coming from Canada.

Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th, the show will feature something for everyone: oils, watercolors, sculpture, collage, pastels, and photographs. And, yes there will be a raffle of the artists' donated works!

We invite you to become a Patron of the art show with your contribution of \$ 100. This will help us raise even more money in support of The Carl Schurz Park Association park renovations and maintenance. Contribute today and come to our Art Show in October! 🌱

Please call 212.459.4455 to join this year's Gracie Square Art Show Patron's League.



## SEASONAL GARDENER GIFT

You are invited to take a leisurely look at the Park's "Hoop Garden," the sloping area between the East 86th Street staircases that the Central Park Conservancy relandscaped for the Association two years ago. Thanks to CSPA Board member **Paula Oreck's** generous gift of the salary for last year's seasonal gardener, the Hoop Garden slid beautifully into spring this year, its perennials maturing robustly.

Reflecting the Association's philosophy that the projects it embarks upon must be adequately funded for long-term care and maintenance, a new seasonal gardener has begun work on the area, ensuring that the garden will be in peak form, 24/7, 365.

To learn more about how you can help fund the Park's maintenance initiatives, please contact **David Williams** at 212.459.4455, or [dwilliams@carlschurzparknyc.org](mailto:dwilliams@carlschurzparknyc.org)



## BENCH PLAQUES FOR YOUR SPECIAL THOUGHTS

Making a gift of a bench plaque in the Park helps your Park and ensures that your special thoughts will continue to convey your feelings for years to come. Enclosed is an information and reply form. For more information, please contact **Bonnie Smith** at [bonnie@carlschurzparknyc.org](mailto:bonnie@carlschurzparknyc.org). Or call the Association at 212.459.4455.



### In Fond Memory... Leonard Trentin

Leonard Trentin, architect and former CSPA Board Member, passed away this winter. Leonard was one of the founding members of the Association's gardening committee and continued to savor the fruits of his labor, spending countless hours in the Park he helped nurture. Friends will be honoring his memory with a commemorative bench plaque later this year.

Thanks for everything, Leonard...



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**S**trike a pose: park photos now available. Starting with this spring's Egg Hunt in the Park's playground, the Association is offering professional photos for sale on its website, [www.carlschurzparknyc.org](http://www.carlschurzparknyc.org) By year-end we will have a year's worth of the four seasons in Carl Schurz Park. Be sure to look for the Park photographer, **Robert Englebright**, at Association-sponsored events, including concerts, movies, the Art Show, hayride and, of course, the Halloween Howl. 🐾



## ALL HOUNDS ON DECK!: Park Dog Runs Ready for their Re-Do

**T**hanks to two grants provided by Council Member **Jessica Lappin** and Manhattan Borough President **Scott Stringer** (combined total \$170,000), grant assistance from State Assemblyman and Small Dog Run user **Micah Kellner** and New York City Parks and Recreation funds, both small and large community dogs will have world class dog runs for off-leash play. This summer, if all goes according to plan, both dog runs in Carl Schurz Park will be temporarily shuttered while major renovations proceed.

Benefitting from the extensive input from the dog-owner users of both runs, attendance by the Association at the first national conference on dog parks (held last spring in Monclair, New Jersey), site inspection of numerous regional dog runs and exhaustive research on surfacing, the renovations will encompass a number of state-

of-the-art enhancements and improvements. These will include:

### At the small dog run:

- A water source for drinking and spot (no pun intended) sprinkling during hot weather;
- A brand new, softer surface that will be easy to clean and sanitize;
- New park benches;
- A larger protective fence surrounding the run, to ensure pups remain inside, and ensure that only dog owners have ready access to the area;
- A double gate.

### At the large dog run:

- A water source for drinking and dog dousing during hot weather;
- A brand-new, multi-level "sandwich" surface of gradually smaller, natural materials that will afford drainage and joint-friendly play; the top surface, stone-screening, will be compacted and periodically turned over to ensure that the surface

retains its porosity;

- Two double gate entries, at the south and western edges of the runs; gated areas will be blue stone; an additional area for equipment entry will be installed;

- New iron fencing surrounding the west and southern areas of the run, with lower "buffer" netting to ensure smaller dogs remain inside the run and any granular "spill-thru" does not exit the run;

- Two larger, FLAT areas, giving on to a gradient, middle level to accommodate the slope of the site; a 6" step staircase will afford easy movement by owners between the three levels;
- A new storage bin.

With the continued generosity of members of the Association, regular sanitization of both runs will continue. The Carl Schurz Park Association has solely funded maintenance of both dog runs.

Additional, as-yet unfunded,

enhancements include a shading element for the Small Dog Run and ornamental buffer fencing surrounding the Large Dog Run. Please call the Association (212.459.4455) to learn more about how you can help these projects along.

During the renovations a temporary dog run will be constructed elsewhere in the Park.

Kudos, huzzahs and howls of glee go to Council Member **Lappin**, Borough President **Stringer**, State Assemblyman **Micah Kellner**, CSPA Dog Run Committee members (especially Chair and CSPA Board Member, **Nina Mortel-lito**), CSPA Executive Parks' Director **David Williams**, supervisors and designers **Brad Romaker** and **Paul Rodriguez** and all the great, generous dog owners who have given invaluable input and funds over the past several years. 🐾

