

Mary Moore Wallinger receives 2012 Charles W. Carl, Jr. Award

It was as if our audience was our garden, amid ladies wearing multicolored floral dresses and Hawaiian shirted gentlemen, we awarded the Charles W. Carl Jr. Award at our 17th Annual Fundraiser to landscape architect Mary Moore Wallinger. Mary Moore whose love of classic garden design and all things about flowers was absolutely astounded on being honored as this year's recipient of the Charles W. Carl, Jr. Award, a crystal engraved flower vase, presented to her by Rose Garden Restoration Committee President Matt Cuevas.



Each year the RGRC recognizes the one person, business or organization that has given extraordinary service to the Central Park Rose Garden. Mary Moore, whose work with the Rose Garden Committee began several years ago, in assisting the committee in drafting the original master plan for the garden's restoration.

She and her current firm Synthesis, LLP of Schenectady has since been the guiding hand of seeing simple concept designs through to final detailed construction projects. Through her professional guidance we have reconstructed the Spring Pond, built the new Gate House & Staircase and most recently completed the very popular new Center Fountain in 2011. We have come to rely on Mary Moore's expertise and gentle persuasive way in help the committee develop their vision for the garden. She has been there every step of the way to create the unique and beautiful environment that the rose garden has become and enjoyed by the many who visit it.

What's New in the Garden

Report on EarthKind Rose Trials



Ever thought of growing roses in your own yard? Well we might have some new easy to grow varieties that have shown to do quite well in our own Central Park Rose Garden. Back in 2010, the committee under guidance of our expert rosarian Dave Gade, embarked on testing several varieties of **Earth-Kind** roses in the garden. These low care roses have been tested and evaluated ever since to determine which varieties have done particularly well in our northern climate, without use of fertilizers, irrigation or attendant care from our gardeners. (Basically they are left on they own.)

Dave's recent year end evaluation reports, concluded that **Knockout** and **Blushing Knockout** did extremely well. Also of note were the varieties **Lena** and **Sea Foam** that after two years both have become attractive rose bushes with nice flower display.

The **EarthKind** trials will continue for a few more years, and we hope that you will visit the EarthKind display beds in the garden and be sure to ask our expert Dave Gade, about any and all the varieties we are testing as these are the next generation of roses to become mainstays of the retail market.

RGRC Board Members get into the Tropical Mood

It was a warm humid evening last June 22, 2012 the day of our 17th annual fundraiser. But the south sea winds were blowing through Glenville NY and our guests were greeted with a warm and welcoming "Aloha" and given a flower lei as they entered our first themed "Tropical Evening" event at River Stone Manor. Tables were adorned in various tropical hues and set with bird of paradise floral arrangements, outside tiki torches were lit and the music of Tahiti, Hawaii and the Caribbean wafted in the air.

It was easy to feel you were on vacation on a tropical isle if only for one night. Even the food prepared that evening didn't miss a beat as everyone enjoyed River Stone Manor's take on tropical inspired dishes. Many guests also took a trip to "our" palm shaded beach for a photo memento of their tropical excursion, and took home a travel post cards or won one of the many tropical theme raffle prizes.

It was definitely an evening we enjoyed putting on and many guests told us it was all great FUN.



Save the Date: Friday, June 21, 2013 - 6 to 9 pm
at the **River Stone Manor**, Glenville, NY
Our **18th Annual Garden Party**, will be a special evening
reliving the "Golden Oldies"