

SUMMER CAMP, WHERE??

At Woodlawn, of course! For the sixth year, The Woodlawn Cemetery will host a four week summer camp experience on our beautiful 400-acre campus! At Camp Woodlawn, campers will make music and art, learn about the natural world, and explore the history of our great neighborhood and city – in a small-group setting and with experienced and caring instructors.

Camp activities will include plenty of outdoor time, scavenger hunts, map reading activities, arts and crafts, reading workshops, tree identification walks, and more! Learn more and register at www.CampWoodlawn.org. Space is limited so register today!



FREE CONCERT CELEBRATING WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Featuring



Composer Joelle Wallach & Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble
REGISTER AT WOODLAWNTOURS.ORG

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Would you walk 200 miles (in a skirt!) for something you believed in? The dedication and literally long journey of Women's Suffrage "pilgrims" is brought to life in a new chamber piece with spoken dialogue and images based on the personal letters and photographs of these fascinating women, the centennial of whose achievements we are celebrating in 2020. Join members

of the Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble (flute, harp and strings) and composer Joelle Wallach as they perform "Suffrage Signatures." Many of these groundbreaking suffragists are buried at Woodlawn. The event is FREE, but registration is required at www.WoodlawnTours.org

SPRING

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at THE WOODLAWN CEMETERY

Though things in our world seem a bit uncertain right now, I am excited that we can count on the beauty of Spring coming soon. Woodlawn is beautiful in every season, but when the trees begin to bud, the grass turns green, and our flowers are in bloom, I am reminded of hope and new beginnings. We all need a little hope right now.

We are still looking forward to upcoming events at Woodlawn, some are just being postponed at this time, due to uncertainty and out of caution for our patrons and employees.

As always, we have unique events which allow visitors to view the beauty of Woodlawn, learn about our fantastic history, and celebrate the lives of those who have chosen Woodlawn as their final resting place. You can view our full lineup of events and the most current, up-to-date information on them, at www.WoodlawnTours.org

We look forward to continuing our service to families and our community. Though the immediate future is a bit uncertain, we hope you are able to visit and enjoy the splendor of Woodlawn this spring.

Mitch Rose



MITCH ROSE
PRESIDENT & C.E.O.



Hello Friends,

My name is Meg Ventrudo and I am thrilled to be joining the team as the new Executive Director of the Woodlawn Conservancy. I am eager to use my experience from a 25-year career in art museums, history museums, and historic sites to enhance and sustain the cultural, artistic, and nature-filled treasure that is the Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. I find inspiration in the stories of those interred here; the suffragettes, the musicians, and the immigrants that lived the American dream. And while the lessons of history can guide us, it is the contemporary work of Woodlawn that is also inspirational to me. Who would have thought that a cemetery could provide a pathway to careers in historic preservation and restoration for our youth? It's happening at Woodlawn. What a thrill it is for us to train the next generation of preservationists!

Thank you to the friends and supporters of Woodlawn for welcoming me. I look forward to meeting you in person soon. Thank you for your continued support of the Woodlawn Conservancy.

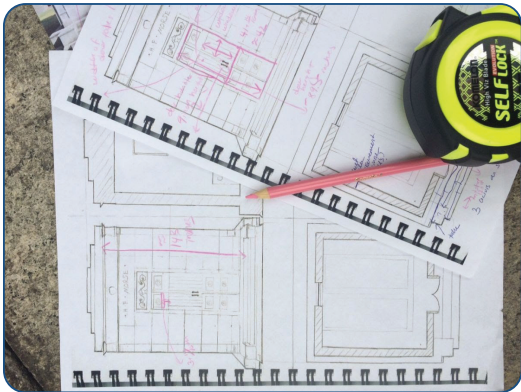
INCOMING INTERNS

Over the course of the next few months, you'll see Interns on the grounds and working from the Jerome Avenue Gatehouse. These High School Juniors and Seniors are helping us to digitize records relating to the care of monuments. In addition they will be photographing memorials as we are working to gather information so it can be accessed through our GIS (Geographic Information System) map and database. These talented young people are associated with the Pathfinders and the CTE (Career Technical Education) Programs.

BRIDGE TO CRAFTS CAREERS LAUNCHES 6TH COHORT

Our very successful partnership with the World Monuments Fund, the International Masonry Institute, and the Door continues as we welcome another class of 18-24 year olds who will train for ten weeks, learning the basics of masonry restoration.

This year our trainees will be working on the Sycamore and Walnut Plots, cleaning marble, power washing mausoleums, and repointing mortar joints. This very successful program is expanding to include a fall session where our young people will learn the basics of landscaping. For more information about these initiatives check our website later this spring.



IN THE BOOKSTORES

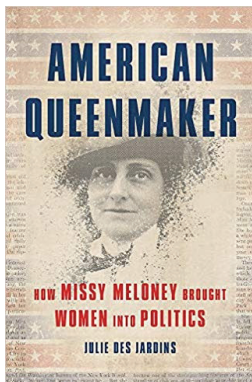
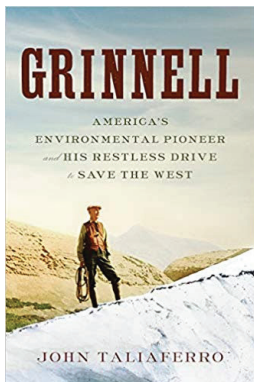
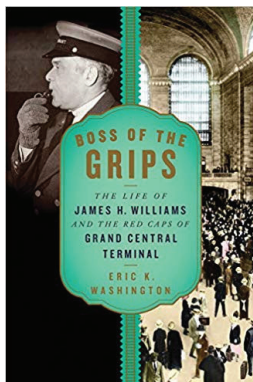
There are so many books out on Woodlawn notables! We are so proud of the authors who have produced significant biographies chronicling the history of those memorialized at Woodlawn. Here are a few suggestions for those who enjoy a great read:

Self-Made: A reissue of A'Lelia Bundles biography of her great-great-grandmother Madam C.J. Walker. Be sure to watch the series on Netflix, starting on March 20th.

Boss of the Grips: Eric Washington's history of the head of the Red Cap Porters takes you back to the Harlem Renaissance and features several Woodlawn personalities.

Grinnell: Read about George Bird Grinnell, the "Father of American Conservation" in John Taliaferro's monumental work.

American Queenmaker: Julie Des Jardins biography of the "most important woman you've never heard of."



KNOLLWOOD MAUSOLEUM EXPANSION PROJECT COMPLETED

Construction is completed on the Knollwood Mausoleum expansion. Across from the Celia Cruz mausoleum and near Jazz Corner, the expansion includes the addition of exterior crypts, illuminated glass-front niches and a beautiful newly carpeted entryway. Pre-planning discounts are being offered, as well as in-house financing payment plans. Call today to learn more, 718.920.0500



VICTOR GOINES AND FRIENDS FREE JAZZ CONCERT

JOIN US ON THE LAWN FOR A
SPECTACULAR JAZZ CONCERT
Sunday, June 20th @ 5 p.m.

This FREE concert performed by Victor Goines and Friends, will mark the premiere of the Woodlawn Suite, commissioned by Woodlawn and composed by musician and jazz great Victor Goines. The Woodlawn Suite will be performed by a 17-piece jazz orchestra,.



Victor Goines will take his inspiration for the new suite from a series of portrait pieces that celebrate the historic tributes to figures of the Harlem Renaissance. These original jazz vignettes, created by Goines, will celebrate the lives of 12 New York characters memorialized at Woodlawn that had an impact on the image and development of New York City.

Clarinetist, saxophonist, and educator Victor Goines is a member of the Jazz At Lincoln Center Orchestra since 1993 and as well as a leader of his quartet. As a leader, Goines has ten recordings to his credit including his latest "A Dance At The Mardi Gras Ball" (2016, Rosemary Joseph Records).

Read more and pre-register for this extraordinary concert at www.WoodlawnEvents.org!

MEMORIAL DAY FLAGGING

During the winter months our research volunteers have been diligently reading obituaries, death certificates, online sources, and other lists to make sure we identify those who have served in the military.

As a result of their enthusiastic efforts, we will be placing 8,400 flags on the final resting places of Woodlawn's veterans on May 16th ,17th & 23rd. Flagging starts at 9 a.m. each day, ends at 4 p.m. with a picnic lunch midday. If you'd like to volunteer, visit www.WoodlawnTours.org.



Memorial Day Flagging

Volunteer Project
Register at WoodlawnTours.org

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