




### SUMMER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

8/5	Wonderful Whimsical Women of Woodlawn Walking Tour...2 p.m.
8/11	Greats of Jazz & Vaudeville: A Victrola Trolley Tour .....1 p.m.
8/12	 Second Sunday Walking Tour.....2 p.m.
8/16	Free Throwback Thursday Trolley Tour .....2 p.m.
8/18	 Beautiful Bronx Trolley Tour: Part 1 of 4.....12 p.m.
8/26	 Woodlawn’s Fabulous Foodies Walking Tour .....2 p.m.

Registration is required at [www.WoodlawnTours.org](http://www.WoodlawnTours.org)



- Trolley Tour

There is more than listed here! Check Out Our Complete Line-up of Tours & Events at [www.WoodlawnTours.org](http://www.WoodlawnTours.org)!

COMING IN SEPTEMBER...

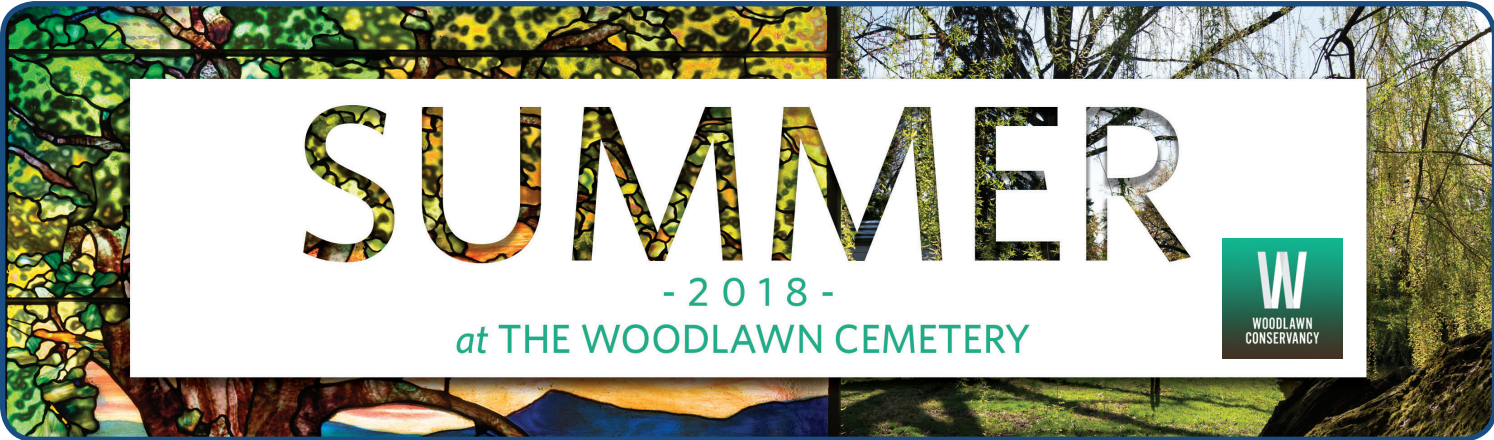
CELIA CRUZ

EXHIBITION AND CONCERT

SEPTEMBER 27 - 30



Our schedule of events has been updated. You can view and register for our exciting, one-of-a-kind events at [WWW.WOODLAWNTOURS.ORG](http://WWW.WOODLAWNTOURS.ORG)



So much is happening at Woodlawn. Our Spring Programming and Events got off to a tremendous start beginning in March with 124 persons registered for our sell-out Illuminated Mausoleum Tours. Our other Spring Tours brought in a total of over 2,400 registrants.

Over 400 people of all ages enjoyed our 2nd annual Earth Day Celebration, complete with tree climbing activities, arts and crafts, tree walks, tree plantings, and our traditional tree carvings.



**MITCH ROSE**  
**PRESIDENT & C.E.O.**

We were proud to partner with famed D.J., Michael Cumella, to place a long overdue gravemarker on the final resting place of Broadway and Vaudeville star, Nora Bayes and her husband, Benjamin Friedland. The gravemarker unveiling was followed by Mr. Cumella’s tour, Greats of Jazz & Vaudeville: A Victrola Tour, where patrons were escorted on the Woodlawn Trolley to notable grave sites and listened to original 78 r.p.m. recordings that he played on a windup phonograph.

At the end of April, we packed the Chapel for Duke Ellington’s birthday celebration. The Mariel Bildstein Septet thrilled the audience with songs composed by Duke.

In June, we hosted the Victor Goines & Friends Jazz Concert on the lawn. Over 900 registered for the concert. Despite the weather, everyone had an excellent time listening and dancing to the songs of our jazz greats.

New this spring, the Woodlawn Trolley afforded us the journey of becoming partners with The Bronx County Historical Society. We teamed up with them to bring The Bronx Brewery Trolley Tour to fruition. While learning about Woodlawn’s notable beer barons, the Trolley takes attendees on an informative tour throughout the Bronx and to four Bronx Breweries where they are shown the brewing process and given samples of the craft beer.

Our Summer Programs and Events are in full gear and our plans for the Fall are equally exciting. Visit [www.WoodlawnTours.org](http://www.WoodlawnTours.org) for all the details.

All of these outstanding programs are made possible through our charitable organization the Woodlawn Conservancy. Through your tax-deductible support, and by becoming a member, we are able to offer these innovative programs while also preserving the architecture and landscape of this National Historic Landmark, The Woodlawn Cemetery. Please consider becoming a member, or donating today. Visit [www.woodlawnmember.org](http://www.woodlawnmember.org) for more information or call 718-920-1469.





### WE'VE GRADUATED!

Our fourth cohort of interns from The Woodlawn Preservation Training Program have just recently graduated! Sixteen local students, ages 18 - 24, completed the 10-week course, with three of them now apprentices at Woodlawn. All students worked under the guidance of our resident craftsman. This year, as part of Woodlawn's Legacy initiative, hockey greats Stephane Mateau, Ron Duguay and Colton Orr worked with the interns, mentoring and inspiring them to make a difference in their community.

### THE WOODLAWN STUDENT LEADERSHIP & LEGACY PROGRAM GAINS MOMENTUM

Beginning this past January with 8 schools encompassing 128 children from District 11, The Woodlawn Student Leadership & Legacy Program quickly gained momentum to include 18 schools and 288 children in the Spring, and plans are in place to accommodate over 40 schools in the Fall of this year with over 802 children participating. We are pleased to announce that Districts 8 and 10 have recently signed up to participate. The success of the program is largely due to the mentoring skills of NY Ranger hockey legends, Stephane Matteau, Ron Duguay and Colton Orr, who are a major component of the program. Recently, we were able to present the program, as well as the Cemetery and programming and events, on the Fox News network and on BronxNet's Bronx Talk.

We invite you to follow this program on Facebook and view videos of the students, videos from Coach Matteau, pictures and much more. [www.facebook.com/woodlawnlegacy](http://www.facebook.com/woodlawnlegacy)



### VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Over 250 scouts, veterans, families, lot owners and company representatives placed 8,000 flags on the graves of those who served our nation for the Memorial Day holiday. Our research team continues to add to the roster, so if you are visiting a Vet, please let us know! We want to make sure those who served are always remembered. Hundreds of hours have been donated by Dawn Connolly and Ginny Michaels who are wrapping up the monument inventory. Information recorded on foundation orders identifying the year monuments were set, the firms who built them and the artists and architects who created major works have been typed into a database. They have handled over 150,000 records! Woodlawn's wonderful tour guides have been hard at work giving

programs while developing a training manual for new guides. If you're interested in sharing your knowledge of Woodlawn with our visitors, sign up to become a guide.

### NO MATTER YOUR AGE OR INTERESTS, YOUR SKILLS OR SCHEDULE, YOU CAN HELP THE CONSERVANCY IN ITS VALUABLE WORK. WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- **FLAGGERS** - Assist with flagging of veterans' graves in honor of Memorial Day.
- **TOUR GUIDES** - Lead general tours, school programs and public programs. Training provided.
- **DATABASE ENTRY** - Help us to enter interment records into our database.
- **BIOGRAPHERS** - Everyone has a story to tell and no one should be forgotten. Help us write brief biographies on those at rest at Woodlawn.

**INTERESTED?** If so, visit [www.woodlawnvolunteer.org](http://www.woodlawnvolunteer.org) to fill out a form or call 718-920-1469 to find out more.



### MERCEDES ELLINGTON SHARES MEMORIES

A full house packed the Woolworth Chapel and enjoyed the Mercedes Ellington Author's Talk and Book Signing. Ms. Ellington shared many stories and brought along a video presentation and memorabilia for display. The first African-American June Taylor Dancer to appear on the Jackie Gleason Show, she graciously autographed her book, "Duke Ellington: An American Icon" for the many guests that purchased it.



### LOT A PROJECT

Most of our visitors assume that Woodlawn is for the "rich and famous," unaware that half the cemetery's lots are single graves laid out along a grid. This spring, Kevin Graham, an Eagle Scout candidate began the process of restoring Lot A, one of Woodlawn's oldest plots. Over the course of the summer we will have eleven interns working in the area, documenting the monuments, cleaning the stones and resetting the grave markers. Some of our most interesting characters rest in Lot A: William E. Sawyer, "pioneer of incandescent light," Ambrosio Gonzales, the "Cuban Confederate," Johann Salvator the "lost Archduke of Austria," and recently discovered Alexander Raszewski, pictured here, a soldier from Poland who rose to the rank of Major in the American Civil War.

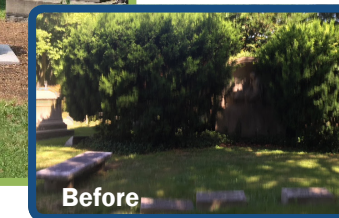
### THE CONSERVANCY RECEIVES GRANT SUPPORT

Foundations continue to support the Preservation Training Program, sharing our enthusiasm for workforce development and the care of Woodlawn's collection of historic monuments. In recent months we've received grants from the Dellora and Lester Norris Foundation, Pinkerton Foundation, Hagedorn Fund, Dalio Foundation and the New York State Department of Labor. Through Councilman Andrew Cohen's efforts we received a \$10,000 grant to develop our student activity books and tour programs highlighting the memorials celebrating the lives of immigrants.



### LANDSCAPE RESTORATION UNDERWAY!

When you are going through the cemetery, you'll discover that we are restoring some of the planting plans from long ago. Over time many of our bushes and shrubs have grown very large and are no longer in scale with the original design and in some cases they are threatening the memorials. Recently we have exposed the Kuhn Memorial designed by James Gamble Rogers, the Kinsley angel created by Daniel Chester French in addition to putting back the ornamental plantings that surrounded the Hubbard family cross. For many families, the landscape served as an important part of the memorial providing color while framing the monument.



### IT'S TIFFANY TIME!

Through the generous support of the Ventus Charitable Foundation the Conservancy is launching a research initiative to learn more about the memorials at Woodlawn created by Tiffany Studios. Many are surprised to learn that Woodlawn has the largest collection of monuments made by Tiffany's Ecclesiastical and Memorial Department. Corner posts, footstones, crosses, family monuments and mausoleums were made by the company for our lot owners. Woodlawn's collection includes mosaics and bronze embellishments crafted by the famous firm. This study will take us to the archives, museums and libraries that have records associated with Tiffany memorials. Look for updates as we move forward with the project!