

4199 Webster Avenue Bronx, New York 10470

# **SPRING PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

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2/10		Black History Month Tour2 p.m.	4/28		FREE: Duke Ellington's 120th Birthday Concert2 p.m
2/17		Love Stories of Woodlawn Tour2 p.m.	5/5	×	Mausoleums: Craftsmanship In Interior Design Tour1 p.m
2/24		Black History Month Tour2 p.m.	5/11		Bronx Week: Beautiful Bronx Tour - Part 112 p.m
3/3		Women's History Month Tour2 p.m.	5/16		Bronx Week: FREE Throwback Thursday Tour 2 p.m
3/16	於	Mausoleums: Interiors For Eternity Tour	5/18		Bronx Week: Breweries Of The Bronx Tour12 p.m
3/17		Irish Heritage Tour	5/19	於	FREE: Victorian Cemetery Customs and Picnic 1 p.m
3/21		FREE: Throwback Thursday Tour	5/24	ķ	Frankie Manning Birthday Celebration/Jazz Corner Tour 11 a.m
3/24		Wonderful Whimsical Women of Woodlawn Tour2 p.m.	6/1		Greats of Jazz & Vaudeville: A Victrola Tour1 p.m
3/30		Bronx's Silver Screen Tour	6/2		Kings of the Turf Tour2 p.m
4/6		Greats of Jazz & Vaudeville: A Victrola Tour 1 p.m.	6/8		Beautiful Bronx Tour - Part 212 p.n
4/13	於	Mausoleums: Extending The Interior Tour	6/8		FREE: Spring Stargazing Event7:30 p.n
4/14		Titanic Anniversary Tour	6/9		Second Sunday Tour2 p.m
4/17		FREE: Earth Day Celebration10 a.m.	6/15		Path Through History: Breweries Of The Bronx Tour12 p.r
4/18		FREE: Throwback Thursday Tour	6/16		Path Through History: Beer Barons At Woodlawn Tour 12 p.r
4/27		Illuminated Art Deco Mausoleum Tour8:30 p.m.	6/20		FREE: Throwback Thursday Tour

- Trolley Tour 🏌 - Walking Tou

4199 Webster Avenue Bronx, NY 10470 Pre-registration is required for all events.

For further event details and to register,
visit: www.WoodlawnTours.org

Email: contact@woodlawnconservancy.org
Call: 718-920-1469 (Ver. 1/31/1

### **VOLUNTEER AT WOODLAWN**

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. Interested? Go to WoodlawnVolunteer.org and fill out a form or call 718-408-5600 to find out more.



### PRESERVING THE PAST. INFLUENCING THE FUTURE.

Woodlawn Conservancy, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization charged with preserving the historic mausolea, monuments, landscape features and great trees that comprise The National Historic Landmark Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx. The mission of the Conservancy is to enhance Woodlawn Cemetery as a natural, educational, and cultural landmark, to create a superior visitor experience and to build a community of supporters dedicated to preserving the Woodlawn for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The Conservancy also provides public and educational programs, tours and events that interpret the objects under Woodlawn's care and illuminate the celebrated lives of those interred here. To learn more, visit WoodlawnConservancy.org.



Happy New Year from the Woodlawn Cemetery and Conservancy!

As we begin the New Year, be assured our professional staff will continue to be available to serve our families, offer educational programming to the community and continue our preservation and conservation efforts to maintain and enhance the beauty of Woodlawn.



MITCH ROSE PRESIDENT & C.E.O.

I would like to take this opportunity to take a quick glance at the many notable accomplishments of 2018 and provide a brief "Year In Review" for you!

### **Tours & Events**

Our 2018 schedule of tours and events focused on illuminating the lives of our notables, exploring and identifying our beautiful art and architecture, enjoying the beauty of nature at Woodlawn and partnering with local organizations to explore the connection between Woodlawn and our community. A record number of people attended these events including over 3,500 people who visited Woodlawn to pay tribute to the Queen of Salsa Celia Cruz. More than 12,000 people attended educational events, tours and concerts at Woodlawn in 2018.

### **Educational Programs**

- In 2018, our Preservation Training Program continued with our fifth cohort of interns successfully completing the job-readiness program.
- The Conservancy expanded our field trip offerings to local schools by offering four core field trip curriculum options and a fifth option was developed, at the request of local educators, for 2019.
- The Woodlawn Student Leadership & Legacy Program continued in 2018 after a successful launch in late 2017. Due to the tremendous success of the program, mentors and hockey greats Ron Duguay and Colton Orr were added to our "coaching staff" to assist Stephane Matteau in mentoring children in leadership qualities, following the examples of our Woodlawn notables. Eight local schools participated in the winter session, 16 schools participated in the spring session and 26 schools participated in the fall session.
- Adult education programs continued with an expanded number of tours focused on the lives of our notables.

### <u>Arboretum</u>

Care for our Level II Arboretum continued and expanded. In 2018, we planted 260 shrubs and 34 trees, including 5 new species. A new tree educational video was developed for use on our Arboretum Trolley Tours.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your support in making 2018 a memorable year and remind you of our upcoming lot owner meeting on Thursday March 21st, 2019 at 9:00 am in the Woolworth Chapel.





# ANNUAL MEETING OF LOT OWNERS OF THE WOODLAWN CEMETERY

will be held in The Woolworth Chapel at The Woodlawn Cemetery in Bronx, New York at nine o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, March 21, 2019

- 1. To elect Trustees
- 2. To transact such other business as may properly come before an Annual Meeting of Lot Owners

## **NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT WOODLAWN**



Construction continues on the new Hillcrest Mausoleum Complex. This beautiful new complex, situated at the highest point within Woodlawn, offers a serene setting overlooking some of Woodlawn's most notable grave sites, including those of jazz greats, Max Roach, Lionel Hampton and Duke Ellington. This unique cemetery-within-a-cemetery complex provides a mix of spaces for both in-ground and above-ground burial, as well as niche spaces to accommodate cremation. The beautiful park-like setting captures the beauty of the cemetery's grandeur in every season – fall, spring, summer and winter.

In addition to the new Hillcrest Mausoleum Complex, Woodlawn is excited about the new Knollwood Mausoleum Expansion Development. The new development will provide a mix of mausoleum crypts for above-ground burial, as well as a selection of both granite and glass front niches to accommodate cremation.

Crypts and niches are available inside for comfortable, climate-controlled, year-round visitation. Knollwood is situated directly across from the Queen of Salsa, Celia Cruz and neighbors the gravesite of Fiorello LaGuardia. The complex is also located nearby to Woodlawn's Legendary Jazz Corner with its most notable gravesites of Duke Ellington, Max Roach and Lionel Hampton.



Pre-construction discounts are being offered for this beautiful addition to Woodlawn. Call 718-920-0500 today if you would like more information on either the Hillcrest Development or the Knollwood Development.

# PATRICK "PJ" SHIELS ANDREW SPANA Troop 1 – Pelham, NY January 11, 2019 Judge Daronco Town House Pelham, NY

### EAGLE SCOUTS FOCUS ON TIFFANY INITIATIVE

This summer, two ambitious Eagle Scout candidates organized and supervised projects associated with our Tiffany Initiative. PJ Shields and his crew documented all the mausoleums with Tiffany windows, in addition to those that were removed decades ago.

These condition assessments will enable us to begin the process of prioritizing restoration projects. Jack Hopkins led a group of ambitious landscapers as they restored the memorial garden for the Millhiser Lot on the Pine Plot.

New ornamentals replaced overgrown and tired shrubbery which provide a green envelop for the polished pink ledgers created by the Tiffany Memorial Company. Thanks and congratulations to these hard-working Eagles.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

See our complete listing and register at WoodlawnTours.org.



FEB. 10 & 24, 2019



FEB. 17, 2019



MARCH 3, 2019



MARCH 16, 2019



# MARCH 17, 2019



MARCH 24, 2019



MARCH 21, 2019



MARCH 30, 2019

# GIS COMPUTER MAPPING AT WOODLAWN

More than ten years ago, Woodlawn Cemetery began a type of computer mapping called GIS, short for Geographic Information System. GIS manages information about things that have a location on the ground. It keeps track of where, how big and what shape things are, and holds associated data like owner, age, condition, material, and so on. A good analogy would be Google Maps.

Woodlawn Cemetery, at 400 acres, is like a small city. It has some 95,000 multiple ownerships, 17 miles of streets, thousands of walkways, 6500 trees,

buildings, monuments, utilities, and other features that are worthy of the best possible management and protection. GIS is one of the few tools up to the task of knowing where these hundreds of thousands of elements are, and helping to care for them efficiently.

With the guidance of GIS specialists and the help of many volunteers, the GIS guides the modernization of more than 150 years of cemetery information. Of the many hundreds of thousands of paper records, being converted from scans to data, more than 95% are finished. New information, such as a tree inventory, and a monument evaluation, is also in the map.

The GIS also supports new interpretive and educational programs like tours and publications. This effort is helping families, visitors, staff and managers know and share more about the many amazing resources that make this National Historic Landmark one of the most significant cemeteries in the nation.



## **RESTORING OUR MEMORIAL GARDENS**

Many of Woodlawn's lot owners created elaborate gardens to showcase significant monuments or to serve as the memorial. Our outstanding landscape team has been working with archival records to restore these wonderful gardens. When you enter the cemetery from the Jerome entrance, you'll see how we're returning the grounds of the Gates, Ehret and Woolworth mausolea to their planned appearance. Ornamental shrubs are being planted to provide colorful flowers in the spring, summer, and fall. We will share pictures with you that we plan to take this spring and showcase in our next newsletter.