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Marguerite Cooper Lloyd: Our New Honorary Member

By Peggy Pickard

The Guild is pleased to welcome Marguerite Lloyd. She arrived in Washington this past spring when her husband, the Very Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd III, became the ninth Dean of Washington National Cathedral. It was just in time to see one of All Hallows Guild's biggest events: the celebrated Flower Mart Festival. The Close was aglow with flowers and people: both Lloyds loved it. They had sojourned to a variety of beautiful places during their marriage and, in each, Marguerite sought the gardens and greenways to learn, enjoy and relish the beauty. She had met her husband at an Episcopal summer camp where she was a camper and he a counselor. Marriage came years later and, with it, the cities and gardens she so enjoyed.

A childhood in Mississippi probably helped Marguerite develop her love for gardens. When she attended Georgetown University and later received her law degree from the University of Virginia, this fascination would continue. As an undergraduate at Georgetown, she would regularly visit the grounds of Dumbarton Oaks where she found some of her favorite flowers: peonies, miniature Japanese irises, tulips and hydrangeas. When attending UVA, she loved the walled gardens off the Lawn. In Tennessee, serving as General Counsel at the University of the South, the magnificent scenery delighted her. Later, in Boston, she says, "I had the joy of walking through the beautiful Public Garden on my way to and from work every day and also loved the big spaces of the Arnold Arboretum in that city."



Marguerite Lloyd at Flower Mart

One of Marguerite's favorite gardens is Wyken Hall, in Bury St. Edmunds, England where her cousin Carla Carlisle and husband Kenneth have transformed four acres of a private garden—open at specified times to the public—into a "truly glorious" rose garden, knot garden, nuttery, copper beech maze and ancient woodland. "I highly recommend it if you are in England," she says. Other gardens she has enjoyed are Golden Gate Park in San Francisco and the Huntington in Los Angeles.

And what does she think of our gardens on the Close? The warm response is, "[They] are to me one of the real treasures of this place—wonderful spaces of hospitality which provide places of peace for strolling, contemplation, renewal, relaxation in an otherwise hectic urban environment. Their exterior glory beautifully complements the soaring beauty of the Cathedral and the drama of the interior. There is much to delight the senses, and the various personalities of different parts of the gardens surely hold appeal for every visitor or neighbor of the Cathedral."

Now happily ensconced in Bratenahl House where she has discovered a tiny secret garden within the larger garden, she is embracing a full life on Mount Saint Alban. The Lloyds' daughter Cooper is enrolled at NCS and son Gabriel studies at St. Albans. Marguerite helps in the schools and plans more involvement in her favorite activities this winter.

Bratenahl Granddaughters Visit the Cathedral

Since 1916, members of All Hallows Guild have been devoted to the vision of our founder Florence Brown Bratenahl. So imagine our excitement when we received word that Laura Alderdice and Milly Biller -- Mrs. Bratenahl's granddaughters -- were planning a visit to the Cathedral.

Of course, we rolled out the carpet the only way we know how -- with a grand tour of the Bishop's Garden and the Cathedral College Garth, both of them wholly or partially designed by Florence Brown Bratenahl. Then it was on to a special cocktail party in the Herb Cottage.

At this juncture, the surprise was all ours when Laura and Milly presented the Guild with two scrapbooks compiled by Mrs. Bratenahl, including historic plantings, prices, sponsors and garden plans -- not to mention some spectacular photos of our founder.

We plan to share some of these tidbits at Flower Mart in May and sincerely hope that Laura and Milly will return soon.



Milly Biller, Peggy Steuart, and Laura Alderdice

FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Friends:

I can't believe a month has gone by and only now I am writing you all to tell you what a pleasure it was to meet you and what a warm and gracious reception you held for me and my sister and her husband Mark. Thank you so much.

... Nancy Fetterman has been a tireless and wonderful correspondent and has sent a great deal of fascinating material on Florence Brown Bratenahl. When the rain really sets in, I will pour through those unopened boxes and hopefully find more material for you. Meanwhile, I will be filling out the membership form and will join you as a Guild member. Thank you all again.

Milly B. Biller

We had absolutely the most incredible afternoon visiting the gardens and the Herb Cottage. The truth, is, I can't wait to come back to DC and the Cathedral and Gardens. Oh, to see it in the Springtime!

Laura Alderdice

Kay Brown and the Herb Cottage

After more than a decade of devoted service, Kay Brown will pass the baton as head of the Herb Cottage. While I was a volunteer in the Herb Cottage I had a occasion to see Kay in action. Always patient, always calm, always cheerful, she was an outstanding example for all of us. She would disappear on buying trips for the Cottage and very soon wonderful merchandise would start to appear. Submerged in boxes and wrappings, we all worked like fiends to undo all the goodies for the shop while Kay calmly supervised. She sought new and interesting ways in which to publicize the Cottage with its shopping treasures and helped to initiate special programs that connected the public to the house and garden items in the shop. Her idea to join the museum shops at the Thanksgiving weekend McLean Museum Show proved to be a great financial success for our Herb Cottage and All Hallows Guild. The show demands a tremendous amount of energy, both physical and mental, from its participants. But, true to form, Kay always came through with her volunteers and appointed staff. At Christmas Kay hosted a beautiful party for volunteers and spouses, as well as staff and her Cottage committee members at her home in Virginia. She brought more than generosity of spirit to All Hallows Guild: she brought an abundance of knowledge and caring for all who worked with her. Her place should be at the top of the Christmas tree as our Herb Cottage Angel!



Kay Brown and Betty Gordon at the Herb Cottage, Christmas time 2005

By Peggy Pickard

Betty Gordon and Tour and Tea

Betty Gordon's box of hats will now hold one less chapeau. Betty is retiring as Tea Manager for the popular Tour and Tea Program founded in the nineties by the Cathedral Visitor Services department and All Hallows Guild. More than a fundraiser, the program has brought numerous visitors to the Cathedral, serving as outreach twice weekly. There is no other place in Washington where one can enjoy a traditional afternoon tea, as well as be awed by a special tour in Washington National Cathedral. Betty's many talents have helped boost attendance. Now the Tour and Tea is listed in national magazines, tour books, newspapers and specialty publications.

Betty's involvement in All Hallows Guild has been extensive. She has served as president of AHG; chairman of the Flower Mart; director of the All Hallows Puppeteers; co-chairman of the Herb Cottage; creative artist for the Flower Mart tote bag; and designer of brochures, flyers and posters for Flower Mart.

When Betty donned her Tea Manager hat, she created table linens for the new program and collected a band of enthusiastic volunteers. She presented innovative occasion teas with special themes like "Valentine" or "Teddy Bear" (for children). The Tuesday and Wednesday teas brought music to the Tower and small tables bedecked with linens, china and silver-tiered servers filled with dainty sandwiches, scones, cookies and cakes. Fresh flowers at each table completed the display. Guests were delighted, and many personally thanked the volunteers upon leaving the "tea room."

All this will continue, but with new volunteers at the helm. Betty plans to continue her activities with the Guild but hopes to find a bit more time for family, friends and travel.

And so, as she passes on her Manager Hat, the Guild is pleased to say: "Thank you, Betty. Well done!"

By Peggy Pickard

Annual Meeting Highlights

Visitors to this year's annual meeting had a special treat – an introduction to the gardens, real and imaginary, of Emily Dickinson. Joining us as guest speaker was Dr. Judith Farr, professor emerita of English from Georgetown University whose book, *The Gardens of Emily Dickinson* published by Harvard University Press, has been immensely popular and widely acclaimed. Indeed, Dr. Farr is the first American woman to receive the distinguished Rose Mary Crawshay Prize of the Byron, Keats and Shelley Memorial Trust, a prize awarded to a woman writer for a distinguished book important to English literature.

The Meeting also took note of the special contributions of four retiring Board Committee chairs: Betty Gordon, Tour and Tea; Anne Elsbree and Tuttie Webster, Garden, and Kay Brown, Herb Cottage. Thank you, ladies!



Author and featured speaker Dr. Judith Farr signs copies of her book.

A published All Hallows Guild/Olmsted Woods Annual Report is available on request!

If you would like to receive a copy, please leave a message on our phone: (202) 537-2937.



Anne Elsbree and Betty Gordon, retiring AHG committee chairs, receive special acknowledgment for their years of service.



AHG Treasurer Nancy Fetterman greeting Nancy Montgomery, former editor of *Cathedral Age*, at the Annual Meeting.

Looking Ahead

As the Guild prepares for its 90th year, we have some exciting activities in store.

Mark these on your calendar now:

Feb 1, 2006 – Dinner and Lecture on Green Roofs

Join us for the last in our three part Theology and Ecology Lecture series co-sponsored with the Cathedral College and National Cathedral Association.

When the Cathedral completes its underground parking garage, its roof will be green. But what does it mean to have a green roof and why are these green roofs becoming more and more popular?

Barbara Deutsch, Loeb Fellow at Harvard University's School of Design, will introduce participants to the green roof phenomenon – what's happening across the globe, what a green roof is and why it is beneficial. Joining her will be landscape architect Katrin Scholz-Barth who has designed numerous green roofs in the metropolitan area and who will discuss those projects, what plants do well, and other details of successful green roofs.

Peter Johnson will close out the evening with a description of the commercial green roofs project he manages for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

To reserve a place, send a check payable to All Hallows Guild – Ecology lecture series, c/o All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW, Washington, DC 20016. The lecture is \$25; dinner beforehand \$25. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. in the Cathedral College Refectory, followed by the program at 7 p.m.

Ikebana Flower Arranging Demonstration March 9, 2006, 10 am Cathedral Library

Herb Cottage Director Laura Felt will share her flower arranging skill in an Ikebana demonstration at the Herb Cottage. Because space is limited, the demonstration will be limited to the first 25 who sign up. Special vases and flower arranging materials will be available for purchase.

To register, call Dede Petri, 202-298-8109.

Flower Mart Flowers Around the World May 5 and 6, 2006

Don't miss out on this very special Flower Mart featuring flower arranging from around the world. In a special exhibit to be housed in the Cathedral, embassies will portray their countries in flowers, in a display sure to enliven the Guild's 67th Flower Mart.

Don't let construction on the Cathedral grounds deter you. The Guild has a superb Flower Mart planned including your favorite rides, foods and shops. For more information, call the Flower Mart Info Line, 202-537-5555.

Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. and the Cathedral Close Tour and Talk

**June 8, 2006
10 a.m. - 12 noon**

Join us for this combination tour and talk about Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr, the Cathedral's first landscape architect. This program is one of several being offered this summer by the seasonal program "Washington Originals." More information will be available in the next issue.

The Flowering of Mount Alban All Hallows Guild Anniversary Exhibit in the Rare Book Library September 15 – November 4, 2006

To mark our 90th anniversary, we are pleased to showcase the beautiful landscape drawings and artistic work of the Guild's founder Florence Brown Bratenahl as well as paintings by the Nourse family members who lived on the Close in the early 1800s. This show, curated by Tudor Place Curator and Guild garden docent Ann Steuart with the assistance of Nancy Work, will be the first look at the exceptional talents of these women.

If you would like to be invited to the gala opening party for this exhibit, please call us or email us. 202-537-2937 or ahg@cathedral.org.

Tour of Weston and lunch -Date in October 2006 - - to be determined

In conjunction with the exhibit "Flowering of Mount Alban" we're planning a special tour of the Nourse family residence, Weston, immediately outside Middleburg, Virginia. The Nourse family which lived on Mount Alban in the early 1830's produced three fine artists whose work will be on display in the Rare Book Library throughout the month of October. We will see more of that work, plus spectacular gardens on this very special tour and lunch.

\$75 includes bus travel to and from the Cathedral and special catered lunch. For more information, call Fran Lewis at 703-352-2429.

In Memoriam

All Hallows Guild mourns the loss of several dear friends and advisors.



Sylvia Howe Thompson

Over many years, Sylvia Howe Thompson offered invaluable guidance and assistance to the Guild, with particular focus on the Olmsted Woods restoration.

In the planning stages of the project, Sylvia recognized the importance of community “buy in” and understanding. Thanks to her dedication, Beauvoir Elementary School – where she taught science – became a key player. Students in spring and fall traveled to the woods where they learned about trees and soils and the promise and principles of woodland restoration.

At Sylvia’s instigation, the school sponsored a penny drive for the Woods, a delightful lesson in science and mathematics. And thanks to Sylvia, younger visitors to the Woods have a special Children’s Tour - which concludes with the moving advice – “Take only memories; leave only footsteps.”

Sylvia is not the only Thompson to help the Guild. We are also deeply grateful to her husband Dodge for the lovely plaque and sign outside the Herb Cottage, significant contributions to Flower Mart, and a discerning eye on all things aesthetic.

Charles C. McLaughlin

Charlie served as a long-time lecturer and advisor to the Guild. A founding member of the National Association of Olmsted Parks and its first co-chair, he was an expert on Frederick Law Olmsted and dedicated much of his professional life to education about Olmsted and Olmsted’s principles of landscape design.

Elaine Carr

Elaine Carr was a long-standing Flower Mart volunteer who worked in the Children’s area.

In a memorable story, daughter Tracey Walser Nugent recently recounted the dedication Elaine brought to her volunteer obligations. Faced with a particularly cold Mart, Elaine one year created a special warm spot – with blankets—in the back of her car to keep the goldfish warm. We are indeed grateful!

Ruth Morton Past President, All Hallows Guild

All Hallows Guild mourns the passing of former president Ruth Morton. We will include an appreciation of her in our next issue.

VOLUNTEERS FOREVER!— The First in a Series

All Hallows Guild is blessed with some extraordinary volunteers. They come from the city, the country, and some - it's true - from very long distances. From the United Kingdom we have board member **Elizabeth Stern**, whose quiet, attentive manner makes her a superb representative from AHG to the Cathedral. She manages the All Hallows Guild Booth during the Flower Mart, and draws the public's attention to the mission of the Guild on the Cathedral Close.

Another volunteer is **Mary Neel**, a longtime supporter of our work, and frequent visitor to the Cathedral's musical events. This year, Mrs. Neel assisted at Flower Mart in the AHG Booth. A resident of Virginia, Mary is a well-known figure in the Washington metropolitan area. It is a pleasure to have her assistance.

A new volunteer in the gardens is **Julie White**, who serves as chairman of the Grounds Subcommittee and has been president of All Hallows Guild and chair of Flower Mart. Years in Italy enhance Julie's understanding of many garden areas and their history.

One of the most enthusiastic Tour and Tea volunteers is **Nita Micas**, another Virginian. She offers service each week with a smile as well as happy stories about travels and people she has known.

And there is **Soonie Jones** from Great Britain who volunteers not only in the Herb Cottage, but at Tour and Tea. She is punctual, dependable and a real asset.

These are just five of many wonderful Guild volunteers on whom we rely since we have no professional staff. We want to thank each and every one.

If you would like to volunteer, please call us at 202-537-2937.

Heaven in the Herb Cottage

Walk into the Herb Cottage any day of the week and all the delightful scents of spices, herbs and flowers surround you. Add to this personal service—with a smile—and the fast-paced shopper finds herself slowing down to enjoy the whole process. Locating holiday gifts or choosing table decorations or getting that special something for a best friend turns into just plain fun. Stop for a minute at the Herb Cottage and you'll find a treasure trove in that tiny building.

Right now there is a great selection of sushi serving pieces, including chopsticks, bowls and relish dishes, placemats, napkins and popular square-shaped plates. Holiday items include handmade pottery. There are candles and candle holders for any occasion. A very big item

is the vast collection of elegant cards available for all shoppers. Lamps---large and small---come in a variety of heights and materials, with the shades included.

Treats for children, fragrant French soaps and artistic Rock Soaps, handmade pottery, dainty tea towels and miniature porcelain boxes are found on the shelves. A favorite gift for the Christmas season is a Nativity scene—the many selections in the Herb Cottage make the choices easy. Even the old-fashioned holiday “poppers” are there to enliven dinner parties with loud pops and bright tissue hats.

The Herb Cottage is open every day from 10 - 5 with extended hours during special Cathedral events. As always, gift wrapping and mailing are available. Please call (202) 537-8982 with any questions. A willing volunteer is there to help you!

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ALL HALLOWS GUILD ACTIVITIES

- Garden tours are conducted by All Hallows Guild docents April through October. An unreserved tour leaves from the Herb Cottage each Wednesday at 10:30 am. Reserved tours are available by calling (301) 986-1290.
- Woods walks take place throughout the year, and seasonal bird walks when appropriate. Olmsted Woods Infoline: (202) 537-2319.
- The Guild raises funds in a variety of ways: Flower Mart, held the first Friday and Saturday of May each year; the Herb Cottage, a gift shop open 10 am to 5 pm daily; Tour and Tea, which is co-sponsored with Visitor Programs and combines a tour of the Cathedral with an elegant tea; and gifts and memorials.

For more information about all All Hallows Guild, call (202) 537-2937. Memorial opportunities are available in the Gardens and Woods. Call Louise Beale (301) 951-3913.

By joining All Hallows Guild or making a donation you directly support the care and beautification of the gardens, grounds, and woodlands of Washington National Cathedral.

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- Annual \$20 Benefactor \$50
 Steward \$100 Life \$500 (Endowment)

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