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in the park



Images courtesy of Bohlin Cywinski Jackson



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Architect Peter Bohlin and his team at Bohlin Cywinski Jackson have accepted the charge to design the entry pavilion within Hermann Park's newest treasure, the Centennial Gardens.

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Peter is well known for his wide range of work, including the retail stores for Apple worldwide, public institutions such as the new Newport Beach City Hall, and cultural buildings including the Discovery and Visitor Center in Grand Teton National Park.

Though the project is of a relatively modest scope in comparison to most of his commissions, Peter understood the importance of the Park's centennial and its place in Houston's history and personally wanted to be involved. To have someone of his caliber involved in this project is exciting for Hermann Park and the city. To see examples of his work and plans for the entry pavilion, turn to pages 6 and 7.

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**Thanks to co-sponsors Hermann Park Conservancy and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the public will have an opportunity to learn more about Peter Bohlin at a lecture and discussion with the architect on Thursday, October 25 at 6:30pm. Please visit [www.hermannpark.org](http://www.hermannpark.org) for a ticket link. This event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required.**

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**EVENING IN THE PARK**  
see pages 4-5

## MISSION

Hermann Park Conservancy is a citizens' organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of Hermann Park—today and for generations to come.



from the executive director

Y. Ping Sun and David Leebron, Rice president, with Doreen Stoller at the 2012 Evening in the Park honoring Rice University



Priscilla Dickson

Shortly after the turn of the last century, an exciting evolution was taking place in Houston.

Developments in transportation, culture, arts, and education were emerging to attract newcomers and serve the growing population. The Port of Houston, the Houston Symphony, Hermann Park, and other places and institutions are now approaching their 100th birthdays. At the 2012 *Evening in the Park* gala, the Conservancy was pleased to honor Rice University, celebrating its centennial this year. With Rice's establishment in 1912 and the Park's following in 1914, the two neighbors share a longstanding history. Mayor Parker, Phoebe Tudor, and Rice president David Leebron had a humorous perspective on this shared history.

The Conservancy has recently begun building partnerships with other members of the community to celebrate Hermann Park's centennial in 2014. We are working with arts and cultural organizations, community groups, universities, and others to help us spread awareness about

the occasion and say "Happy Birthday, Hermann Park" through their own programs and special events.

So far, a number of organizations are partnering with the Conservancy to accomplish this goal. *Houston History* magazine recently featured Hermann Park in its summer issue. We are grateful to the magazine for showcasing Houston's signature park and its centennial. The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston is co-sponsoring a lecture and discussion with Peter Bohlin, the architect designing the Centennial Gardens pavilion. There are many others also committed to helping celebrate the centennial. Please see a list of the organizations partnering with us on page 10.

Together, we will ensure that Hermann Park's 100th birthday is truly a citywide celebration!

See you in the Park,

Doreen Stoller  
Executive Director

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**Evening in the Park Gala**

All gifts in honor of Rice University, honoree, and chairs Ileana and J. Michael Treviño and Susan Krohn and Patrick Gehm

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# Hermann Park Happenings

## Japanese Garden Day

In honor of 40 years of friendship between the City of Houston and its sister city Chiba City, Japan, Mayor Parker declared Tuesday, June 19, 2012 to be Japanese Garden Day. The mayor recognized Kunio Minami, Conservancy board member, and local community groups and individuals who have worked to maintain and improve the Garden. On Friday, October 19, 20 cherry trees will be planted in the Japanese Garden in honor of this anniversary and to commemorate the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees as a gift of friendship from Japan to the US.



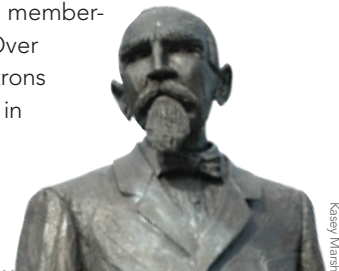
Consul-General of Japan Jota Yamamoto, Mayor Parker, and Kunio and Kimiko Minami at City Council on Japanese Garden Day

Ayako Koide



## George Hermann's Birthday Party

On Monday, August 6, the Conservancy celebrated George Hermann's 169th birthday with a party at Kinder Station. Open to the public, the event included \$1.69 train rides for kids, \$1.69 soft serve at Pinewood Cafe, complimentary face painting, a coloring contest, and membership drive. Over 900 Park patrons participated in the day's fun activities.



Kasey Marsh

## Houston History Issue Launch Party



The Conservancy partnered with *Houston History* magazine on the launch party for the magazine's latest issue on Saturday, August 11 at Kinder Station. Hermann Park graced the cover of

the issue, which featured Houston parks, and was the subject of its lead article. *Houston History* is published by the Houston History Project at the University of Houston's Center for Public History. HPC members were invited to take part in the event, which included complimentary train rides and a square dancing demonstration!



Debbie Harwell, *Houston History* managing editor; Eliza Wright, HPC marketing manager and article author; Doreen Stoller, HPC executive director; Aimee Bachari, *Houston History* associate editor; and Natalie Garza, *Houston History* oral history director

Evening in the Park  
2012



Chairs Ileana and J. Michael Treviño and Susan Krohn and Patrick Gehm welcomed guests to the 2012 *Evening in the Park* gala in the heart of Hermann Park on Wednesday, April 25. Guests dined on a delicious meal by Tony's and danced to the tunes of Julie Johnson with Spellbound. The Conservancy honored Rice University, the Park's neighbor, and its 100 years of excellence. *Evening in the Park* drew nearly 500 guests and surpassed its goal by raising nearly \$420,000 for Hermann Park.

**Thank you to everyone who supported this event, which will keep the Conservancy's operations running strong.**

Photos by Priscilla Dickson Photography



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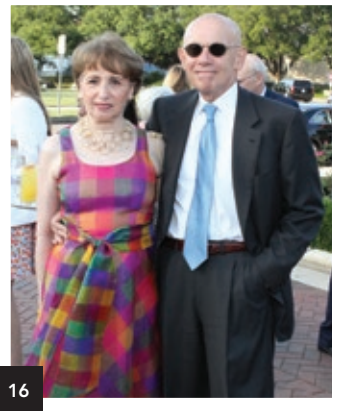
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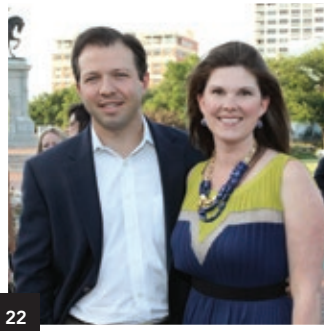
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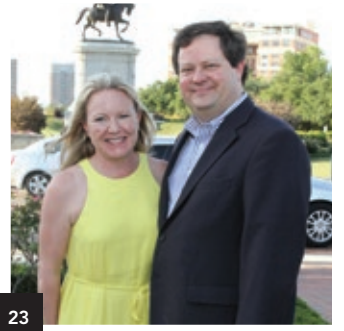
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# Pavilion at the Centennial Gardens

The Centennial Gardens project will transform Hermann Park's Garden Center into a premier destination for Houstonians and tourists. Eight acres of various gardens, from a sweet-smelling formal rose garden to a winding woodland garden of tall trees and understory plants, will inspire visitors of all ages and invigorate the senses. To begin the journey, visitors will first pass through a signature structure, the pavilion designed by world-renowned architect Peter Bohlin.

The pavilion will welcome visitors who come to explore the gardens as well as provide accommodations for meetings and special events thanks to interior space and an outdoor courtyard with seating. The building will be designed to bring the outside in, connecting those sitting inside with the lush scenery just beyond the glass walls.

Peter is well known for designing private homes, retail spaces, and public buildings that accomplish this relationship with natural surroundings. These projects, which vary in scale and situation, are designed with special attention to their function and physical setting. Bohlin Cywinski Jackson has received more than 510 regional, national, and international awards for design. Here are some examples of their celebrated work and an initial sketch of his design for the Centennial Garden pavilion.

Centennial Gardens naming opportunities are available. To inquire, please contact Meghan Miller, director of development, at 713-524-5876 ext. 339 or [mmiller@hermannpark.org](mailto:mmiller@hermannpark.org).

Images courtesy of Bohlin Cywinski Jackson



## Upcoming Events

### Lecture and Discussion with Architect Peter Bohlin

**Thursday, October 25, 2012**  
5:30pm Pre-lecture Reception  
6:30pm Lecture and Discussion  
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston  
Free to attend, but must have a ticket. Visit [www.hermannpark.org/calendar.php](http://www.hermannpark.org/calendar.php) online for a ticket link.

### Run in the Park

**Saturday, November 3, 2012**  
8am to 11am in Hermann Park  
Registration online is \$28 for adults, \$12 for kids  
Sign up at [www.hermannpark.org](http://www.hermannpark.org)

### Hats in the Park Luncheon

**Tuesday, March 5, 2013**  
11:30am at the Historic Clubhouse at Hermann Park  
Chairs: Ellie Francisco and Kim Tutcher  
Honoring The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation  
Tickets from \$250, Tables from \$5,000

### Evening in the Park Gala

**Thursday, April 25, 2013**  
6:30pm in the Heart of the Park  
Chairs: Heidi and Marcus Smith and Melissa and Michael Mithoff  
Honorary Chairs: Shelby Hodge and Shafik I. Rifaat  
Tickets from \$500, Tables from \$5,000

### Student Performance Series

Visit [www.hermannpark.org](http://www.hermannpark.org) for a list of upcoming free performances by Houston area students.

### Second Saturdays

HPC members are invited to ride the Hermann Park Railroad for free from 9am to 10am on the second Saturday of every month!

Visit  
[www.hermannpark.org](http://www.hermannpark.org)  
for up-to-date event details.



1 Sketch of Centennial Gardens Pavilion in Hermann Park 2 Pixar Animation Studios (California) 3 Dry Creek Outbuilding (California) 4 Forest House (Connecticut) 5 Apple Store, Fifth Avenue (New York) 6 Marcus Nanotechnology Research Center, Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia) 7 Visitor Activity Center/Pocono Environmental Education Center (Pennsylvania)



## Come Sail Away with Urban Green

Joe Melcher/Digital Academy



Sail Away chairs Ben and Mary Patton, Catherine Bradley, Sarahbeth Pipkin, and Amy and David Doherty

On Thursday, May 10, over 400 Park supporters mingled lakeside at McGovern Lake by Kinder Station for *Come Sail Away* with Urban Green, the Conservancy's young professionals' group. *Sail Away* chairs Catherine Bradley, Amy and David Doherty, Mary and Ben Patton, and Sarahbeth Pipkin welcomed guests to the picturesque evening event. Guests decked out in boat shoes and nautical stripes took pedal boats out on the lake and strolled along McGovern Promenade as the sun set.

*Come Sail Away* featured music by DJ MAV, an incredible silent auction, and seafaring themed drinks and bites. Thanks to the hard work of the event chairs and Urban Green steering committee led by chair Brittany Sakowitz, *Come Sail Away* set new records for attendance and funds raised with \$21,000 in proceeds! Urban Green events and membership help the Conservancy continue its mission to improve and maintain Hermann Park.



Hermann Park Conservancy's annual run, *Run in the Park*, is scheduled for Saturday, November 3! The Run is a community-boosting event that encourages Houstonians of all ages to get physically active and support Hermann Park.

Exciting changes are in store this year. *Run in the Park* will now be a 5K event for runners and walkers starting at 8am, with the Kids' Run starting at 8:45am. Walkers will line up at the back of the pack since the 5K run is the only event that is timed and awarded. The Post Race Party following these activities is a celebration among participants, their families, and the community in Hermann Park.

During online registration, an additional donation can be made to Hermann Park Conservancy and a fundraising page can be set up to help runners and walkers raise more money and awareness for this beautiful Park. To learn about sponsorship opportunities, please contact **Mindy Campbell**, Run coordinator, at [mcampbell@hermannpark.org](mailto:mcampbell@hermannpark.org) or **713-524-5876 ext. 357**.

Sign up today at [www.hermannpark.org](http://www.hermannpark.org) and spread the word!

## DONORS

### Evening in the Park Gala continued

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- Centennial Art in the Park**
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- David W. Robinson



# The Conservancy Welcomes New Board Members

## Grand Gateway

\$5,000–\$9,999

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Sally and Monte Ackerman

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Megan and Jason Ryan

## Japanese Garden

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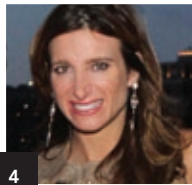
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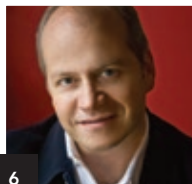
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1. **Jana Arnoldy** is a passionate community volunteer who serves many nonprofit groups and boards in Houston. Jana is a long-time Hermann Park supporter and served as co-chair of the 2010 *Hats in the Park* luncheon. She is also an accomplished equestrian. When not lending her talent to charitable organizations in Houston, she enjoys spending time in Aspen.

2. **Kristy Bradshaw** is currently a senior equity analyst with the Diversified Dividend Fund at Invesco. She became involved with Hermann Park initially through the Urban Green young professionals' group, co-chairing the Urban Green spring event in 2010 and subsequently joining the Conservancy's advisory board. She also serves on the board of trustees for the Houston Ballet.

3. **Troy Thacker** is president and CEO of R360 Environmental Solutions. Prior to R360, Troy was a founding partner of Paine & Partners, LLC, a private equity firm that together with its predecessors, manages in excess of \$3 billion in equity capital. Troy sits on the Council of Overseers of Jones Business School at Rice University and serves as a director of WireCo Worldgroup.

4. **Melissa Mithoff**, a Houston native, is a community advocate and mother of three young children. When not busy with her family, she spends the balance of her time supporting children's, medical, and arts organizations. Melissa has received several awards for her charitable work and serves on numerous nonprofit boards. She and her husband, Michael, are co-chairs of the 2013 *Evening in the Park* gala.

5. **Judy Nyquist** is a community volunteer and advocate for the visual arts. She serves on the boards of numerous arts organizations in Houston. She has become a passionate proponent of the powerful synergies between urban green spaces and public art presentations. Judy is a long-time advocate of the benefit of community engagement with their natural environment.

6. **Patrick Summers** is artistic director of Houston Grand Opera, where he has been music director since 1998. His conducting engagements have brought him all over the world, including longstanding relationships with the Metropolitan Opera and San Francisco Opera. He is an advocate for AIDS/HIV research, and was the top fundraiser for the AIDS Walk Houston 2012.

7. **Gary Tinterow** became director of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH) in February 2012. A native Houstonian, he has returned after nearly 30 years as a curator at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. At the MFAH, Gary is spearheading the program design for the new building for art after 1900 and the redevelopment of the museum's campus.

*Welcome to  
the newest  
members of  
the HPC board  
of directors!*

# Centennial Community Partners

Thank you to the following organizations, which are joining the Conservancy to say "Happy 100th Birthday, Hermann Park" in 2014.

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Asia Society                        | Houston Center for Photography     | The Menil Collection         |
| Children's Museum of Houston        | Houston Grand Opera                | METRO                        |
| Contemporary Arts Museum Houston    | <i>Houston History Magazine</i>    | Miller Outdoor Theatre       |
| Harris County Historical Commission | Houston Museum District            | Museum of Fine Arts, Houston |
| The Health Museum                   | Houston Museum of Natural Science  | Rice Design Alliance         |
| Hotel ZaZa                          | Houston Public Library Foundation  | Rice University              |
| City of Houston                     | Houston Symphony                   | South Main Alliance          |
| Houston Airport System              | Houston Wilderness                 | Texas Medical Center         |
| Houston Arts Alliance               | Houston Zoo                        | Texas Southern University    |
| Houston Arts Foundation             | MD Anderson Children's Art Project | University of Houston        |
|                                     |                                    | University of St. Thomas     |

This growing list will be updated on our website. Lectures, special exhibitions, or other programming spearheaded by these organizations will also be featured as details become available. If you know of an organization that you think should be on this list, please email [media@hermannpark.org](mailto:media@hermannpark.org).

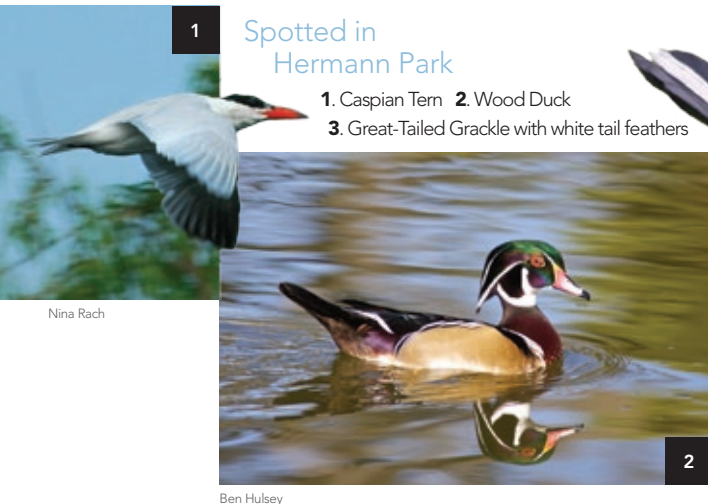
## Birding in Hermann Park

Did you know that Hermann Park is a prime spot for bird watching? The Park is home to or visited by many species of birds and waterfowl. On any day while strolling around McGovern Lake, visitors are greeted by the cute little black and white American Coots, the orange beaked Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, Ring-necked Ducks, Mallards, and if they are lucky, the occasional colorful Wood Duck.

Since Hermann Park is located on the Central Migratory Flyway, many species of birds can be seen flying overhead, resting on the bird islands in the middle of the lake, or feeding on berries of native plants. Through a partnership with the Houston Audubon Society, a dedicated group of birders visits

the Park monthly to survey and photograph the many species that can be found in Houston's very own backyard. Learn about the Hermann Park bird count at [www.houstonaudubon.org](http://www.houstonaudubon.org).

Some of the species spotted include cormorants diving for fish in the lake, herons surveying the offerings in the Japanese Garden ponds, woodpeckers scavenging tree trunks for tasty morsels, elusive Red-Tailed Hawks on the hunt, as well as the more common swallows, wrens, grackles, starlings, and mockingbirds. These are only a sampling of the various feathered visitors to the Park, so grab your binoculars and come on a still early morning and see what you can find!



1 Spotted in Hermann Park

- 1. Caspian Tern
- 2. Wood Duck
- 3. Great-Tailed Grackle with white tail feathers

Nina Rach

Ben Hulsey

Gary Olson

## DONORS

### Plant a Tree

*continued*

#### \$250-\$499

- The Alagarsamy Family – In honor of Danny Van Wagoner
- Cece Fowler and family – In honor of Mack Fowler
- Cece and Mack Fowler and Susie and Sanford Criner – In honor of I. H. Kemper
- Clare A. Glassell
- Monica and Kevin King – In honor of Ann and Don Short
- Frances Kittrell – In honor of Emily and Harvey Shepherd's 65th wedding anniversary
- H. Joe Nelson III
- Todd Running – In memory of Nancy Masterson
- Megan and Jason Ryan – In honor of Michael D. Ryan

### Tree Conservancy Fund

#### \$100-\$499

- Kathryn Louie – In memory of Vivien Louie

### Garden Conservancy Fund

#### \$100-\$499

- Sara and John Lindsey – In memory of Barbara L. Steele

### General Endowment Fund

#### \$100-\$499

- Monica and Kevin King – In honor of Ann and Don Short
- Sharin and Larry Norman
- Megan and Jason Ryan

### Community Outreach

#### \$1,000-\$4,999

- Doreen Stoller and Dan Piette – In memory of Erin Gregory Neale and Lamar Gregory Neale

### Urban Green

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- James Bell
- Sophia Ewalt
- Key Energy Services, Inc.

#### \$500-\$999

- Kevin Freeman
- Andrae L. Turner

#### \$100-\$499

- Ashley Anderson
- Sean Andrews
- Baker Hostetler
- Kathryn and Logan Boatman
- Harrison Bolling
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