



# FRIENDS *of the* PUBLIC GARDEN

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This letter, as often before, brings a pendulum of news. It has been a disheartening time for trees and the best ever for sculpture; important capital improvements are accomplished or planned, but funding for parks, city or state, continues to lag; maintenance is holding pretty well, but threats to the Common are abundant. Accounts of all these swings of fortune follow, but the refrain is optimistic, and for three reasons. City officials, led by Mayor Menino, have demonstrated increasing concern for our green space, and the Parks Department under Commissioner Antonia Pollak is doing an effective job with limited resources. Neither statement is flattery and neither could be made in the days of our youth. The problems in Boston, as in other cities and towns, lie not in will but the paucity of funds and perhaps a reluctance still to recognize the need for consistent care. Bridges are in mind these days, but trees and fountains tell the same story.

And the third cause of hope is you, our members. Your support has made all things possible. Your membership gives us a voice in city affairs and your generosity the means to carry out projects essential to each space. Setbacks occur, but we are moving, City and Friends together, closer each year to the restoration and keeping of these three civic treasures.

## THE COMMON

How the Common will fare over the next year will depend on actions still in waiting. The City is planning several capital improvements. One is refurbishment of the Deer Park building, a project we have long urged. Another is work on post-and-chain fencing, paths, and edging, which together should do much for the park's appearance. The largest venture will be restoration of the Brewer Fountain, supported in part by a matching grant of \$200,000 from the federal Save America's Treasures program.

The Friends are pressing also for renovation of the forlorn and ill-used area around the fountain. To this end we have pledged \$50,000 from proceeds of the Green & White Ball to be matched by the Lawrence & Lillian Solomon Fund. We hope that City and private sources will provide the additional \$100,000 to make the fountain area once again a civic attraction. Other agencies, too, may play a part. The MBTA will install next year an elevator building near the station's upper headhouse. The land taking will induce, we trust, a measure of mitigation. The



*Brewer Fountain  
Inoperative and barren*

BRA for its part has plans for renewal of the Downtown District with recognition of the Common's edge as entrance and neighbor.

A need we mention often is completion of the fencing and landscape along the Lafayette Mall begun three years ago at the Boylston Street end through a generous gift from Millennium Partners. Delineating the Common in this manner would enhance the Tremont edge and give us a sense once more of entering a park. Still waiting are restoration of the Soldiers & Sailors Monument, now estimated at \$250,000, numerous paths, and the men's comfort station, abandoned thirty years ago.

A project under way, and doing nicely, is the rehabilitation of the Parade Ground. Although critics have bemoaned the loss of space for various activities, the turf was beyond recovery. The question now is how to protect the grass, even minimally, when the fencing comes down in December. Here, as elsewhere on the Common, the Parks Department has a hard balancing act between use and care. We support the field's use for dogs, and we applaud as always many public events. The Shakespeare Company's presentation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," as example, was a wonderful attraction. But over 1,000 events a year, many of them self-serving, is an agenda too invasive. Some restraints, or much more money, will be needed to stem the Common's decline.

Further concerns are present above and below ground. The Convention Authority is considering an extension of



*Pumpkin Festival, 2006  
Good party, much damage  
Photo: Courtesy N.H.C.I.*

the Under Common Garage almost to Boylston Street. The garage, we understand, helps to finance the two convention centers. Editorials in the *Globe* and *Beacon Hill Times* have listed various reasons to oppose this plan.



Our reasons for concern are the near-term loss of the ball fields, the permanent loss of trees, and the taking of more space for structures and vents. We bear in mind, too, that the Authority, despite its impact, no longer contributes in any manner to upkeep of the Common. The garage is well run and serves a public purpose, but it is also a guest that should respect the historic land it occupies.

Above ground loom new shadows. The rising Filene's Building (38 stories) will cast further shade over the park, albeit within the limits of the law. The proposed 1,000 foot building at Winthrop Square will also bring shadows, and being outside the Cultural District, will require legislative relief. The Common can live perhaps with these transient shadows, but precedent carries the danger of further encroachment that bit by bit can diminish the protection now afforded all users of the park.



*A lesson with Tenley Albright  
Photos: Courtesy of Neighborhood House Charter School*

A bright spot as usual has been the Frog Pond with its successful programs, winter and summer. To Tom Kershaw and his staff, who have operated the facility for ten years, we are ever indebted. The pond has been a centerpiece of the Common since the 17th century but never to greater public pleasure than today. This year the Friends sponsored skating programs for children of the Epiphany and Neighborhood House Charter Schools, the latter with generous help once again from the State Street Corporation. As finale, the schools held a party with a special treat of instruction by Dr. Tenley Albright, 1956 Olympic Champion.

We record as well, and with much appreciation, gifts of a tulip tree arranged by Begabati Lennihan and Suchesta Flynn in honor of the World Harmony Run, and a linden from her friends in memory of Lisa Mitchelson. The children's playground is in happy use almost every day of the year. We had hoped for a seasonal carousel to accompany it, but planners, it appears, are looking elsewhere.

And finally our thanks to the Common staff, who receive too little credit in tackling each day the unequal task of care and maintenance.

#### TREE CARE

It has been, as noted, a tough year for trees. In winter the Parks Department removed eight apple trees in the Garden afflicted with fire blight, contagious and beyond help. Two others we are trying still to save. We lost as well an oak, maple, and sycamore, and in late fall 2006 found several beeches with bleeding canker (*Phytophthora cactorum*), an often fatal disease. One of these by Arlington Street succumbed, but an aggressive program of treatment this summer has improved the prospects of others. The Parks Department has also treated the yews along Haffenreffer Walk for a serious insect infestation.

Dutch Elm Disease killed a row of trees on the Common and to date one tree each in the Garden and Mall. We are working to save several others with injections of Alamo, a relatively new, and extremely expensive, substance. For eight years we have kept losses to D.E.D. below one percent, and even in 2007 at 1.5 percent of the 500 elms in the three parks. This is a good record, but the slippage is worrisome. On the Common we may be paying still for failure years ago to remove infected trees, thus allowing the disease to spread by root graft to nearby healthy ones. There is always



*Touching up Abigail Adams  
Photo: Patricia Quinn. Courtesy, Boston Courant*



*Power washing bench, Commonwealth Avenue Mall  
Photo: Penny Cherubino*

the possibility, too, of mutation that renders the organism resistant to present treatment. And, of course, we have always worked with insufficient funds to prune, fertilize, treat, even water at a desirable level.

All the same, we have done much. We pruned extensively in each park, conducted the usual injection program and then supplementary treatment of trees infected or threatened. Also heartening has been the fertilizing of elms in the Common and Garden that were in serious decline and are now looking considerably better. This fall we will continue treatment of the beech trees and order studies at the University of Massachusetts on the efficacy of current elm injections. Next year we will join the Parks Department in doing as much pruning, injections, and fertilizing as our two exchequers allow.

Next year, too, we should be well on our way toward creation of a tree inventory that will give us and the City an electronic record of trees in all three parks, their placement, condition, treatment, and growth. The trees will have as well identifying tags and labels. For this important step we owe infinite thanks to a superb committee headed by Karin Dumbaugh and Corwin Fleming, with assistance of Greg Mossman and Leif Fixin in the Parks Department and warm support of the Highland Foundation.

In this year of stress, we salute the Parks Department for its prompt removal of dead and infected trees, Messrs. Mossman and Fixin for their unfailing cooperation, and Henry Davis, whose efforts in each park have saved countless trees. That we could do so much and meet such emergencies derive also from generous donors such as Beacon Hill Elms, Millennium Partners, Heritage Condominium Trust, Garden Club of the

Back Bay, the Saquish Foundation, and many responders to our annual appeal and capital campaign.

#### SCULPTURE

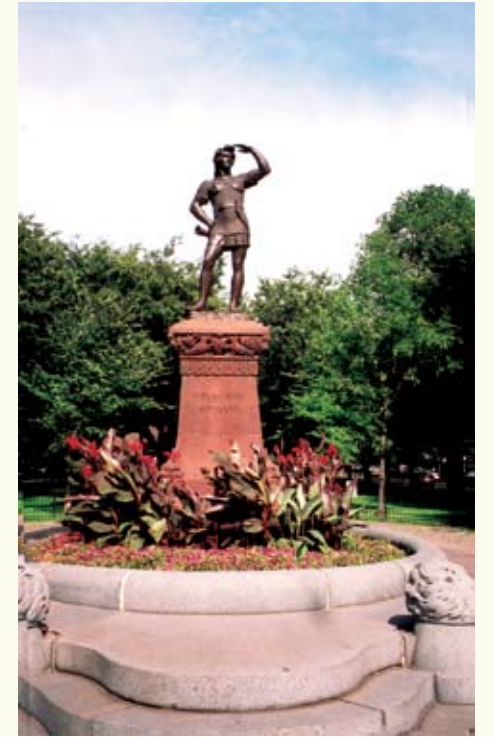
For decades public art in Boston received little or no care. Many works, even plaques, were slipping beyond recall. In 1982, with extraordinary support, we restored the Shaw/54th Memorial, Boston's greatest monument. Later we joined the Art Commission in establishing the Adopt-a-Statue program to facilitate the treatment and endowment of sculpture throughout the city. Restoration has proceeded over the years on receipt of private gifts. Examples are the statues of Washington, Hale, and Phillips in the Garden, the Founders Monument on the Common, William Lloyd Garrison on the Mall, and last fall, largest project of all, the Ether Monument and Fountain in the Garden.

But many works remained untouched, and many of those restored were not cleaned for so long they needed restoration again at \$15,000 to \$20,000.

This year has brought a veritable surge. Cleaned were the Lafayette and Barry tablets on the Common; three fountain statues, Phillips, Hale, and flag pole base in the Garden; Garrison and the Women's Monuments on the Mall. And restored were Kosciuzsko in the Garden, with a lead gift from Robert Hodakowski, and the Hamilton, Glover, and Erikssen statues on the Mall. In addition, the MFA will soon clean and repair the White Memorial. And still another step will come next year with restoration of the Brewer Fountain and, owing to a munificent gift from the Ruth and Frank Stanton Fund, work on all the remaining statues and fountain figures in the Public Garden.

For these good things we take some credit, but incline in equal measure to the Parks Department in the persons of Bob Mulcahy, Margaret Dyson, and Stanley Ivan, and to Sarah Hutt, director of the Art Commission, the guide and governor of this rescue mission.

All, of course, is not done. The Friends are lacking the funds and the City the program to assure continued



*Leif Erikssen  
Restored but still looking for Fenway Park*

care of restored pieces. The Brewer Fountain alone needs substantial endowment to prevent a return to its empty past. The Soldiers & Sailors Monument, as mentioned, is a capital need of large proportions and a good example of what neglect may bring. In prospect is lighting for the Washington and White Monuments and perhaps next year several other statues in the Garden. Still waiting for the light, however, are the Garrison, Glover, and Erikssen statues on the Mall, places where illumination would enhance the sculpture and eliminate several sinister pockets. So we cheer our gains but have, as in all things, a way still to go.

#### PUBLIC GARDEN

While the loss of trees is distressing, much else in the Garden is encouraging. The Horticultural Committee under the baton of Westy Lovejoy planted six trees: a *Sassafras albidum*, given by Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Taylor in memory of Stephen J. Taylor, a dogwood (*Cornus aurora*) from Dr. Daniel Shannon, and five apple trees of different varieties from Peter Perthou, many friends in memory of Peter Claudy, family and friends in memory of Michael Waite, and by bequest of Harriet S. Cohn. The *Sassafras* is new to the Garden but interestingly enough among the species used in making the ancient fishweirs, about which more follows. The committee also planted many shrubs along the fencing, an act of perseverance at sites made difficult by wind, shade, and soil.

The Ether Fountain, cleaned, lighted, and working, is a joy to see after many years of desuetude. Moreover, we have a good start on a fund for its continued care, thanks to the extraordinary work of Drs. Rafael Ortega and Keith Lewis, the generosity of David Solomon, and funds raised some years ago by Drs. Conlay, Griswold, and Ryan. Together, Friends and Parks Department are intent on keeping both monument and fountain preserved and operational.

This fall the Parks Department will begin replacement of the irrigation system. Work will entail inconvenience and perhaps a staging area. But at the end the watering will be easier, better, and less subject to costly repairs. Still needed are replacement and repair of catch basins, the source of so much flooding, and, after other work, new paving for the paths. When funding will appear for these important items, no one knows.

The swans came in May escorted in grand fashion and released as customary by Mayor Menino. Food being plentiful, ducks, pigeons, and squirrels enjoyed the day as well. The goose population, under collie control, remains tolerable.

Floral displays were handsome as always, especially the tulips which, surviving winter and squirrels, emerged in spring glory. The City Greenhouses, overseen by Jim Sheehan, continue each year to brighten our lives. The roses, too, look splendid, owing more than ever to the ministrations of China Altman and her loyal rosarians. As before, they also served as park ambassadors, befriending visitors, sometimes even enlisting them. Difficulties are endemic to rose care, but the Brigade brings us invariably four circles of beauty, June to November.

Observing the Garden, one may take the Swan Boats pretty much for granted. They have been with us after all



*George Washington being cleaned*  
Photo: Nina Manson

since 1877, managed then and now by the Paget Family. Yet knowing the work involved in their care and operation and, of course, the pleasure they bring to thousands of people, we thank our stars each year, indeed each day, for their presence.

In sum, the Garden had a good year with much done in planting, better grass care, statues cleaned, fountains working, flowers blooming, and the Garden staff under Sammy Sameski doing a fine job in all seasons.

#### COMMONWEALTH AVENUE MALL

Of our three parks, progress was most evident on the Mall. Last year, as reported, the Mall Committee filled virtually all sites for benches, the last honoring Stella Trafford. It planted as well 31 elms from our nursery at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Filling a few openings, the committee set out in spring five Hackberry 'magnifica', a new species for the modern Mall but one shown on historic maps. The trees were gifts of Peter and Rosanne Meade in honor of their mothers, Mary and Kay; friends and family of Anne Wade in her memory; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas High in honor of Dolly and Jack Hughes; Tamara Walsh in memory of her mother, Mary Margaret Walsh; and the friends of Daniel Murphy in his memory. Margaret Pokorny, committee chair, reports the receipt of a Parks Department Small Change Grant of \$6,250 for tree maintenance and the resetting of two historic concrete benches. The Garden Club of the Back Bay donated funds

to fertilize all the young trees in the Berkeley to Dartmouth blocks, while the Parks Department conducted in the same area an extensive liming, fertilizing, and seeding program. Both efforts will be extended in the coming years.

The Committee and Parks Department also began this year to focus on conditions on the Mass. Avenue to Charlesgate block. They removed overgrown yews and pruned many of the old elms on either side of the bridge. All the concrete crescent planters were replanted with trees, and the Department, with encouragement of abutters, will paint the surrounding fence.

Patricia Quinn, our personal graffiti remover, has been busy all year sanding markings as they occur. The Parks Department, on its part, power washed all benches. Together these efforts have greatly improved the appearance of benches, pads, and surrounding areas. In this work as in much else we are indebted to Bernie Lynch, Director of Maintenance, and his fine crews.

Again this summer, the committee engaged a person to patrol the Mall daily picking up litter. Along with regular trash removal this constant attention has made the Mall much cleaner. The committee is considering now a semi-annual raking of the entire Mall.

Work continues on upgrading the infrastructure that lights the old acorn fixtures along the Mall. The Parks Department and Department of Public Works are also planning to address the problem of the large puddles caused by pavement and grading failings on the Mall walkway and along the street gutters.

All this, along with extensive tree care and restoration of three monuments, brings the Mall into better condition than it has enjoyed in many years. Foremost to thank with the Parks Department is Margaret Pokorny, whose hand has guided every facet of the Mall's care. We are grateful as well to Susan Juretschke, members of the Mall Committee, Penny Cherubino, Harriet Lewis, an ever-generous friend, and Henry Davis, who has saved and helped so many of the Mall's great trees.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting took place in custom at the First Church in Boston owing once again to the hospitality of the Rev. Stephen Kendrick, Administrator Ellen Meyers, and their ever helpful staff. Members attending elected to the Board of Directors for terms of three years Anne Brooke, Frederick Casselman, Oliver Colburn, Sarah Wheatland Fisher, Margaret Ings, Barbara W. Moore, Stephanie Neal-Johnson, and Anne C. Swanson. Elected as Honorary Director was Richard Wheatland II, a long-time Board member, chairman of our capital campaign, and from our first days a cornucopia of counsel, guidance, and support.

Our speaker this year was Rep. Martha Walz, who reflected on park problems and brought news of legislative response to the needs of cities and towns, on the whole encouraging though bearing still restraints and oversight set in another era. Her presence, itself a great favor amid a busy schedule, gave us chance to thank her for serving so effectively the interests of our parks and community. We have been extremely fortunate for some years in our legislative representatives and never more than at present.



*Constructing the Fishweir*  
Boston Common

#### FISHWEIR

Crews excavating on Boylston Street for the subway (1913) and later an office building (1939) made the amazing discovery of fishweirs, now judged to be 3,000–5,000 years old. Since 2001 the Ancient Fishweir Project, headed by Ross Miller, has engaged students each May in building a fishweir re-creation on Boston Common.

This year, with support of the Friends, the Project conducted classes at the Neighborhood House Charter School, led students in collecting materials at Franklin Park, and guided them in erecting and interpreting a fishweir that attracted no fish but many curious onlookers. Events during a two-week period included talks and performances by members of the Wamponoag Nation. Those attending learned much of our history stretching back thousands of years, and how recently our forebears arrived, whether in 1630 or 2000.

#### EVENTS

Duckling Day, 2006, was washed away, but this year the weather was kind and the number of participants impressive. Gathered on the Common, a concourse



*Duckling Day, 2007, Parade arriving at Public Garden*  
Photo: Roger Farrington



Mayor Menino and duckling  
Photo: Roger Farrington

of “ducklings” followed members of the Harvard Band along Mount Vernon and Charles Streets to the Public Garden for entertainment, refreshments, and awards. There Mayor and Mrs. Menino greeted everyone including their grandchildren. Behind the artless quality of the day lay much work and planning, for which we are grateful to many people – band members, police, Parks Department, committee members, and our fearless leaders Allison Fiscoeder (chair) and Tiverton

McClintock. A further heroine was our director, Nichole Cirillo, whose desk seemed all but buried in rubber ducks and other favors. Nor do we forget Nina Meyer, the founder of Duckling Day, absent this time but always present in spirit.



Beth Johnson, Green & White  
Impressario with friend  
Photo: Roger Farrington

The Green & White Ball in June was again a grand occasion made possible foremost by the Taj Hotel. Our thanks are immeasurable to Raymond Bickson, managing director and CEO; David Gibbons, general manager; William deSaulnier; Caron Lebrun and the hotel staff for their extraordinary hospitality and support. We could not have had more gracious hosts. The committee, all but intact from last year, was magnificent in every way. It did not

select an honoree for this year’s dinner, but we honor in heart this remarkable group whose names we reveal to future historians as: Nancy Adams, Anne Brooke, Maud Cabot, Nina Doggett, Heather Gregg Earl, Jennifer Hawkins, Barbara Hostetter, Allison Johnson, Elizabeth L. Johnson, Karyn Lamb, Wendy Murphy, and Kathryn O’Connell.

The party as a benefit exceeded all expectations. For this boon we are beholden to the committee, Taj, generous sponsors, and wonderfully supportive guests. It gave significant lift to our capital campaign and thereby to the keeping of trees and sculpture, improvements at the



Green & White Ball. Left to right, Henry Lee, Nina Doggett (co-chair), Barbara Hostetter (co-chair), David Gibbons, General Manager, Taj Hotel. Photo: Roger Farrington

Brewer Fountain and, important too, our role as advocates and protectors.

On October 27 the Axelle Fine Art Galerie Newbury at 91 Newbury Street will auction a work by noted French painter, Michel Delacroix with all proceeds going to the Friends. We hope you will join us, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an appealing and enjoyable evening.

An event of our own will be a reception at the Hampshire House on October 30 with a talk by Prof. Mary C. Beaudry on the archeological history of Boston Common, a display of objects unearthed by Ellen Berkland, City Archeologist, and commentary by Gil Solomon, Sachem to the Massachusetts People. This occasion, in



Green & White Ball  
Photo: Roger Farrington

thanks for your support, will be without charge and limited only by numbers. Notice will be forthcoming, but you can reserve a place anytime by calling us at (617) 723-8144.

#### MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS

This October marks the 20th anniversary of the *Make Way for Ducklings* sculpture in the Public Garden. There will be a party on September 29 to celebrate the occasion arranged by the Ducklings’ creator, Nancy Schön, and largely for



Writer and new friend. Duckling sculpture, Moscow  
Photo: Nancy Lee Kemper

its patrons, the children of Boston and the world. We still reflect on the fortunate day that Suzanne de Monchaux, who conceived the idea of the work, and Mrs. Schön, who brought it to reality, called on the writer to urge their case. Embracing their proposal was among the latter’s better moments. The Ducklings represent, as all members know, a scene from Robert McCloskey’s ageless children’s book, *Make Way for Ducklings*.

In 1990 First Lady Barbara Bush and First Lady of the Soviet Union, Raisa Gorbachev, visited the Garden following their part in exercises at Wellesley College. Viewing the Ducklings, Mrs. Bush offered, and Mrs. Gorbachev quickly accepted, a replication for placement in Moscow. Funds being raised, members of Capizzi & Co., who had set the Garden figures, flew to Moscow the next year to install their counterparts in Novodevichi Park. Several were later lost, as they were in the Garden, but in 2000 Nancy Schön journeyed to Moscow with replacements wholly funded by the State Street Corporation, Philanthropic Program.

This June, under the guidance of Prof. Marshall Goldman, the writer visited the Moscow Ducklings, given as their plaque reads “in love and friendship to the children of the Soviet Union on behalf of the children of the United States.” As you see, they are intact, faring well, and, there as here, drawing “children” of all ages. Over the years, our Ducklings have had caring friends. Nancy Schön has been a guardian angel of her work. Others less evident have included Nancy Coolidge, Peter and Carolyn Lynch, The Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund, and Eddie Doyle, keeper of Cheers. Looking ahead we notice that Mother Duck is looking a bit worn from many thousands of riders, a reminder, amid celebration, that only endowment can assure that she and her flock continue to entertain future generations of children.

#### FRIENDS

Our capital campaign is about two-thirds of its way toward our goal of \$6.5 million, a modest aim compared to those of many institutions but life-giving for us. Some members should brace themselves for appeals very soon, and all for report and opportunity to give by spring of 2008. Our hope is to wind up this one-time effort by summer and to have in hand the promise of being effective advocates for

our three treasures and of doing more to preserve their trees and sculpture.

We are moving as well in transition to a more sturdy enterprise. Our office, with Nichole Cirillo at the helm, is up and running. The Planning Committee, chaired by Linda Cox and Fred Mauet, presented valuable proposals, many of which we have already adopted. Committees are more active and autonomous. The Membership Committee, led by Nina Doggett and Anne Brooke, has prepared a new brochure and, with great help, drawn many new members into our fold. The Finance Committee, newly formed, is preparing a budget and recommending priorities for spending in 2008. We have also a new brochure for the Public Garden, the work of many people but mainly Gail Weesner. Like its sisters for the Common and Commonwealth Avenue Mall, it is available on request to our office. All this implies, we trust, a sense of long-term commitment.

On the operational side, we continue to work closely (and in harmony, we think) with the Parks Department. From Commissioner Pollak to those who care for our parks we have enjoyed the highest measure of support. This year our relationship, hitherto informal, has taken firmer shape in the development of the joint tree inventory and a contractual agreement on maintenance of the Ether Fountain and Monument. More ties of this nature should develop over time.

#### THANKS

Last winter we lost Patricia Rodgers, a great and invaluable friend. She served for many years on our Board, helped in organizing four winter events that endowed our Skating Fund, and later arranged the programs for the Neighborhood House Charter and Epiphany Schools. Even with illness she brought to all she undertook a wonderful spirit and dedication. In the Skating Fund and school programs she has left us a legacy we shall do our best to serve. A further gift was a planting of hydrangeas at the corner of Arlington and Beacon, which bloomed this summer in new brilliance as if to honor her generosity and love of the Garden.

This letter is always suffused with thanks to many people, but never enough. Many who help us greatly may feel like a character in Molière who complained that in “this miserable age” the only reward for a good deed was the doing of it. But we do add a few more names beginning with our executive director, Nichole Cirillo, who has done so much in organizing our office, facilitating events, supporting committees, generating new ideas, and much more. Nina Manson has been of great assistance to us in the office. Jeanne Amabile has care of our fiscal life with truly



Duckling Day. Seven  
Ducklings  
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no reward but the doing of it. Frank Gilligan has been our guide and mentor for the capital campaign, always wise in advice, gentle in manner, and unrelenting in purpose. Our gratitude goes also to Rob Radloff, master of our Investment Committee, Barbara Hostetter, an inspiration and force in all we do, and City Councillor Mike Ross, a valued friend to us and to all of Boston's parks. One person the writer has never thanked in these pages is his wife, Joan. But this being his last *Newsletter*, it is time to confess a dependence all these years on her advice, perception, judgment, and help far greater than he should ever admit.

And coming full circle profound thanks go as ever to our members. It is your loyalty over time that has buoyed our cause and brought such evident gains in each of our parks. We always say that many tasks lie ahead, and they do. Threats are eternal, and care is needed each and every year. But your role is enduring and the best assurance of continued gains in years ahead. One day some years ago the writer was looking at several new trees on the Common. A homeless man on a nearby bench admonished him to be careful of them. Those trees, he said, were fine additions to our park. We should be proud of them, and of the park too. And so we should.

Henry Lee

### Whole Foods Markets Program

During the month of October 2007, the Friends of the Public Garden is participating in the Cambridge Street Whole Foods Markets Register Coupon Program. As you pay for your groceries, please consider tearing off a \$2 or \$5 dollar coupon, one hundred percent of which will go to the Friends to benefit park programs.

Also, please let us know if you would like to volunteer to staff the Friends table at the Cambridge Street Whole Foods from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday evening during the month of October to chat with customers about the Friends and its work. Our telephone number is (617) 723-8144.