Queens Botanical Garden

Rose Gala @ Home 2020

Thursday | June 4, 2020
HONORING

Pat Shanley
Rose Gala Award

Ed & Joyce Morrill
Community Leadership Award

Fred Gerber
Environmental Education Award
Dear Rose Gala @ Home 2020 Friend,

On behalf of the Rose Gala @ Home 2020 Committee and Board of Trustees, welcome to Queens Botanical Garden’s Rose Gala @ Home 2020! We are thrilled that you have joined us tonight – virtually! -- to honor four dear friends and pillars of our community: Pat Shanley, Joyce & Ed Morrill, and Fred Gerber.

Pat Shanley, Rosarian extraordinaire, has shared her rose knowledge and talents with Queens Botanical Garden and with the international world of roses for many years. Joyce & Ed Morrill used their artistic sense and abilities to help launch the QBG Art Gallery. Fred Gerber started his career with QBG 50 years ago, helped create the Education Department, and is still sharing his vast knowledge of plants and nature with young people. They are all amazing friends to Queens Botanical Garden!

What a year it has been! We have served more than 265,000 people at the Garden or through outreach programs. Education Workshops continue to soar with nearly 35,000 kids learning about nature and the environment. The Compost Project and Urban Farm, in partnership with the Department of Sanitation, are doing their part to remove organics from the waste stream. NYC teachers participate in professional development workshops while 25,000 visitors enjoy public programs and festivals throughout the year!

And now...we are all faced with enormous challenges: a tiny virus (COVID-19) created a Pandemic! Yet, this time of difficulty makes us stronger. We are all learning and growing and developing new skills and understanding of how we can work together; how we can educate children and families; how we can care for our environment; and how we can help keep each other healthy and safe. Our "virtual" skills have taken flight!

We look forward to welcoming visitors back into the Garden to enjoy the beauty of our plants and trees, to take healthful walks and exercise together, to learn about nature and each other – until then, we invite you to join us online at QBG@Home for our newest offerings! You can find it on our website at queensbotanical.org.

On behalf of the Board and staff of Queens Botanical Garden, thank you for joining us tonight and for all your support – it makes it possible for us to be the place where people, plants, and cultures meet!

Neil Fleischman
Chair, Board of Trustees

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Rose Gala Award

Pat Shanley is the Immediate Past President of the American Rose Society (ARS). She is an ARS Horticultural Judge; ARS Arrangement Judge; ARS Master Rosarian; Recipient of the ARS Bronze Honor Medal, the ARS New York District Silver Honor Medal, Outstanding Judge Award, and Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award.

Pat is a Past Vice Chairman, Queens Botanical Garden Board of Trustees, currently serving on their Advisory Board.

She is the Founding and current Chairman of American Garden Rose Selections™ (AGRS™) - the national testing program for new rose varieties.

She is the Founding and Current President of the Manhattan Rose Society; Founding Chairman of the New York Metropolitan Rose Council; Founding Chairman of the Great Rosarians of the World™ East (GROW™) Award Lectureship.

Pat was the Guest Editor of the 2012 ARS Annual and Guest Co-editor of the 2018 ARS Annual. She is also the co-editor and a contributing author of “The Sustainable Rose Garden - A Reader in Rose Culture” 2010, published by Newbury books, (an imprint of Casemate Publishers) which received the World Federation of Rose Societies Literary Award for 2012 and was accepted into the Library of Congress in July, 2017.

Pat has traveled extensively, both national and international, to promote the Rose, including leading two ARS Delegations to China in 2013 and 2015, to promote the relationship between the American Rose Society and the China Rose Society. During her term as ARS President she oversaw the establishment of the first ARS Species Garden (for roses) at Edisto Memorial Gardens, Orangeburg, SC, and the signing of an International Sister Garden Relationship between Zijing Park in Changzhou, China and the American Rose Center, Shreveport, LA.

In 2017, under her leadership as ARS President, she initiated the Great Garden Restoration of the gardens at the American Rose Center.

She lives and gardens in Glen Cove, NY, where she grows approximately 250 roses.
Community Leadership Award

Joyce and Edward Morrill

After leaving a career in social work in 1996, Joyce’s longtime love of photography and aversion to chemicals drew her to the digital darkroom. She studied photography and Photoshop at The International Center of Photography in New York and works in her home studio. Joyce is a member of Professional Women Photographers and was featured in Who’s Who in America.

Following a successful career in corporate design and branding, Ed was fortunate to retire at a relatively young age and be able to focus his creative energies on photography, computer design and digital imaging. Time to take extensive digital imaging courses at the International Center for Photography, time to devote to family and to travel widely with Joyce. He took the opportunity also to contribute his time, management and creative skills to a variety of worthy organizations that are important to the local community. He has been an active member of the Jamaica Estates Civic Association since 1972, continuously serving as chair of the Parks & Landscape committee, many leadership positions and currently as Chair of the board of directors.

Travels in India inspired Joyce and Ed to collaborate on a travelling exhibition shown in four venues including The Durst Organization and the United Nations.

Their work has been exhibited in such venues as the Museum of Modern Art, the Polish Consulate, Chelsea Market, Chrystie St. Gallery, Queens Hospital Center, Atrium Gallery, Chelsea Gallery Space, Manhattan Borough President Gallery, Macy’s Herald Square, National Arts Club, Maine Coast Artist Gallery, Atlantic Gallery, and of course, Queens Botanical Garden.

Their India photography was published in the October 2008 Departures magazine “India Now” special issue.

They are longtime members of Queens Botanical Garden, founding members and guest curators of the art gallery committee, currently serving on the Advisory Council. Along with exhibiting their show “Infinite India,” they made a significant contribution to QBG in creating and producing the ”Harvesting Our History” exhibit in 2015, which is now in the QBG permanent collection.

Together, they formed Morrill Support, which offers Photography, Digital Imaging, Fine Art Printing, Graphic Design for sale of fine art prints to galleries in Manhattan, the Hamptons, New Mexico and Maine as well as to private collectors.
Fred Gerber has been interested in plants and gardening since his childhood in New Jersey. He obtained a B.A. in Secondary School Biology Education from Rutgers, and an M.A. in Botany from Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut. He has taken further courses at Audubon Camp, New York Botanical Garden, and Arden House.

Fred started working at Queens Botanical Garden in 1970 and helped form the Education Department. He was very instrumental in developing many of the workshops that are part of the curriculum still taught today. Fred became Director of Education and remained in the position until retiring in 2001, when he became Education Director Emeritus. He continues to work part-time as an instructor in the QBG Education Department, sharing his immense knowledge of nature – especially botanicals – with adults and children alike. He has inspired tens of thousands of people over these 50 years.

Fred is a member of Hortus, an organization for people in horticulture, the Metro-Hort Group, and is a member of the Board of Voelker-Orth Historic House Museum, Victorian Garden and Bird Sanctuary.

He resides in Flushing and is also interested in art, animals and science fiction and fantasy.
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Special thanks to our ex officio representatives:
- Phillip Ballman, Michael X. Tang, Terri Richardson, and Matthew Morrow
June 4, 2020

Dear Friends:

Congratulations on another successful year of service upon your Rose Gala @ Home 2020 celebration. The Queens Botanical Garden (QBG) is a 39-acre flourishing oasis in one of New York City’s most dynamic and diverse neighborhoods.

The Queens Botanical Garden is where people, plants, and cultures meet in Flushing. From its origins as the five-acre “Gardens on Parade” exhibit at the 1939-1940 New York World’s Fair, QBG has become a site where visitors can learn about ornamental, edible, and historic plants through your beautiful botanical displays and innovative educational programs, as well as a refuge to appreciate the tranquility of nature. I have personally enjoyed your gardens and programs on many occasions. Your work in botanical education and environmental stewardship continues to enlighten and inspire.

I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to your honorees: Pat Shanley, rosarian, author, and President/Founder of the Manhattan Rose Society, and recipient of the Rose Gala Award; Joyce and Edward Morrill, QBG Advisory Council Members, and recipients of the Community Leadership Award; and Fred Gerber, Director of Education Emeritus, who celebrates 50 years as educator at QBG, and is the recipient of the Environmental Educator Award. They have truly demonstrated their commitment to QBG and to the community.

I wish you much success as you continue your exceptional work, now and in the future.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
June 4, 2020

Queens Botanical Garden
ATTN: Pat Shanley
43-50 Main Street
Flushing, NY 11355

Dear Pat:

It is both an honor and a pleasure to join with many in our community to congratulate you on being designated by the Queens Botanical Garden to receive their Rose Gala Award this year. This is an achievement of which you can be justifiably proud!

It is evident from the various ways that you have been recognized within the horticultural community over the years, that you have a deep and abiding passion for this work. This passion has benefitted not only the Queens Botanical Garden, the American Rose Society, but our community as well. Through your efforts; new programs have been initiated and relationships have been cultivated throughout the world, which serve to enrich the institutions you serve and our broader world. Thank you for all that you have done to help make our community a great place to live and work!

Congratulations once again on this distinguished achievement!

Best Wishes,

Assemblyman Jeffrion L. Aubry
Speaker Pro Tempore
35th Assembly District
New York State Assembly
June 4, 2020

Queens Botanical Garden
ATTN: Joyce & Edward Morrill
43-50 Main Street
Flushing, NY 11355

Dear Joyce & Edward:

It is both an honor and a pleasure to join with many in our community to congratulate you both on being designated by the Queens Botanical Garden to receive their Community Leadership Award this year. This is an achievement of which you both can be justifiably proud!

In reviewing your biography, I was struck by the numerous ways in which you have translated your talents into service in our community. Whether as a member of the Jamaica Estates Civic Association, the Queens Botanical Garden, or through your numerous exhibitions, you have always found a way to enrich our community and world with your talents. These efforts are to be recognized, encouraged, and commended. I thank you most sincerely for all of your work throughout the decades and hope that this award will serve as a reminder of the many ways that you have enriched the cultural tapestry of our community.

Congratulations once again on this distinguished achievement!

Best Wishes,

Assemblyman Jeffrion L. Aubry
Speaker Pro Tempore
35th Assembly District
New York State Assembly
June 4, 2020

Queens Botanical Garden
ATTN: Fred Gerber
43-50 Main Street
Flushing, NY 11355

Dear Fred:

It is both an honor and a pleasure to join with many in our community to congratulate you on being designated by the Queens Botanical Garden to receive their **Environmental Educator Award** this year. This is an achievement of which you can be justifiably proud!

For decades, you have given of your time and talents, not only to the Queens Botanical Garden, but to a variety of organizations related to horticulture. These efforts have led to the development of programs and curriculum, which have enriched those organizations and our community at-large. You are to be commended for giving of your time and talents to the benefit of our community. It is individuals, like you, who help to make our community the dynamic and vibrant place that it is!

Congratulations once again on this distinguished achievement!

Best Wishes,

Assemblyman Jeffrion L. Aubry
Speaker Pro Tempore
35th Assembly District
New York State Assembly
Dear Friends:

Congratulations to the Queens Botanical Garden on the occasion of your Rose Gala! I am excited to have this opportunity to send my warmest greetings as you all gather virtually for this celebration.

For decades the Queens Botanical Garden has provided valuable educational and enrichment experiences with nature and concern for the environment. The importance of nature and the outdoors in our urban everyday life is keenly felt during these times of social distancing, as is the improvement in quality of life the Queens Botanical Garden brings to countless Queens community members.

I am pleased to join all of you in congratulating today’s honorees: Pat Shanley for receiving the Rose Gala Award, Joyce and Ed Morrill for receiving the Community Leadership Award, and Fred Gerber for receiving the Environmental Educator Award.

Congratulations again, and thank you to the staff, volunteers, community partners, and everyone involved with the Queens Botanical Garden extended family on another successful year and best wishes for many more to come! Have a great time!

Sincerely,

Nily Rozic
Assemblywoman
25th District
June 4, 2020

Queens Botanical Garden
43-50 Main Street
Flushing, NY 11355

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings and congratulations on the occasion of the 2020 Queens Botanical Garden Rose Gala at Home.

With 39 acres of rose, bee, herb, and perennial gardens, Queens Botanical Garden has proven to be one of the most popular attractions in Queens. Every year, more than 265,000 visitors come to enjoy QBG’s beautiful botanical displays and learn lessons of sustainability. During the school year, nearly 35,000 Pre-K through high school students visit the garden to attend environmental workshops.

Congratulations to this year’s honorees: Pat Shanley, Joyce and Edward Morrill, and Fred Gerber. Each of you is truly deserving of this esteemed recognition.

On behalf of the New York City Council, I commend the board and staff of the Queens Botanical Garden for their efforts to build and maintain an urban oasis where people, plants and cultures are celebrated through inspiring gardens, innovative education programs, and environmental stewardship.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Peter Koo
Council Member
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Peter A. Koo
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Honoring
Pat Shanley

Whereas: This Legislative Citation proudly honors the tremendous contributions of Pat Shanley on the auspicious occasion of the Queens Botanical Garden Rose Gala; and

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Whereas: Such service, which is truly the lifeblood of the community and the city, so often goes unrecognized and unrewarded; now therefore be it

Resolved: That Council Member Peter A. Koo proudly issues this Legislative Citation in recognition of Pat Shanley, and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this Citation suitably engrossed be transmitted to Pat Shanley on this, the 4th day of June, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty.

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Peter A. Koo, Council Member
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Peter A. Koo, Council Member
District 20
Neil Fleischman, Board Chair
Queens Botanical Garden
43-50 Main Street
Flushing, NY 11355

Dear Board Chair Fleischman:

Congratulations to Queens Botanical Garden on the occasion of your Rose Gala at Home 2020! Although we can’t be together physically due to the current coronavirus pandemic, we are together in spirit and can still greatly celebrate the wonderful Queens Botanical Garden. Best wishes to your honorees for this evening: Pat Shanley, Joyce & Edward Morrill and Fred Gerber.

As the Immediate Past President of the American Rose Society (ARS), Ms. Shanley has contributed greatly to rose culture not only throughout Queens but throughout the country, as well. This makes her more than deserving of the Rose Gala Award. Mr. and Mrs. Morrill have been especially vital to the functioning of Queens Botanical Garden, whether by being guest curators of the art gallery committee or by serving on the Advisory Council, and so the Community Leadership Award is very well-suited for them. Mr. Gerber, similarly, has been instrumental to the success of Queens Botanical Garden since joining the organization in 1970 and helping shape the Education Department. He couldn’t be more fitted, therefore, for the Environmental Educator Award.

Originating with the 1939-1940 New York World’s Fair, Queens Botanical Garden has deep roots in Queens and is a wonderful urban oasis where people can both learn about and relax amidst beautiful nature. I wish Queens Botanical Garden much continued success and look forward to next year when we can once again all be together at this memorable event.

Very truly yours,

Karen Koslowitz
NYC Council
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Ed Morrill, & Fred Gerber

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Congratulations to Joyce & Ed Morrill Community Leadership Award

Thank you for your commitment to our Community, to Queens Botanical Garden, and for helping to bring Art to everyone.
Best Wishes to
Queens Botanical Garden
on its Rose Gala@ Home 2020

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