

Trustees host Gramercy Park Day

Hundreds of local residents visited Gramercy Park on Saturday, May 31, to join three of the Park Trustees, Sharen Benetson, James M. Clark, Jr. and Arlene S. Harrison, as well as other residents of Gramercy Park, in enjoying Gramercy Park Day.

The new format of this year's event was a celebration of the park itself, and included material on its history, horticulture, ecology and design. Gramercy Park was created in 1831 by Samuel B. Ruggles.

Children and adults alike enjoyed reading the descriptions attached to each of over one hundred trees, the historic and ecological exhibits mounted on easels and even handling the live exhibits brought by "Dave, the earthworm guy."

The children also planted Impatiens

provided by the Trustees, using buckets and gardening tools donated and decorated by Leslie Maheras and Donna Francis and their families.

Visitors to the Park were treated by the Trustees to doughnuts, hot dogs, popcorn ice cream, coffee, hot chocolate, fruit juice and bottled water.

Long time residents of Gramercy Park who have attended park events for decades were lavish in their praise of this year's celebration, saying that its educational focus made it the best event in their memory.

"This truly reflects the welcoming nature and the beauty of the Park," said one resident. "Its low-key format really made this a wonderful day," said another.

