



The day dawned bright and clear with a cloudless blue sky. This was going to be a perfect end-of-summer weekend. And this particular Saturday was the day for the Clark Botanic Garden Fiftieth Anniversary Gala. Long anticipated—everything was in place—the beautiful white tent was strung with lights, the tables were set, the band was on the scene, ready for the guests.

In the late afternoon, members of the Clark/Spencer family, the Board of Trustees of the Fanny Dwight Clark Memorial Garden Corporation, the President of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and other invited guests were assembled in the library to toast the dedication of the new Moonlight Garden in memory of Louisa Clark Spencer, daughter of Fanny Dwight and Grenville Clark, the garden's donors.

Guests began arriving at dusk for the gala itself; the former Poet Laureate of Nassau County read the original poem for the event; the band began playing music from the Sixties; dinner was served; dancing and socializing began; and finally, the gelato cart began dessert and the raffle drawing. This was a perfect way to celebrate the anniversary of a special place.



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