



The Fanny Dwight Clark Memorial Garden, Inc.

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AT CLARK BOTANIC GARDEN, 1969 – 2019

Dear Friends of Clark Botanic Garden,

Did you visit Clark Botanic Garden during 2018? If you did, you know how spectacular the garden looked this year. From the hundreds of colorful tulip bulbs lining the entrance path in spring to the tropical colors of the lush plantings along the same path during the summer, this was a special year. That pathway was so spectacular that the garden was awarded a third prize in the All-America Selections nationwide annual competition. But next year will also be pretty special since 2019 marks the fiftieth anniversary of Clark as a public garden. Working with the Town of North Hempstead (TONH), The Fanny Dwight Clark Memorial Garden, Inc. (FDCMFG) and its Auxiliary are planning some interesting events to bring everyone into the garden. Our monthly ***Distinguished Speaker Series*** will feature noted experts who will address horticultural topics of interest to home gardeners. Our **September 50th Anniversary Gala** in the Garden will include a dedication of a new moonlight garden to the Clark family, followed by music from the Sixties and an alfresco cocktail party. Our two resident horticulturists will lead seasonal morning walks. Save the month of June for the workshops of ***Everything is Coming Up Roses***. Come back to Clark to have your wedding pictures taken or to renew your vows. Celebrate National Honeybee Day with a demonstration by our beekeepers. Bring the children to meet the author of a popular children's mystery book series. Come experience our Artists' Day in the Garden. Be sure to continue to check the site [clarkbotanic.org](http://clarkbotanic.org) for more information about these events and to find out about other pop-up happenings.

Over the last several years, you have seen the many changes that your generosity has made possible—the renovation of the rose garden, the renovation of the front door and new awning of Clark House, extended irrigation, improved signage and plant identification, a new gazebo in the wood, removal of many diseased and damaged trees with their replacements by new and better varieties, a back-up generator for the new greenhouse, family archival posters in the house and the informative plantings of the Long Island Gold Medal Plants. And have you noticed the new electric garden cart, which was purchased with a generous gift from a garden benefactor and matching funds from the FDCMG and its Auxiliary?

Every year, the FDCMG purchases many of the seeds, tulips, mums and other seasonal and perennial flowers, shrubs and trees to be planted throughout the garden. The volunteers of the Auxiliary staff the Gift Shop, run the Plant Sale, host the Bick Tea and a card party. The FDCMG's acclaimed educational program brings hundreds of local school children to tour the garden and create a horticultural project. Programs for adults provide Sunday Fireside Chats, greenery workshops for the holidays, and trips to such wonderful sites as the **Philadelphia Flower Show** and **Longwood Gardens**. Our dedicated beekeepers provide visitors with honey produced in the garden to take home from the gift shop. The funds raised by these activities, coupled with our membership fees, make these annual purchases possible.

By your generosity in this annual appeal, we will be able to do more extraordinary things. In addition to contributing for a garden membership, we hope that you will consider making a special separate donation to the Clark Botanic 50th Anniversary Fund. We would also welcome your sponsorship for any of our special events. As the new year progresses, we will be compiling a 50th Anniversary Garden Journal. You will be able to support the garden by placing an ad or personal memorial.

Feel free to call 516-484-2208 to leave a message or to talk to someone to indicate your intention to help us. And remember to save the date for the 50th Anniversary Garden Gala on Saturday, September 21, 2019 More information will follow during the year regarding this special celebration.

Thank you for support and dedication to the Clark Botanic Garden. Please return the form below with your tax-deductible gift to the Clark Botanic Garden 50th Anniversary Fund.

Sincerely,  
Roellyn Armstrong, Chairperson  
Fanny Dwight Clark Memorial Garden, Inc.

**YES!**

**I want to make a donation to the Clark Botanic Garden 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund.**



Enclosed is my fully tax-deductible gift of:

\$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to:

**The Fanny Dwight Clark Memorial Garden, Inc.**

and return it with this form to:

**The Fanny Dwight Clark Memorial Garden, Inc.  
193 I.U. Willets Road  
Albertson, NY 11507-2298**

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Address	
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Please note: This contribution is not for renewal of your membership. *Thank you for your continued support.*

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