

Friends of Mandell Park 5th Annual

PLANT SALE

UNDERWRITTEN BY TRADITION BANK – THE PLAZA



Saturday, March 26, 2011



All proceeds go to the development of Mandell Park

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 27

9 am – 1 pm

Mandell Park at the corner of Richmond & Mandell

Parking available across Richmond from the park

- A great selection of quality plants and flowers
- Garden tours
- EL PUEBLITO breakfast tacos • PICNIC cookies • LE CREPERIE crepes • THE BLACK HOLE coffee
- Raffle for many great items
- Children's corner

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WE WELCOME OUR NEW CROP OF VOLUNTEERS!



Adrienne Frech & her artichoke plant



Bill Haase



Tara Kelly with daughter Eliot

Joining the Friends of Mandell Park board are **Bill Haase** and **Tara Kelly**.

Bill loves to take his grandkids to the park. I joined the board, “explained Bill, “because I want the park to be a place where kids can come and enjoy growing things, stringing daisies, just basically unstructured play. It’s just marvelous to watch and I think the new plan will really foster this kind of

activity.” Bill is also past chairman of Opera in the Heights board.

Tara is our most active board member! She is special events coordinator, Planting for the Future Steering Committee member, Plant Sale Raffle Chair, and blogger for the Mandell Park FaceBook and Twitter sites. In her free time, she is a litigation defense lawyer with King & Spalding, and mom to Eliot.

Meanwhile, many volunteers have come to Meredith Gardens through the Urban Harvest website, urbanharvest.com. We are so glad **Adrienne Frech** and **Srijana Shrestha**, who work in the medical center, found us!

Adrienne is coming up on her one-year anniversary. Adrienne inherited the only artichoke plant in the garden when a gardener moved away. Adrienne is thrilled it survived the winter, and is hopeful this semi-annual plant will bear fruit later this spring.

Srijana gets the prize as a volunteer who has traveled the farthest! Srijana, who joined the gardening team in October, is from Nepal. She is working on her post doctoral degree in psychology at Baylor. (not pictured)

We thank all our volunteers for their gifts of time and service.

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Aurora Pictures presents “Orbit” on March 18

Bring your blankets and chairs to Mandell Park for a free night of films under the stars, thanks to our Presenting Sponsor Green Bank. At 7 pm, Sugar Hill Recording Studios will host a unique performance by Space City Gamelan, an Indonesian orchestra, while gardeners host tours through the beautiful Meredith Gardens. Black Hole Cafe will also be on-hand with some treats, but feel free to bring a picnic too (no glass, please).

Rooftop Films and Cinemad present a collaborative, feature-length omnibus

movie about our solar system where every planet is represented by a short film. Each film is made by a different acclaimed filmmaker artist, who deals with the science of outer space through creative and emotional storytelling and visual poetry. Some or all of the original source material will come from NASA footage, reinterpreted to make a portrait of the respective planet.

Curators/filmmakers Mike Plante and Mark Elijah Rosenberg will be in attendance. The March 18 event is free and open to the public.

GARDEN TILES AND GRILLED CHEESE

Children’s workshop part of Community Arts Festival

On Saturday, April 2, Mandell Park will participate in the Menil Community Arts Festival.

Ceramics artist Carole Smith of McCheeks Academy will be teaching a garden tile workshop for children at 11 a.m. The workshop will begin with a tour of the garden.

Participants will use leaves, flowers, and their own creativity to make their own garden tile. Each tile can be painted and will be fired, glazed, and ready to be collected after two weeks.

The workshop will be open to 20 children from age three to 16.

Children age five and under must be accompanied by an adult.

After the workshop, join us for a picnic in the park. The Artisan cheese vendors known as the Houston Dairymaids will be firing up the grill and selling grilled cheeses. Please bring beverages and a blanket to complete your picnic.

The garden tile workshop is free, but donations are welcome and will benefit Mandell Park. For more information or to register, please send an email to ceramicclasses@gmail.com.

PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

The Friends are moving forward with the **PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE Capital Campaign** to raise one million dollars for the development and maintenance of Mandell Park.

We’ve hired a grant writer to submit four grant proposals on our behalf, retained a philanthropic consultant to orchestrate our efforts, and mailed letters soliciting donations in return for naming rights to features in the park and offering opportunities to purchase art tiles and engraved pavers. A capital campaign steering committee and an advisory committee are in the final stages of formation.

With the proposed Menil light rail station at our corner, Mandell Park has the potential to be more than a neighborhood park ... it could surely become a destination. The heart of the park will be the upgraded Meredith Gardens, an organic community garden with its own composting center. A sunny grassy berm will provide a place for musical performances. The master plan by Asakura Robinson incorporates native prairie grasses rescued from Saum’s Road Prairie, rain collection gardens and sculptural art installations.

We hope to have the funds raised and construction completed by 2013, in time to show off the park to the National Recreation and Parks Association. If you’d like to join our efforts, contact co-chair Marianne Jones at FoMandellPark@aol.com.



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