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Dear Friend of Untermeyer Gardens,

When the Untermeyer Gardens Conservancy was founded eleven years ago, we had our work cut out for us. Just imagine what might have been if the Conservancy had not intervened to revive the garden after decades of decline.



*The Walled Garden: horticulturally desolate in 2011, lush and verdant in 2022*

Today, Untermeyer Gardens has reclaimed its reputation as one of the finest gardens in the country, but our work to rebuild, improve, and care for it continues. Our progress is fueled entirely by the generosity of friends like you. **We hope you will consider a gift to support our work during the year ahead.**

Of course, the passionate and disciplined work of our gardeners, headed up so brilliantly by Timothy Tilghman (who worked alone here for the first two years), is crucial to our success. Next year we plan to boost the horticultural staff from eight to ten, a significant increase, though still well short of the sixty gardeners employed by Samuel Untermeyer.

As we write, long-awaited construction is underway to convert the ruined Persian Pool into a shallow reflecting pool with an entirely new mechanical system. The restored pool will have a transformative effect on the Walled Garden as it restores the harmony between the upper and lower terraces and the iconic Hudson River view. Mosaics that match the original design are being fabricated in Italy and will be installed next summer.



*The restoration of the Persian Pool should be completed in fall 2023.*

Our Yonkers high school interns (*right*) carried out extensive improvements throughout the garden and helped mitigate the storm damage caused by climate change—an emerging priority. This program, which spans three seasons, will grow from ten interns to thirteen next year. This year's graduates will attend Cornell, Notre Dame, as well as various SUNY and CUNY schools, and one has joined the staff as a seasonal gardener.



Earlier this year, we unveiled the lower switchback fountain (*below*), a rock-lined jet of water situated in a marvelous natural dell. It is the first stage of a dramatic upgrade to the southwest quadrant, which will in time feature a magical stumpery and hermitage.

By any measure, our progress has been remarkable, but it would not have been possible without your help and that of many others. Unlike nearly all the other great public gardens, our admission is free. More than 100,000 people from all walks of life visit annually and find peace and beauty here.

We believe that the more you give, the more you receive. We hope you will support our vision for this wonderful garden, which provides a place of inspiration that appeals to the best in all of us.

Gratefully,

Stephen F. Byrns  
President

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Chair

