



# **KISSENA PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Member Queens Civic Congress**

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**March  
2014**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND  
FRIENDS AT OUR NEXT MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014  
7:00 PM**

**Mary's Nativity Parish Center**

Entrance on Jasmine Avenue (opposite the School)  
Northwest corner of Parsons Blvd. and Jasmine Avenue

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and  
friends to join us!**

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## **Special Presentation:**

**QUEENS QUIET SKIES  
will discuss the important issue of  
noise due to increasing air traffic**

*Queens Quiet Skies is a non-profit educational and scientific testing organization formed for the benefit of the residents of Queens, New York. They educate the public about the environmental and health benefits of airplane noise reduction.*



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## KEIL BROS. AT GARDEN WORLD

*By Beverly McDermott*

The family operated business established in 1930 during the most difficult of financial times, endured and prospered because of their dedication to honest values and hard labor, is merging this year with Garden World. Starting March 1<sup>st</sup> the quality, service and integrity synonymous with Keil Bros. will be available at Garden World at 46-30 Francis Lewis Blvd. where you will find Ronnie, Arnie, Russ, Kiernan and Karen continuing to bring their knowledge and expertise to assist you with your garden plans and problems. It should be noted that one of the things that has made Keil Bros so successful is their dedication to the community, something sadly lacking in so many businesses these days. Having been a customer as well as a former employee I can attest to the sense of family that extended well beyond the three generations of Keils that made working for them a joy and an education because they shared their knowledge and love of gardening with all of their employees and customers.

Keil Bros. and Garden World look forward to continuing to serve the community and surrounding areas. The shopping experience will provide all the amenities that Keil Bros. shopper have come to rely on, including greenhouse plants, nursery items and garden center items, silk floral and florist arrangements. The variety of holiday plants, wreaths, and arrangements will continue to brighten your holidays.

Keil Bros. and Garden World invite you to come to their store location located at 46-30 Francis Lewis Blvd. in Flushing and online at: <http://www.nygardenworld.com>.

*WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!*

*Khalid Farid*

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*The KPCA on the Web*

Visit the KPCA's website. It's filled with useful and interesting information. You can learn about your civic association and its leaders, coming events, past media clips, news articles, satellite images, local history, old photos and many great links. We always include important updates of local issues. Visit our web site at

**[www.neighborhoodlink.com/queens/kpca](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/queens/kpca)**



## New Zoning District Needed

By Joe Amoroso, Board Member and Zoning Chair

Although most of Queens has been rezoned to match the way neighborhoods have developed, not all problems have been resolved. Single-family row houses are located in many areas of Queens and are often located in zoning districts that allow many types of construction. As a result, out-of-character housing is springing up in these one family neighborhoods that threaten the quality of life of those living there.

Between two one-story single-family row houses one can find a completely out-of-character building being erected. They are often multiple-family type housing that tower over the adjacent homes and protrude further out towards the street. Unfortunately, although these homes infringe on the quality of life in these neighborhoods, they are legal because they are permitted under the present zoning regulations in these areas.

For many years the late Pat Dolan of the Queens Civic Congress (QCC) fought to create a special zoning district for single-family row houses. It seems that City Planning did not see the need for such a zone at the time. Recent out-of-character destructive housing that is occurring in these neighborhoods may now change that attitude. The QCC is pressing City Planning and The City Council to develop a new district for this type of housing to stop further destruction of these neighborhoods. Many recent newspaper articles are being featured that include photos of these recent monstrosities being born in these otherwise beautiful neighborhoods.

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## 2014 KPCA Dues

The last newsletter of each year contains a self-addressed mailing envelope to make it more convenient for our members to pay their dues for the coming year. We would like to thank those who sent in their dues on time (dues are due in January of each year). In addition, a very special **'THANK YOU'** to all those that also included a donation, above and beyond their dues. We try to keep our yearly dues as low as possible by only asking for \$15 per family and \$10 for our senior citizens households so that it does not put a strain on our budgets. Most of the money acquired through payment of dues is used to cover the cost of getting our newsletters to our members and for the cost of conducting our three General Meetings and our year-end Holiday Party and General Meeting. Printing and distribution of our newsletter alone is about \$6/year for each recipient.

We are asking that those that have still not paid their dues please do so at your earliest convenience. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated. Members who have not yet paid their 2014 dues will find another self-addressed envelope in this newsletter and are asked to use the renewal form on the back page if you no longer have the original form sent to you in November.



**KISSENA PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
presents

**Summer 2014**

# **ANNUAL ART COMPETITION**

**DATE: Saturday May 10, 2014**

**Rain Date: May 17, 2014**

**TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**VENUE: Kissena Park**

**164th Street & Oak Avenue Entrance  
(Adjacent to the Boathouse)**

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**Youth - under 12 years**

**Juniors - 12 to 18 years**

**Adults - over 18 years**

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**Pre-registration is preferred**

**Walk-ins are welcome**

**For registration & more information**

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**A3 paper size (11 x 17) will be supplied by KPCA**

**All supplies, materials and seating arrangements are  
participants responsibility**

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**COMPETITION IS FREE & OPEN TO ALL  
MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**



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### REGISTRATION FORM - SUMMER 2014 ART COMPETITION

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 AND Rain Date: Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

(Entrance on 164<sup>th</sup> Street & Oak Avenue. Adjacent to Boathouse. Bus No: 65)

Only A3 paper size (11x17) will be supplied by KPCA

All supplies, materials and seating arrangements are participant's responsibility.

Please fill out the form below.

YOUTHS – under 12 years: \_\_\_\_\_

JUNIORS – under 18 years: \_\_\_\_\_ ADULTS – over 18 years: \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Adults:

Name of the Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Youths & Juniors - Youths & Juniors must be accompanied by an adult.

Name of the Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of the Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ Email of the Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone of the Adult: (Daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Kissena Park Civic Association: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about the event \_\_\_\_\_ Name of your school \_\_\_\_\_

Membership is not a requirement for participation. Pre-registration is preferred however walk-ins are welcome also.

#### Full Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Consent given to KPCA for publication:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





## Kissena Park Civic Association accepts gift from NYC Root Zone

By Carsten W. Glaeser

NYC Root Zone Inc., established in the late 1990's is a collaboration of urban forest and arboricultural professionals dedicated to improving the health, breadth and importance of New York City's urban forest for the environmental, social and economic and the well-being of the public. By its tree avocation and public education mission, the group devotes much of its effort exploring the Best Management Practices to improve the condition of the City's only important natural resource, our large public trees.

In 2013 the NYC Root Zone Executive Director Naomi Zurcher and the Executive Board decided to forgo its IRS 501(c) 3, Charitable Organization status requiring them to close their books. In search for an organization that would be able to take the group's remaining financial assets and carry the torch by a worthy tree preservation effort, the Kissena Park Civic Association was chosen. NYC Root Zone acknowledges the independent effort by the KPCA and its executive board for years of advocating the protection and preservation of the large trees found within Kissena Park. We thank the NYC Root Zone members, its board and Ms. Zurcher whole-heartedly for their thoughtfulness and consideration.

Having numerous large veteran trees across this park in near proximity to the densely populated, polluted and congested downtown Flushing, places those trees as absolutely vital to the physical and mental health of those that live near to and use the park. Yet with the increasing global decline in the numbers of large beneficial trees due to various human impacts, the need to help preserve the remaining highly beneficial large trees is critical, especially when of historical importance. As the Chair of the KPCA Tree and Landscape Committee I've identified a historic veteran tree that having been neglected over the years would acquire new growth by the invigoration of the most important organ belonging to trees- its root system.

Tucked inside Kissena Park not far from the entrance at Oak and Rose Avenues remains the single specimen of a once larger grouping of Fennessy's Oak trees. The Oaks are believed to have origins at the Fennessy's Nursery in the town of Grange, Ireland with its nursery operations in the 1820s. It is possible that the famous horticulturalist Samuel B. Parsons Sr. whose tree nursery *Parsons & Sons Nursery* that predated Kissena Park collaborated with the Fennessy's. Parsons, a propagator of plants and an avid plant-hunter is known to have explored the world for new plant material for the nursery industry and may have acquired the oak trees from Ireland for propagation in the US.

In the fall of 2013 a NYC Parks Forester condemned the Fennessy's Oak targeting it for removal. Yet according to the NYC Parks Director of Tree Preservation, that condemnation was misdiagnosed. Now, by its historic significance and the potential for new robust growth by restoring its root system would see the life of the Fennessy's Oak extended for many more years.





## BAYSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES FIFTY YEARS

We wish to extend our congratulations to the Bayside Historical Society on the occasion of fifty years of service to the community of Queens. Their efforts to preserve, educate and keep our history living on in the next generation are certainly worth celebrating. If not for the efforts of conscientious residents who are proud of their community and grateful to those who worked so hard generations ago to achieve thriving businesses and residential communities that reflected American values, much would be lost to obscurity.

By advocating the preservation of important artifacts, including historic homes and districts, they have taken pride of community to a higher level of relevance. Thank you for your Herculean efforts, may you have many more victories in your future!

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Contribution to support the work of the KPCA \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## KPCA MEETING

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