



JOIN US! ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6:30 PM

Vanderbilt YMCA Conference Room, 5th Floor
224 E. 47th Street, New York, NY 10017

Each year, we hold the Annual Meeting for FDHP members to elect our organization's Officers and Directors. Please give these dedicated volunteers your official support by attending or signing the proxy. Join us to celebrate a year of stellar achievements and a look at what's to come.

The construction contract for Dag Plaza's renovation (Phase 1) has been awarded with work scheduled to begin spring 2024. This major overhaul of the fountains, masonry, electrical systems and other infrastructure would not have happened without Friends' tireless advocacy, working with CB6, City Council and NYC Parks & Recreation.

I hope you will take this opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn how you can help beautify and preserve your park. Only by building a broad base of support can Friends sustain all that we do: organizing events, tending the garden, addressing security and service gaps, and advocating for a fair share of government resources.

We urge you to take this occasion to renew your support for 2024 with your vote of confidence and a holiday donation. Many thanks for being a generous Friend of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza and its Katharine Hepburn Garden.

Refreshments will be served. See you soon!

Sherrill Kazan

President

Your vote matters! If you cannot attend, please return the proxy.
Renew your membership now.

I authorize the President to cast my vote in favor of the slate of officers and directors as proposed by the nominating committee and listed on the reverse side of this letter.

I do NOT support the slate as proposed. Enclosed are my write-in candidates.

MY NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to renew my support for Dag Hammarskjold Plaza.

\$250 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 Other: _____ Employer match: _____.

To pay with credit card, donate online at www.dagplaza.org

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The generosity of Friends like you helps fill the gap...

The Mayor's budget cuts reduce programs and staffing for Parks & Recreation, Sanitation, and NYPD, all of which puts pressure on outdoor spaces. That's where Friends like you come in. Please take a moment to renew your membership with a year-end donation so Friends can sustain our work and serve as a powerful voice for the community.

Holiday Trees, Miracle on 47th Street, Dag Plaza

At first, Park officials advised us to forget about ordering holiday trees because the start of capital construction would fence off the fountains and preclude electrical access. By the time it was clear that construction would not start until spring, 2024, the deadline for placing tree orders had long passed. Then around Thanksgiving, our Friends at NYC Parks called with the promise of six trees for the fountain basins and our vendor, City-Scape, called to say a big Douglas fir had finally been sourced for the entrance dome. As the winter solstice brings the longest night, Dag Plaza shines bright!

Arts & Culture, the Universal Language

We joined together as a community to enjoy Earth Day in April, the Katharine Hepburn Garden Party in May, stand-up comedy and concerts in summer, followed by Oktoberfest in autumn. *Ladies of Steel* graced the sculpture platform with "Meet the Artist" talks by Judith Peck.

Splendid New Sculpture

A glimmering, stainless steel sculpture by artist Zheng Lu of Inner Mongolia now graces the Plaza. Facing United Nations headquarters and created specifically for the park site, its reflective surface represents streams of water suspended in mid-air, evoking fluidity and reflection while drawing attention to climate change and water scarcity.

Greening the Plaza and Garden

Thanks to member donations, grants, and outstanding volunteer turnout, Dag Plaza has flourished as a green space. This year, hundreds of perennials were installed in the Katharine Hepburn Garden along with bushels of daffodil bulbs. The Parks Department filled empty tree beds with new trees. The result: Hammaraskjold Plaza offers the largest urban forest in Midtown East, giant lungs so you can breathe fresher, cleaner air.

Friends of Dag Hammaraskjold Plaza

SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS, CLASS OF 2024

PRESIDENT: Sherrill Kazan

VICE PRESIDENTS: Lesley Nan Haberman, Michael Resnick

TREASURER: Consuelo Gallego

SECRETARY: Linfei Yang

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT: Anne Hersh

DIRECTORS (VOTING)

Kyle Athayde

Kim Baker

Meryl Brodsky

Paul Crawford

Bradley Frederick

Bozena Massey

Tricia Striano Skoler

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