



THE BEACON HILL TIMES

T H E R E A R E N O T I M E S L I K E T H E S E T I M E S

Downtown View

Fix the edges

Sorrowful, unloved City Hall Plaza. Broken bricks, a fountain filled with concrete, parked cars, a bunker of a T station and a dreadful-looking JFK building looming over it all. At least the bunker will soon disappear. As part of its two-year upgrade of the station, the MBTA will build a new, glass headhouse. It's a box with square corners on a curvy street and plaza, but maybe it will be okay.

It's the first change to the plaza since those strange, tall, useless lighted poles with a canopy were installed. They were also set in a straight line next to a curvy street, perhaps because the architect was pretending to be cutting edge, clashing with adjacent features. The farmer's market set up next to the poles. Naturally, the lights are usually not functioning.

It's not only architects who fail with CHP. Sophisticated Bostonians are rendered just about speechless when asked what they'd do to make the place better.

Wendy Landman, executive director of WalkBoston, gave it a try. She was after better maintenance—bricks you don't

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April is Membership Month at the BHCA

The Beacon Hill Civic Association, now in its 92nd year of working with the Beacon Hill community, is devoting the month of April to encourage residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations to join or renew their membership. Serving as an organized voice for the approximately 9,000 residents of Beacon Hill, the BHCA strives to preserve the neighborhood's historic character while improving the experience of living in such a vibrant and significant community.

Its many committees, comprised primarily of volunteers, implement several enriching programs throughout the year. Some of our programs include publishing a Neighborhood Guide for residents and visitors, organizing community-build-



Dan and Karen Taylor work together in their kitchen, one of eight to be featured on the April 5 Creative Kitchens Tour 2014, sponsored by Beacon Hill Village. See story on page 3.

Creative Kitchens Tour 2014

New this spring is a Saturday afternoon walking tour through some remarkable kitchens in Beacon Hill and the Back Bay.

'Creative Kitchens Tour 2014', to be held this Saturday, April 5, offers a rare opportunity for guests to step inside eight 19th century townhouses to glimpse their gracious and distinctive kitchens, ranging in décor from cozy and classic to sleek and modern.

The Beacon Hill Village (BHV) is sponsoring the tour. "Kitchens and food are at the heart and hearth of the home, and neighbors and hospitality are the

local chefs, BHV will shine a spotlight on the creativity that goes into and comes out of our kitchens."

The walking tour will be held from 1-4 p.m., rain or shine. Parking is available at the Boston Common Garage and a shuttle service is available between Beacon Hill and Back Bay.

Tickets for the tour are \$45 and may be purchased online at www.beacon-hillvillage.org or by calling the office at 617-723-9713. Tickets will be available on the day of the tour for \$50

Fundraising event honors youngest victim of Marathon

By Times staff

A fundraising event at Beacon Street's Carrie Nation on April 13 will honor Martin Richard, who at age 8, was the youngest victim in the Boston Marathon bombings.

Vicky Shen, who coached Martin, along with his siblings Jane and Henry Richard, in track and field through the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) track and field program, will be on hand for the evening to benefit the Martin W. Richard Charitable

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Red Sox opener to be celebrated on Charles Street

On Friday, April 4, from noon to 3 p.m., many Charles Street stores will celebrate the Boston Red Sox home opener with an opening celebration of their own

BHGC and ZEN Associates have winning partnership

The Beacon Hill Garden Club (BHGC) was literally front and center at the Boston Flower & Garden Show, held at the Seaport World Trade Center from March 12 to 16.

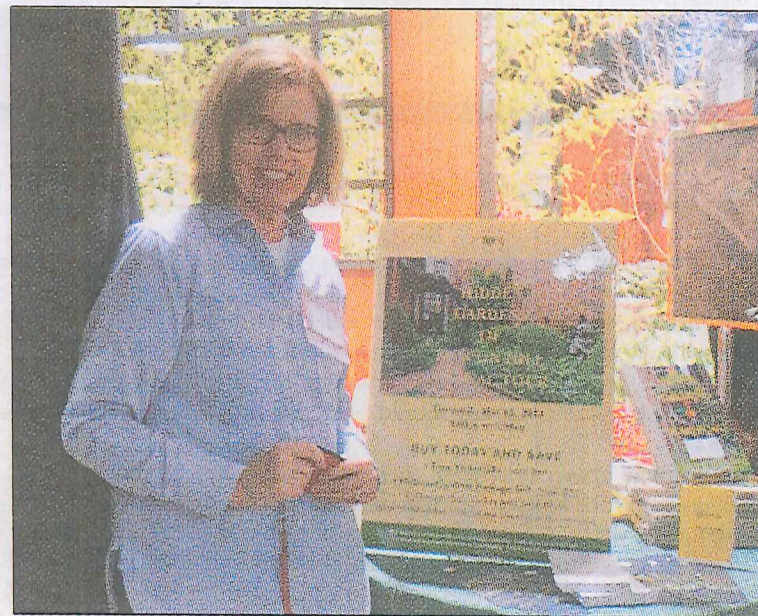
Hosted by design firm, ZEN Associates, the BHGC promoted

the 2014 Hidden Gardens Tour and its new book at ZEN's prime exhibit location at the entrance to the show. More than 20 members, one husband and volunteer Donna Petro staffed the booth, informing thousands of plant enthusiasts about the 85-year-old

tour and inviting attendees to buy tickets in advance.

ZEN Associates created a stunning full size urban garden complete with Asian-inspired boulders, water features and plen-

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Sharon Malt, president of the Beacon Hill Garden Club, stands at a display table for the fifth edition of the "Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill."



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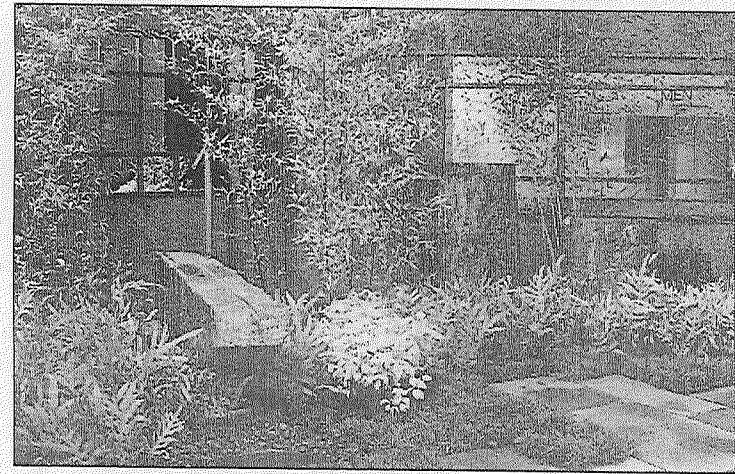
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ZEN Associates shared a corner of their award-winning exhibit with the Beacon Hill Garden Club at the Boston Flower & Garden Show.



ZEN Associates' exhibit at the March 12 flower show.

FRESH AND LOCAL (from pg. 10)

planning for me. But, some of my favorite spots are popular with both locals and tourists so booking the tables for meals at the same time as hotel reservations is a great idea.

When planning a trip,

myself or read through the conversations to learn the latest recommendations, find out about new places that have opened since my last visit, and add to my list of spots to try while I'm visiting.

Do you have a question or

BHCG (from pg. 7)

ty of colorful plants. Peter White, principle at ZEN Associates, credits the BHGC for inspiring them to participate and for the design of this romantic courtyard exhibit. The Woburn company won first place awards from the Boston Society of Landscape Architects for overall design and from The Boston Flower & Garden Show for water features.

BHGC members Sandra Gilpatrick and Betsy Madsen entered floral designs in Mass. Horticultural Society's flower show depicting the exhibition's theme of Romance in the Garden. Gilpatrick was awarded an honorable mention for her table display, and Madsen won third prize for her floral entry.

The club's annual "Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Tour" will be held on Thursday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Discounted tickets of \$35 each may be purchased in advance until May 13 on the club's Web site at www.beacon-hillgardenclub.org or at selected Beacon Hill stores starting in April.

A special tour and book package is also featured with savings of \$20. The fifth edition of the "Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill" book published last May is available on Amazon.com and for sale at several Charles Street stores, including Kate & Theo, Blackstone's, Charles Street Supply, Rouvalis, Gary Drug and Good.

All proceeds from book and tour sales are donated to horticultural and environmental non-profit organizations.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	BUYER 2	SELLER 1	SELLER 2	ADDRESS	CITY	PRICE
BACK BAY						
Hearle, Todd D	Hearle, Mia K	Salimi, Zarrin		256 Beacon St #2	Boston	\$2,175,000
Motamed, Ali	Motamed, Maria	Miller, John A	Miller, Sally	188 Commonwealth Ave #65	Boston	\$615,000
Olofson, Hayes S	Olofson, Erin E	Tracey, Amy L		13 Dartmouth St #1	Boston	\$794,000
Frazer 20 Marlborough		0 Marlborough St T	Stevens, David P	20 Marlborough St	Boston	\$4,000,000
Shaw 1 RT	Shaw, Douglas J	Carrell, Ray		259 Marlborough St #7	Boston	\$4,575,000
Wang, Hui	Zhao, Changxin	Levine, Andrew S		505 Tremont St #713	Boston	\$865,000
BEACON HILL						
Brauner, Leah A	Brauner, Raul A	Mix, Mary R		21 Beacon St #10L	Boston	\$335,000
Vandenberg, Susan B		Billings, Paige R	Querol, Steven A	10 Bowdoin St #516	Boston	\$1,303,000
Belanger, Paul H	Groome-Kucheman, Teri	Drew Paul F Est	Drew, Kathleen A	234 Causeway St #1003	Boston	\$1,125,000
DOWNTOWN/WATERFRONT						
KCW Boston Properties LLC		Leed, Steven B	Leed, Elizabeth L	3 Avery St #307	Boston	\$580,000
Novello, Nicholas J		Tessicini INT	Tessicini, Eugene C	8 Battery St #1	Boston	\$450,000
Holloran, Martin J	Holloran, Leslie D	Stafford, Anthony		166 Commercial St #1R	Boston	\$448,000
Blue Ridge Min LLC		Hennelly, Shaun	Hennelly, Kathleen	165 Tremont St #101	Boston	\$750,000
Leung, Chi Wing		Shohans LLC		580 Washington St #1002	Boston	\$1,990,000
Mary M Tse RET	Tse, Mary M	MP Hayward Dev Co LLC		580 Washington St #1007	Boston	\$1,090,000
Mark A Jaffarian RET	Jaffarian, Mark A	MP Hayward Dev Co LLC		580 Washington St #1200	Boston	\$1,165,000
Harik, Mario		MP Hayward Dev Co LLC		580 Washington St #1208	Boston	\$1,910,000
Avgoustis, John D		MP Hayward Dev Co LLC		580 Washington St #12F	Boston	\$1,220,000
Talmy NT		MP Hayward Dev Co LLC		580 Washington St #1401	Boston	\$1,475,000
Sanchez, Herman	Cura, Peter J	MP Hayward Dev Co LLC		580 Washington St #702	Boston	\$1,525,000
Ouyang, Chunlin	Mitchell, Erin	MP Hayward Dev Co LLC		580 Washington St #712	Boston	\$631,750
Dimizas, Constantine	Inman, Susan	MP Hayward Dev Co LLC		580 Washington St #905	Boston	\$1,425,000
Levine, Andrew		MP Hayward Dev Co LLC		580 Washington St #PH5	Boston	\$1,690,000