

Dear Friends and Patrons of Bayard Cutting Arboretum,

Ten Years After...

“I’d love to change the world, but I don’t know what to do” a verse from the song from the band Ten Years After and released in 1971. This verse defines my arrival at Bayard Cutting Arboretum in April of 2011.

What I did know, was that I had this incredible resource the Cutting family so generously left to the public in 1953. I was in awe of the unmatched landscape, with its amazing rare conifers, that Frederic Law Olmstead initially envisioned the property might have. In June of 2011 at my first board meeting, I stated that one of my many goals was me to make the arboretum a “World Class Public Garden”, and that seemed very farfetched at the time. Just this year, that goal was reached, with Bayard Cutting Arboretum being awarded Level IV accreditation by Arb Net, and now one of only 31 arboreta in the world with this status. For the past ten years our successes have been many, and certainly recognized by the over 450,000 visitors per year that visit the property.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of a talented and hardworking arboretum staff (photo below), and volunteers that all contribute to make the arboretum the best it can be, every single day, and whom I feel incredibly indebted to.



BAYARD CUTTING ARBORETUM

Cordially invites you to attend

EIGHTH ANNUAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION BENEFIT

**Celebrating our Executive Director, Nelson W. Sterner's
Retirement and amazing ten years at Bayard Cutting
Arboretum**

Saturday, September 25, 2021

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Westbrook Manor House

Featuring

- A photographic and video display of 10 years at Bayard
- Tours of the newly restored Manor House Kitchen
- Tributes to Nelson W. Sterner

Cocktail Reception: The Hidden Oak Café

Music: Bob Tierney

All proceeds will fund restoration projects at Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Bayard Cutting Arboretum
440 Montauk Highway

RSVP by September 1, 2021

Great River, NY 11739
631-581-1002

Ticket Reservation \$125 pp

Ticket Reservations

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) at \$125 per person

I am unable to attend but as a tribute to Nelson W. Sterner, I wish to make a contribution in support of the Bayard Cutting Arboretum in the amount of \$ _____

Project Sponsorship Opportunities:

_____ **Ongoing Garden Project [\$1000]** Help us to maintain our historic trees. Annually, we prune existing trees, remove hazardous trees, and plant at least 75 new trees to complement and diversify our collection. Receive four (4) tickets to the Cocktail Reception.
Project estimated cost: \$50,000

_____ **Painting of Exterior of Manor House {\$750}**. The Manor House, born in 1886, is in dire need of a new paint job, as well as restoration of moldings and other exterior features. Receive three (3) tickets to the Cocktail Reception.
Project estimated cost: \$25,000

_____ **Education Program [\$500]** In the deed of gift written in 1934, Mrs. Cutting specifically writes about the importance of education to fulfill her vision as to how the arboretum should be when a public entity. We have implemented her vision with our farm education programs as well as other initiatives. Donations will help to ensure these ongoing programs. Receive one (2) ticket to the Cocktail Reception.
Project estimated cost: \$7,000

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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