

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

SAVE THE DATE!

GARDEN TOUR FOR GATE-GREETERS

Mondays: April 1st & 8th

2:00 - 2:30 PM

KID'S EVENT

See website for date and time

WORLD MUSIC

August 4th, 11th, & 18th

5:00 - 7:00 PM

CHILDREN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 5th

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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GARDEN HOURS EXTENDED

Weather permitting, we will now be open

TUESDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS

9:00 AM UNTIL DUSK

(and dusk is getting later and later!)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Garden is staffed by over 70 volunteers.

We're looking for friendly, welcoming people to greet visitors from around the world; give a brief history; and answer questions. We ask for 2 hours, one or more times a week, mid-April through October.

We are also looking for help with gardening on Monday mornings.

Interested? Know someone who is? Please contact:

jmgvolunteers@gmail.com

IN MEMORIUM: MIMI MILLER



Mimi Miller, seated, surrounded by fellow volunteers.

It was always sunny in the Garden on Friday afternoons. That was when I sat with Mimi Miller, who was warm and bright regardless of the weather. In the two seasons that we were gate greeters together, I learned about bird watching and crossword puzzles; and where to get a really nice apricot tart (Patisserie Claude on West 4th Street). More importantly, I learned how to live a rich and fulfilling life as a Villager. Mimi harnessed little sparks of energy from the buds and blooms surrounding us those Friday afternoons. She seemed to draw joy, contentment and hope from the Garden, and pass these on to those of us who were fortunate enough to spend time with her. As the Garden enters another season of renewal, we remember Mimi as we do the joy of Spring.

- Olympia Thompson

SIT HERE AND LISTEN TO LIVE MUSIC!

The birds aren't the only ones making music in our Garden. Visit our website to keep up to date on this year's musical performances. Then come stake out your favorite spot!

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THE AMAZING EYES OF BIRDS

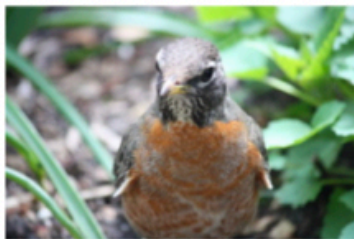
By Diane Darrow

Have you noticed how many of the birds that visit our Garden seem to have tiny, black, boot-button eyes? That's deceptive.

Birds actually have very big eyes! For one thing, you don't see the whites of their eyes; everything but the iris is covered by feathers. In fact, birds' eyeballs are huge relative to their head size. If human eyes were the same proportionately, they would be as big as tennis balls!

Birds' eyesight is much sharper than ours. Their eyes have at least twice as many light-sensitive cells as human eyes.

They can also see beyond our visible color spectrum! They see ultraviolet light, which makes colors appear more differentiated and far more brilliant!



PATCHIN PLACE

By Jack Intrator, JMG Historian

Directly across from the Garden on Tenth Street is Patchin Place, a cluster of ten three-story row houses built in 1848 as inexpensive boarding houses for neighborhood workers.

The "Patchin" of Patchin Place was related by marriage to the "Milligan" of Milligan Place, another alley which lies around the corner to the north on Sixth Avenue. Samuel Milligan owned all this land in the early part of the 19th century and hired Aaron Patchin to survey it. Aaron eventually married Samuel's daughter Isobel and they were given the land that became Patchin Place.

What's really amazing about Patchin Place are the people who have lived there over time. Here's the short list:

Ralph Albert (R. A.) Blakelock; John Reed and Louise Bryant; John Cowper Powys; Llewelyn Powys and Alyse Gregory; Theodore Dreiser; E. E. Cummings and Marion Morehouse; Djuna Barnes; Marlon Brando; William Brinkley; John Masefield; Padraic Colum; Emma Straub; Jean Shepherd ("Shep"); Jane Bowles; Ezra Pound; O. Henry; Harry Kemp; Diane Wolkstein, and Gaston Lachaise.

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