



# NDA

NORTH DEARBORN ASSOCIATION

*Serving Chicago's Gold Coast for Over Fifty Years*

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### JOY OF TOYS

## This story begins with toys on December 3

**T**ortellini and toys share the table at Mario's Ristorante (21 West Goethe Street) on Saturday, December 3 as the NDA hosts its 19th annual "Joy of Toys" Holiday Wrap Party. Admission is a minimum of one, new, unwrapped toy valued at \$20 for a 4-7-year-old child. This family-friendly event is from 1:00 – 3:30 with complimentary food and beverages for the "wrappers".



The toys are later distributed to students at George Manierre School and the Catherine Ferguson Child Parent Center. Nearly 4,500 toys have been distributed to children through this NDA event.

"In the spirit of giving and receiving, we will have a drawing for anyone joining the NDA or renewing their mem-

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### RED CARPET CONCIERGE OF CHICAGO

## And the award goes to...

**D**earborn Garden Walk co-chairmen Woody Olsen and Greg Hodapp accepted the "Outstanding Neighborhood Garden Event" award presented by Red Carpet Concierge of Chicago on September 25, 2011 at the Grossinger City Autoplex. "Gloria the Hat" served as Master of Ceremonies presenting twenty-six awards to recipients in the Business and Fashion industry.



Since first introducing the designer vignette concept to the 50th anniversary Dearborn Garden Walk in 2008, Woody and Greg have seen their idea capture the interest of designers, attendees and exhibitors. Interior designers now compete for an invitation to work with a Garden Walk exhibitor to create a theme in their private rear garden.

"We wanted to bring designer vignettes to the gardens," remarked Greg Hodapp. "But it took our hard-working Garden Walk committee and countless volunteers to bring it from an idea to a reality. We were honored to represent the NDA and accept this award on their behalf."

Mark your calendars for the 54th Dearborn Garden Walk, Sunday, July 15, 2012. To work on a committee, call 312-632-1241 or [www.dearborn-gardenwalk.com](http://www.dearborn-gardenwalk.com).





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## “Partner in Preservation” reception

*Sunday, August 28, 2011*

*Hosted by Jill and Mike Lowe, Tour Guide Bob Newman*



*Jill Lowe, Bob Mednick*



*Marion Cameron, Michele Studl*



*Greg Hodapp, Pat Study*



*Santee Geringer, Jeff Selle*



*Mike Lowe*



When real estate developer Arthur Rubloff purchased the sixteen acres along Clark Street that later became Sandburg Village, he likely did not anticipate a nascent North Dearborn Association modifying his design plans. The original scheme for 70 West Burton Place (Faulkner House) and 88 West Schiller Street (Lowell House) included matching high rise buildings on both the northeast and southeast corners. The vintage row houses on the southeast corners of both streets would be razed and replaced with a high rise. How fitting that this year’s “Partner in Preservation” membership event highlighted the saved row houses on Burton Place, with a wine reception in one of the homes and tours of the row house gardens. All thankfully raised a champagne flute to toast another NDA preservation success.



*Julia Hertzler*



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## Joy of Toys

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bership,” announced NDA president Michele Studl. “This social event is a perfect way to introduce friends and neighbors to our dynamic organization.” Some drawing items include: VIP pub crawl, Dior beauty basket, and \$100 gift certificates to area restaurants.

Toy suggestions include: dolls, action figures, sports gear, hand-held electronics (with batteries included) and remote controlled toys (with batteries included). Kindly avoid: items that require a computer or other hardware, toys guns, oversized toys, strictly educational or religious-themed items.

The public is welcome. For additional information, visit [www.northdearbornassociation.com](http://www.northdearbornassociation.com) or 312-632-1241.



### NORTH DEARBORN ASSOCIATION

## Welcome New Board members

**A**lthough recently elected to the NDA Board at the May Annual Meeting, all three “new” board members have been involved in NDA projects.

### *Lauren McKeaney*

**D**espite being the youngest member of the NDA board, Lauren has the longest NDA history. Raised on Dearborn Street Lauren began her NDA volunteerism as a child when she participated in the Dearborn Garden Walk, the “Joy of Toys” and various beautification projects. A Latin School and Emerson College grad, Lauren has her B.A. in film production with plans to own a production company. Currently, she is a Creative Assistant for the Lodge Management Group.

### *Mary Schneider*

**A**n East Coast transplant, Mary served on the NDA Board 2000 – 2002. After retiring from the Juvenile Protection Agency, Mary returned east and continued the renovation of her great grandfather’s Legacy Farmhouse in Highlands, NJ. But the lure of the Midwest (the winters?) convinced Mary to divide her time between Chicago and NJ. When not quilting or sewing Halloween costumes for her two grandchildren, Mary is working on the Dearborn Garden Walk and Beautification committees. Welcome back!

### *Chris Wilson*

**W**hen declaring “I love this area best!” this OH, CA, MI, IN, FL and MN nomad has the experience to appreciate her ‘hood. New to Dearborn Street Chris wasted no time getting involved in neighborhood projects. She has worked on the Dearborn Garden Walk as a garden coordinator and as an architecture tour guide. Her Dearborn Street tour guide training spurred an interest in Chicago history and architecture. Chris now volunteers at the Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) visitor center and is a docent at St. Michael’s Church in Old Town. In between babysitting two grandchildren, she is completing Master Gardener classes.



**NDA JULY/AUGUST SURVEY RESULTS**

Are you in favor of speed bumps along Dearborn Street between Division and North Avenue?

**75% NO**  
**25% YES**

The NDA shared these results with Alderman Brendan Reilly (42nd). Thank you for your input.

### Support the businesses that support the NDA

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Gibsons Steakhouse	312-266-8999	<a href="http://gibsonssteakhouse.com">gibsonssteakhouse.com</a>
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## Membership benefits include:

- \$5.00 discount on Dearborn Garden Walk admission
- Up to 30% room discount at Hotel Indigo, 1244 North Dearborn
- Bimonthly newsletter with neighborhood updates
- Personalized membership card
- Liaison with the Mayor's Office, Aldermen, Chicago Police Dept.
- Invitation to Annual Meeting
- Invitation to holiday "Joy of Toys" wrapping party
- Private narrated architectural walking tour, wine reception and one complimentary admission to the Dearborn Garden Walk exclusively for Partner in Preservation level members



It's easy to join by contacting us one of these ways:

### ONLINE

www.dearborngardenwalk.com or www.northdearbornassociation.com

### PHONE

312-632-1241

### FAX

312-944-9342

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| ..... Partner in Preservation \$100.00 |                   |
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