

News from Massachusetts Horticultural Society

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, I want to take this opportunity to provide a number of key updates. We continue to make progress and are nearing completion of our 18-month Master Planning project for renewing, enhancing, and expanding the Gardens at Elm Bank. I want to thank Kyle Zick, Founder and Principal of Kyle Zick Landscape Architecture, who has directed this work with the support of my fellow Board members, the Mass Hort staff, the Society's members, and our neighbors and town officials from Dover, Natick and Wellesley. Truly great work is happening here and there is so much more to come.

It's also important to inform you that Kathy Macdonald, the Society's President and Executive Director since 2010, is leaving Mass Hort. In her tenure Kathy successfully initiated both a Strategic Planning process and the subsequent preparation of a long-range Master Plan for the Gardens at Elm Bank. We sincerely thank her for her dedication, energy and leadership. We wish her well in her next phase.

We are proceeding in the hiring of an interim head and the Board will initiate a thorough search to identify and hire a permanent Executive Director and President. We expect a transitional leader to be in place shortly. Over the near term, I will have oversight for Mass Hort.

Our goal is to continue to build on the Society's foundation and bring our much-celebrated Master Plan to life. I hope you share in our excitement for the great developments going on at Massachusetts Horticultural Society!

Sincerely,

Wayne Mezitt
Chair of the Board of Trustees