

PARTY IN THE PARK RETURNS FOR ITS 14TH YEAR

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Spring's most fashionable fundraiser, Party in the Park, returned for its 14th year at the Pinebank Promontory at Jamaica Pond. At the event, close to 800 ladies and few brave gents, mingled over champagne and lunch sporting their finest floral millinery.

Attendees flaunted their most elegant headgear and attire at the stylish afternoon soiree to raise money for the Emerald Necklace Conservancy.

The luncheon has generated \$970,000 for special restoration projects in the park system that benefits all of Boston.

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy is a non-profit founded in 1998 that works to protect, restore, maintain and promote the 1,100 acres of meadows, woodlands and paths of the Frederick Law Olmstead designed Emerald Necklace park system. Each year it serves as a respite in the city for one million residents and tourists each year.

There was a musical prelude by the Boston Symphony Orchestra and remarks by Mayor Martin Walsh.

The Liff Spirit Award that was



Heloisa Fitzgerald of the South End left, with Anna Usitski of Brookline and Wing Delatorre of Newton

given out at the Party in the Park. It is named after Justine Mee Liff, Boston's Commissioner of Parks and Recreation from 1996 to 2002. It honors the vision, wisdom, humanity and joy that Justine brought to her work as a champion of the open, green spaces that are vital to daily life.

This year, the award was presented to Whitney Hatch, an environmentalist and parks champion.



Daniella Torres the executive director of the Fenway Civic Association with Frederick Olmsted played by Gerry Wright, at the Party in the Park.



On the left Laura Driscoll of Hyde Park and Nancy Caraboolad of Brookline.



On the left, Amanda Condon of Somerville, and Tracie DeGuglielmo of Arlington.



Left to right, Janelle Discoll of Fenway, Sarah Dale of the North End and Ashley Wisneski of Kenmore.



A string quartet from the Boston Symphony Orchestra plays as guests arrive outside.



Daniel and Stephanie Janis shown with Karen Mauney-Brodek (right), the president of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy.



From left to right, Maggie Ahearn of the Back Bay, Yolanda of Watertown, Jennifer Kinsman of Brookline and Melissa Flamburis of the Back Bay.



Left to right, Vieques Kleck of Beacon Hill, Catheline Van den Brandeu of Weston, Alexamolo Hooquesen of Weston and Faten Elmokdad of Weston.



Women sporting fashionable headgear line up to enter the Party in the Park fundraiser.