



**Resolution Honoring Dorothy Hannon Gardner
Upon Her Retirement from the Garden Conservancy Board of Directors**

WHEREAS, Dorothy Hannon Gardner was asked by Frank Cabot to become a member of his Advisory Committee as he set out to create a new organization to preserve America's exceptional gardens, and became a Founder Member in 1989;

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gardner also became a founding member of the Garden Conservancy board of directors in 1990 and has energetically continued to serve in multiple leadership roles until today, chairing the Nominating Committee and Finance and Investment Committee for many years and also serving on the Executive, Development, Preservation, and Personnel committees;

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gardner co-chaired the \$15-million endowment campaign to Save America's Exceptional Gardens, which surpassed its goal in 2010;

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gardner and her husband, John, have made numerous leadership gifts to the endowment campaign and other contributions to Garden Conservancy programs and activities since 1989;

WHEREAS, Dorothy and John Gardner have shared their garden in Winnetka, Illinois, several times through our Open Days program and Society of Fellows tours;

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gardner helped organize the Society of Fellows garden-study tours of Chicago in 2004 and in 2016, and took the lead in planning the Santa Barbara/Montecito tour in 2013, hosting lovely dinners in both Chicago and Montecito;

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gardner herself set the pace in garden creation and preservation, serving as steward and enhancer of their exceptional garden in Winnetka started by her mother-in-law. Under Dorothy's stewardship, the garden was featured in Starr Ockenga's book *Earth on Her Hands: The American Woman in Her Garden* and in the archives of the Smithsonian's Garden Club of America Collection;

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gardner shared her wit, enthusiasm, and wide-ranging expertise in topics from French antiques to horticulture to business management with the directors, Fellows, staff, and friends of the Garden Conservancy, while also bringing *couture* on tour to new heights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Garden Conservancy that it is a great pleasure to recognize the significant contributions Dorothy Gardner has made to the Garden Conservancy, to name her a Director Emerita, and to convey our best wishes to both Dorothy and John for continued success, happiness, good health, and good gardening;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be included in the minutes of the Board and that a copy be sent to Dorothy Gardner to share with her family and friends.

September 12, 2018