Dedicating the Margaret Kinder Education and Pollinator Garden

Friends of Lake Accotink Park - FLAP board members Tony Vellucci, Jim Hickey, Meghan Walker and Dave Gibson, John Cook Braddock District Supervisor and incoming Braddock District Supervisor host the interim dedication of the Margaret Kinder Education and Pollinator Garden at Lake Accotink Park. Honoring Margaret Kinder for her decades of service to Lake Accotink Park, the Ravensworth Community, and the Fairfax through this dedication his many years of support to Lake Accotink Park and FLAP Saturday 14th December 2019.

The Margaret Kinder Education and Pollinator Garden

Thank you to all whom through hard work and dedication made our vision of this pollinator garden a reality. We dedicate this garden to lifelong educator, naturalist, gardener, community impact volunteer Margaret Kinder.



Margaret was born in Sumter, SC and grew up on a farm in nearby Horatio. She learned to love gardening, and raising guineas, goats and chickens. She earned a BA in elementary education at Lander College in Greenwood SC, and later an MA in education at the University of New Orleans. She taught grades 1-3 all over the country – SC, WA and LA. In time she earned a Certificate in Guidance and Counseling from George Mason University. She was a Guidance Counselor at Ravensworth Elementary for twenty years, till she retired.

Margaret and her husband Tom lived in Kings Park, but she wanted to be close to the lake. When Ann Meekins informed her about a house in Ravensworth Farm that bordered the lake she jumped at it. Rumor has it she marched into the home and announced "We're buying it." True or not, Tom was smart enough to agree.

As a member of the Ravensworth Garden Club she has tended the pollinator garden here at Lake Accotink Park for years. The semi-annual cleanup would find her in the traffic circle weeding and hoeing, and recruiting others to assist. This relocation and expansion of the garden found Margaret not only digging holes for the new plants, but teaching old and young alike how to do it. She has cultivated young minds and plants so they can grow and prosper.

The Friends of Lake Accotink Park take great pride in dedicating the Margaret Kinder Educational and Pollinator Garden. On behalf of the Lake Accotink Park community – Thank you! FLAP Board of Directors







