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in the park

## Community makes *Kite Festival* a Special Day in Hermann Park



Photos by Anthony Stringer Photography

The fifth year of the Hermann Park Conservancy *Kite Festival* welcomed thousands of visitors for a fun-filled day in the Park on Sunday, March 25. From interactive activities and crafts, to live performances, and kite flying, of course, this day was one that brought Houstonians from all walks of life together to enjoy a beautiful day in the Park.

Morgan Garvey, Molly Neff, and Lindsay Radcliffe chaired the successful *Kite Festival* along with the support of our host committee, sponsors and volunteers. Thank you to Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP, Kids' Zone sponsor H-E-B, Phillips 66, and Verisolar for their support in making *Kite Festival* come to life!

More *Kite Festival* photos on page 3

Letter from the president

I love the *Kite Festival!* When we planned it for our centennial year, our goal was to have an old-fashioned day of family fun—much as they would have 100 years ago.

Remarkably, you can still experience the warmth and friendliness of when Houston was a much smaller city but now the festival is a shared experience for families of all ages who come from every neighborhood across the city. 15,000 people with a diversity of backgrounds united in joy! It makes me grateful for our team who works so hard to provide this special place that engenders community.

But we don't do it alone. I often refer to Hermann Park as a "miracle of community engagement." Each year, we see hundreds of individuals from the local community contribute more than 20,000 hours of their time through our volunteer program. We saw volunteers contribute to the regrowth of the McGovern Centennial Gardens after an unusually cold winter, and many are getting trained in special techniques to help with the Japanese Garden or restore our native habitats.



Dedicated volunteers help to keep the Gardens growing

There is joy in getting involved. This spring we also welcomed an exuberant community-based art project, "Color Bursting Hermann Park," which invited individuals from across the city to create colorful vests and skirts donned by some of Hermann Park's iconic trees. And tens of thousands attend the many marvelous programs that take place here, like *Park to Port* Bike Ride or our free gardening classes and story hour in the McGovern Centennial Gardens.



Community members share what they want to see in Hermann Park at Kite Festival

We would like to thank the more than 1,200 households who call themselves members of the Conservancy community. And our supporters don't just enable fun for others – they have a wonderful time at our fundraising events such as our annual *Hats in the Park* luncheon and Valentine's Day "Dinner and a Cruise".

I hope you are proud to be part of the community that loves and supports Hermann Park and our work to keep the Park thriving and vibrant. Thank you to each and every one of you for visiting, volunteering, giving and loving Hermann Park—you bring joy to families every day.

See you in the Park,

*Doreen*

Doreen Stoller, President



A family bikes by "Color Bursting Hermann Park"

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The Houston community came together on a beautiful day for the Fifth Annual Hermann Park Conservancy Kite Festival featuring a diverse array of activities, performances, and much more!

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## "Color Bursting Hermann Park"

A special public art project has Hermann Park "bursting" with color this spring thanks to Houston artists Tami Merrick and Nicola Parente. As part of a project made possible by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and the Houston Arts Alliance known as Bayou Trails, "Color Bursting Hermann Park" creates a symphony of visual art, dance, poetry, and music in celebration of spring.

While strolling through the Park, you'll see a selection of the Park's majestic trees sporting brightly colored skirts and vivid ribbon tree vests, made and installed by many community members, including students from YES Prep Eastside.

The project, on display through the beginning of May, also included dance, poetry, and musical components that made their debut at HPC's Kite Festival on March 25.



Artists Tami Merrick and Nicola Parente with some of Hermann Park's colorful trees.



Community members work on creating colorful tree vests



Students from YES Prep creating tree vests

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