

## THE ORMISTON GARDENS



Ormiston Gardens have become a popular attraction in East Fairmount Park. In 2019 and 2020, the Royal Heritage Society received funding from the Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America to improve the existing gardens at Ormiston and add an “alphabet garden” for children. The gardens have enhanced community outreach by providing:

- Educational events and projects for schools and after school.
- Garden activities for children and families.
- Programs that highlight the British influences on colonial America.
- Opportunities for community members to plan and care for an evolving garden.
- An attractive venue for meetings and other community events.

Read about the garden on Instagram, [@alphabetgarden.ormiston](https://www.instagram.com/alphabetgarden.ormiston).

Call or text to donate, to help in the garden, or to arrange an event for your group. Put your name on our email list to get announcements about events and projects in the house or garden.

## THE HOUSE



**Visit the garden** all year long to see the flowers, herbs and vegetables we are growing. Walk the Boxer Trail to the river, or to view other mansions in East Fairmount Park. Come inside when the mansion is open to visitors.

**In the living room** on the main floor, see a picture of Edward Burd, who built the mansion in 1798. In the dining room, see a picture of King George III, who was king during the Revolutionary War. Through the trees off the back porch you can glimpse the Schuylkill River.

Go downstairs to the **Scottish kitchen**. Indoor kitchens were rare in colonial times. Today, the room is used for special events and exhibits. After Covid, we hope to use the space year round for children’s programs where we can read books about gardening or colonial history, and do related crafts and activities. Take time to peek inside the old dollhouse

**The third floor** has a functional kitchen and meeting rooms for staging get-togethers like parties and teas. Take your picture with a lifesize cutout of Queen Elizabeth II, the longest reigning monarch in British history (70 years!)

## SUPPORT OUR GARDEN



Spring will be here before you know it! Then comes summer! Join us for an exciting year! What would be **FUN FOR YOU?**

- Work in the garden- plant, prune, weed, mulch, water
- Grow flowers, herbs, vegetables
- Attend RHS events, in the house or garden
- Help with social media and publicity
- Give or help someone else give house tours
- Help plan or run children’s programs and crafts

Begin by becoming a member of RHS! The garden is in the budget! To join costs \$50 for an individual. Or make a direct contribution to the garden. Or help us find grants.

*Will we see you in the garden this year? Come join the fun!*

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## THE ROYAL HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Royal Heritage Society of the Delaware Valley, established in 1982, is a privately funded, non-profit corporation with 501(c)(3) status. The society's mission is to preserve Pennsylvania's British heritage and make a contribution to the city of Philadelphia by preserving and maintaining Ormiston Mansion and Gardens. We are grateful for the assistance we get from the Fairmount Park Conservancy, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, Power Corps and the East Fairmount Park Coalition.

### BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR GROUP

#### Membership Application/ Renewal

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Categories

INDIVIDUAL \$ 50

SENIOR/STUDENT \$ 25

ADDITIONAL DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

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presents...*

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