


A NIGHT IN THE WOODS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

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Garden, Open Space Institute and
David.

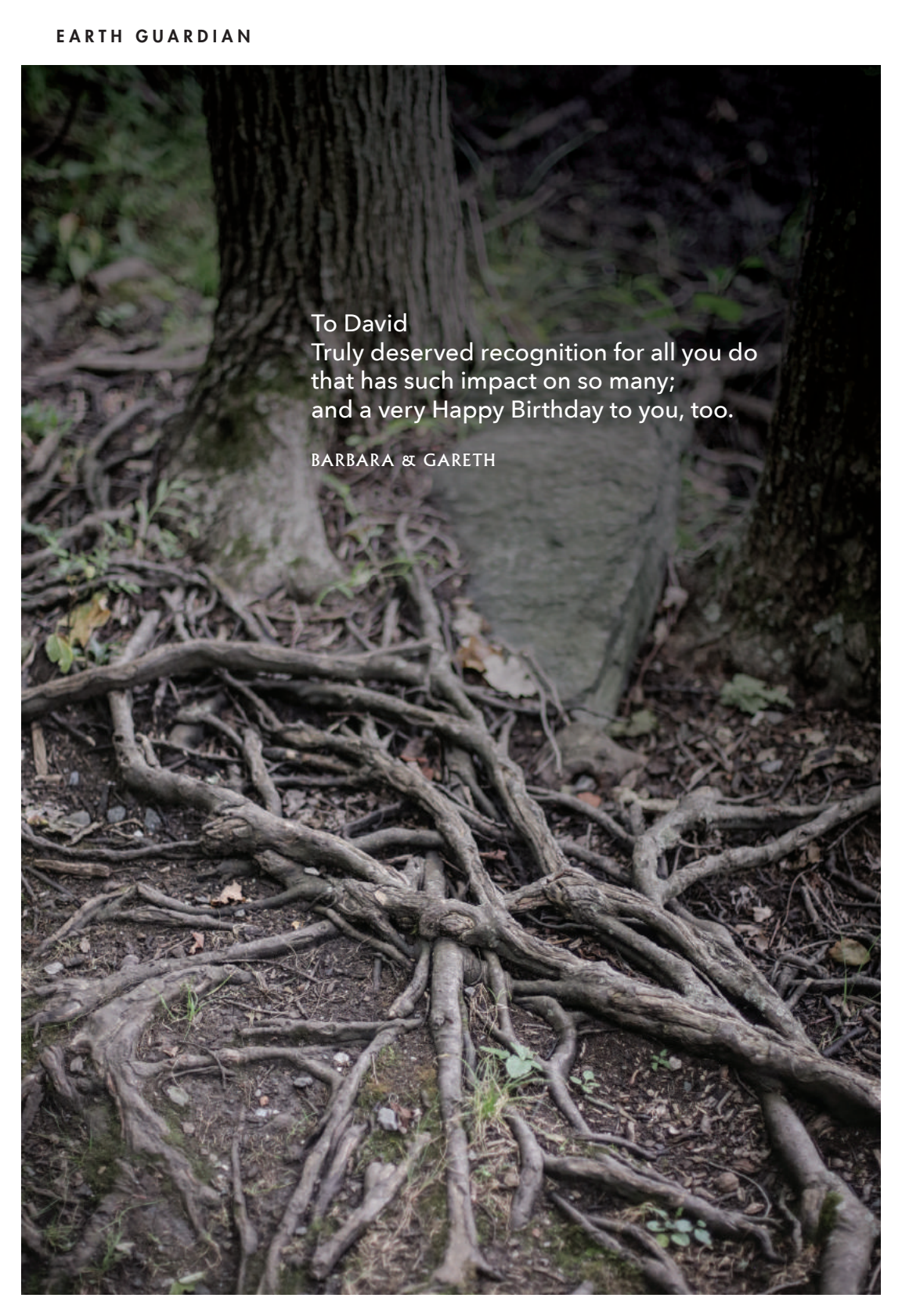
DORRY SWOPE



A photograph of a pond with lily pads and green foliage in the foreground and background. The water is calm, reflecting the sky and the surrounding greenery. The lily pads are scattered across the surface, some showing signs of decay. The foreground is dominated by dark green, leafy plants, possibly parsley, which are slightly out of focus. The background shows more lily pads and a grassy bank.

We wouldn't be where we are without the support of BBG and OSI as well as our own community.

DAVID SWOPE



To David
Truly deserved recognition for all you do
that has such impact on so many;
and a very Happy Birthday to you, too.

BARBARA & GARETH



Congratulations to Teatown 2017 honorees: David Swope, Open Space Institute and Brooklyn Botanic Garden. With affection and admiration for our most special community leader, David Swope.

Hero: he-ro/'hi(ə)rō/ (noun)
Someone we admire. Someone who inspires us to expand and embrace what is possible. Not a myth, an icon, or a legend—someone solid, genuine and real.
With love,

JOANNE, FRED, BEN, AMIT & ZHENYA

WELCOME

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Thank you for supporting A Night in the Woods! It is a pleasure to welcome you to this celebration honoring our indomitable leader

David Swope who has for many years enthusiastically championed improvements at Teatown including important partnerships with his fellow honorees, the Open Space Institute and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

We salute them all for sharing the goal to preserve and protect open spaces for future generations to appreciate. Together they inspire communities across our country to lifelong stewardship; they inspire, enrich, engage, and teach. Through their educational programs they will continue to raise awareness of the complexities of conservation for environmentalists of all ages and interests.

The history of Teatown is indelibly intertwined with the honorees. OSI, a nationally recognized organization, has brought wide recognition to Teatown while helping us at many critical junctures. Most recently, in May this year, OSI deeded a 40-acre parcel of

land that is now part of our Overlook Trail. As for BBG, without it there would be no Teatown! When Teatown was founded in the 1950s, BBG not only accepted responsibility for the original gift offered by David's family when no one else wanted to but it also sponsored the environmental education program here which distinguishes Teatown to this day.

Your support tonight will directly impact our many classes and activities, including the maintenance of our 1,000-acre nature preserve and fifteen miles of trails. You will also support David's new initiative to improve recognition of Teatown's boundaries which are often lost on people who are passing by. To improve Teatown's visibility and erase "hidden" from its well-known moniker that is "Westchester's hidden gem," we hope to make David's dream come true with contributions from donors like you.

Thank you again for participating tonight and demonstrating your support for Teatown, the Open Space Institute and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Enjoy the celebration as we look ahead to many more years of collaboration. Congratulations, everyone!

With warm regards,

Howard Permut



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Nancy Felcher

HONOREES

David Swope
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September 24, 2017

Teatown Lake Reservation
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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for Teatown Lake Reservation's *A Night in the Woods*.

The Empire State is committed to preserving the integrity of our air, land, and water for future generations. We are especially grateful to those organizations and individuals who possess a conscientious concern for our inherited natural wealth, turning that interest into positive action. Since 1963, the 834-acres of the Teatown Lake nature preserve have been set aside as open space for the purpose of educating and engaging the regional community of Northern Westchester County, sustaining wildlife, plants, and habitat to protect our natural heritage for generations to come.

Tonight, you come together to pay tribute to those who further this important mission and I join in congratulating your distinguished honorees. I applaud the passionate commitment and advocacy of everyone affiliated for the role they have had in fostering a more environmentally conscious and responsible public, protecting community character, and preserving wildlife habitats and natural woodlands.

With warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew M. Cuomo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" and last name "Cuomo" clearly legible.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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HONOREES

DAVID SWOPE

David has been connected to Teatown his entire life, having grown up here and then serving on the Teatown Board of Trustees for several terms, including two terms as the Chair.

David is a leader in Westchester County and has been on the Board and Chair of the Jacob Burns Film Center, Westchester Community College, Westchester Community College Foundation, Phelps Memorial Hospital and the Ossining Children's Center.

He represents a connection to Teatown's past, as well as being an influential voice in articulating and supporting Teatown's exciting future in environmental science, stewardship and education in our region.

OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE (OSI)

OSI is a leader in the protection of open spaces. In its 43-year history, OSI has safeguarded almost 160,000 acres of open space in the Adirondacks, Hudson River Valley, Shawangunks and Catskills. OSI preserves diverse landscapes, including habitats for rare or endangered species; ensures healthy water quality; facilitates wildlife adaptation to climate change; enhances recreational access; and shields land from future development.

At Teatown, OSI was instrumental in multiple major acquisitions, including the 67-acre Croft Parcel acquired in 2010, and the recently acquired 40-acre Overlook Parcel.

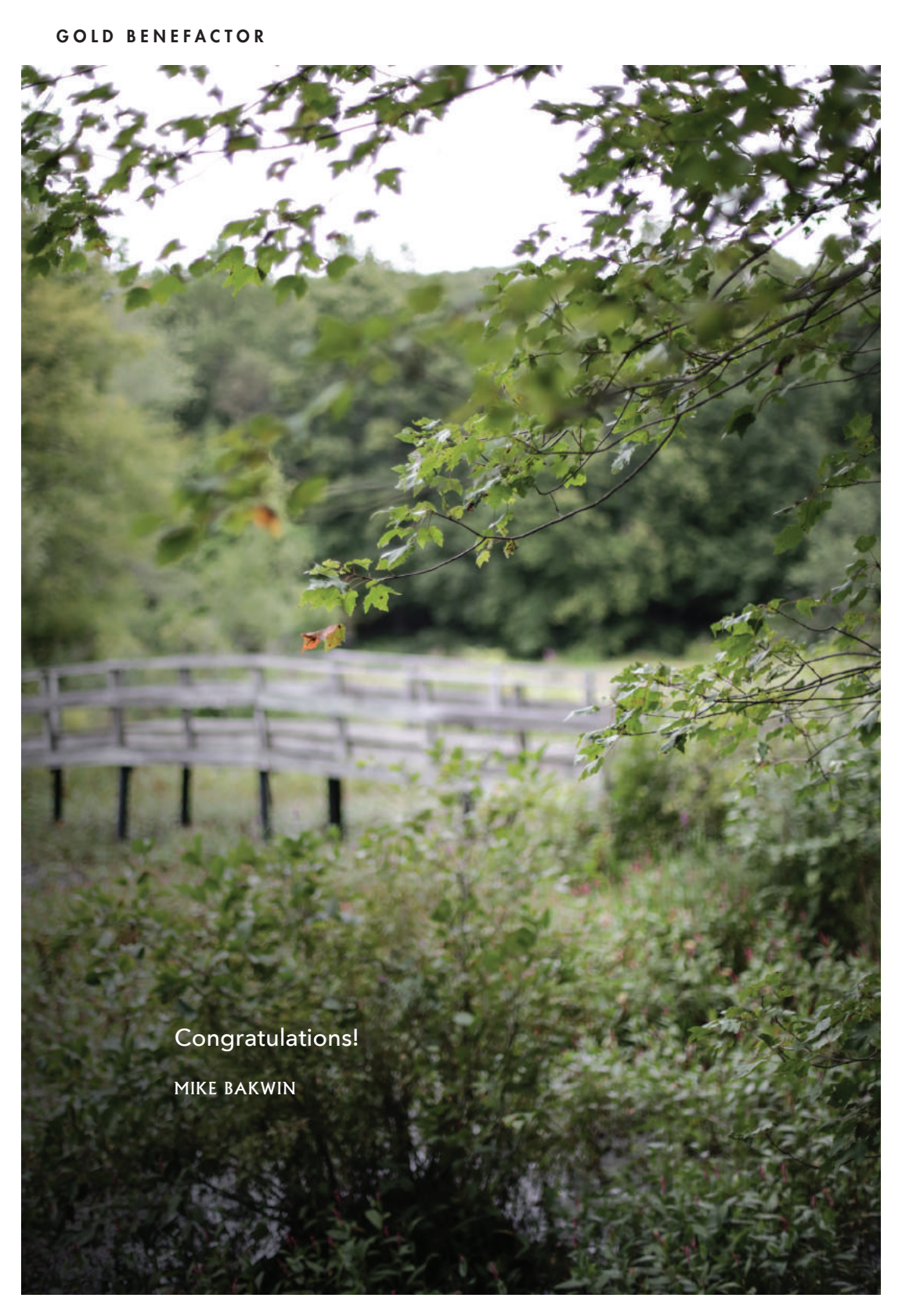
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In 1963, BBG accepted a 194-acre gift from the Swope Family at a time when no other conservation organization foresaw the need for protected open space in Northern Westchester, which at the time was largely undeveloped. When Teatown was organized and ready to become independent, BBG offered a 200-year ground-lease to Teatown, enabling it to grow.

An innovative force in conservation and education since the early 20th century, BBG inspired Teatown's education programs, which have grown exponentially over the decades. Former BBG Director Betty Scholtz was an integral friend and partner during Teatown's formative years and will leave a mark for many years still to come.

Teatown is a 1,000-acre nonprofit nature preserve and environmental education center in the Lower Hudson Valley. Explore our 15 miles of hiking trails and our wildlife exhibits, visit

Wildflower Island, a refuge for over 230 species of wildflowers, and join in our year-round programming for adults and families, a natural science summer day camp, and much more.



Congratulations!

MIKE BAKWIN



A devoted ally
of Teatown
from the outset



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INSTITUTE**

Thank you for the recognition
and congratulations to
fellow honorees

**David Swope
and
Brooklyn Botanic Garden**

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A Place for Life



A photograph of a forest with many thin tree trunks and a fallen log on the ground. The trees are mostly vertical and have a textured bark. The ground is covered in brown leaves and twigs. A large, light-colored log lies horizontally across the middle ground. The background is slightly blurred, showing more trees and green foliage.

Congratulations to A Night in the Woods honoree David Swope: a true environmental champion.

CONNIE CURRAN

Congratulations!

THE ROSENWALD FAMILY




GOLD BENEFACTOR

Congratulations to David, OSI and BBG, and thanks to each of you for being there to support and guide Teatown as it has grown from its beginnings to a strong and significant player in Westchester's regional environmental movement.

NANCY AND PETER FELCHER



A rustic wooden bench made of dark, weathered logs is positioned on a dirt path in a lush forest. The bench has a curved backrest and armrests. The background is filled with tall, slender trees and dense green foliage, creating a soft, bokeh effect. The ground is covered in fallen leaves and twigs.

Congratulations to David Swope,
Open Space Institute and Brooklyn
Botanic Garden!

BECKY AND ART SAMBERG

A photograph of a wooden boardwalk path winding through a lush green forest. The path is made of weathered wooden planks and leads from the foreground into the distance, surrounded by tall grasses and dense trees. The lighting is soft, suggesting a shaded forest environment.

With our thanks for all
the years of partnership.

THE SAUNDERS FAMILY

We congratulate tonight's honorees—
David Swope, Open Space Institute and
Brooklyn Botanic Garden—and proudly
support Teatown's Annual Gala.

TOM & CINDY SECUNDA



Congratulations to David and
all of Teatown's terrific partners.

THE ELKES FAMILY



SILVER BENEFACTOR



Thanks to David, BBG and OSI,
Teatown's vision has grown and so
much has been accomplished.
Thank you!

TWINK AND JIM WOOD



Thank you to everyone involved in helping me make tonight a success! I so appreciate your support, especially that of my co-chair, Nancy Felcher and that of Jane Cooke and Karina Tarnawsky on staff.

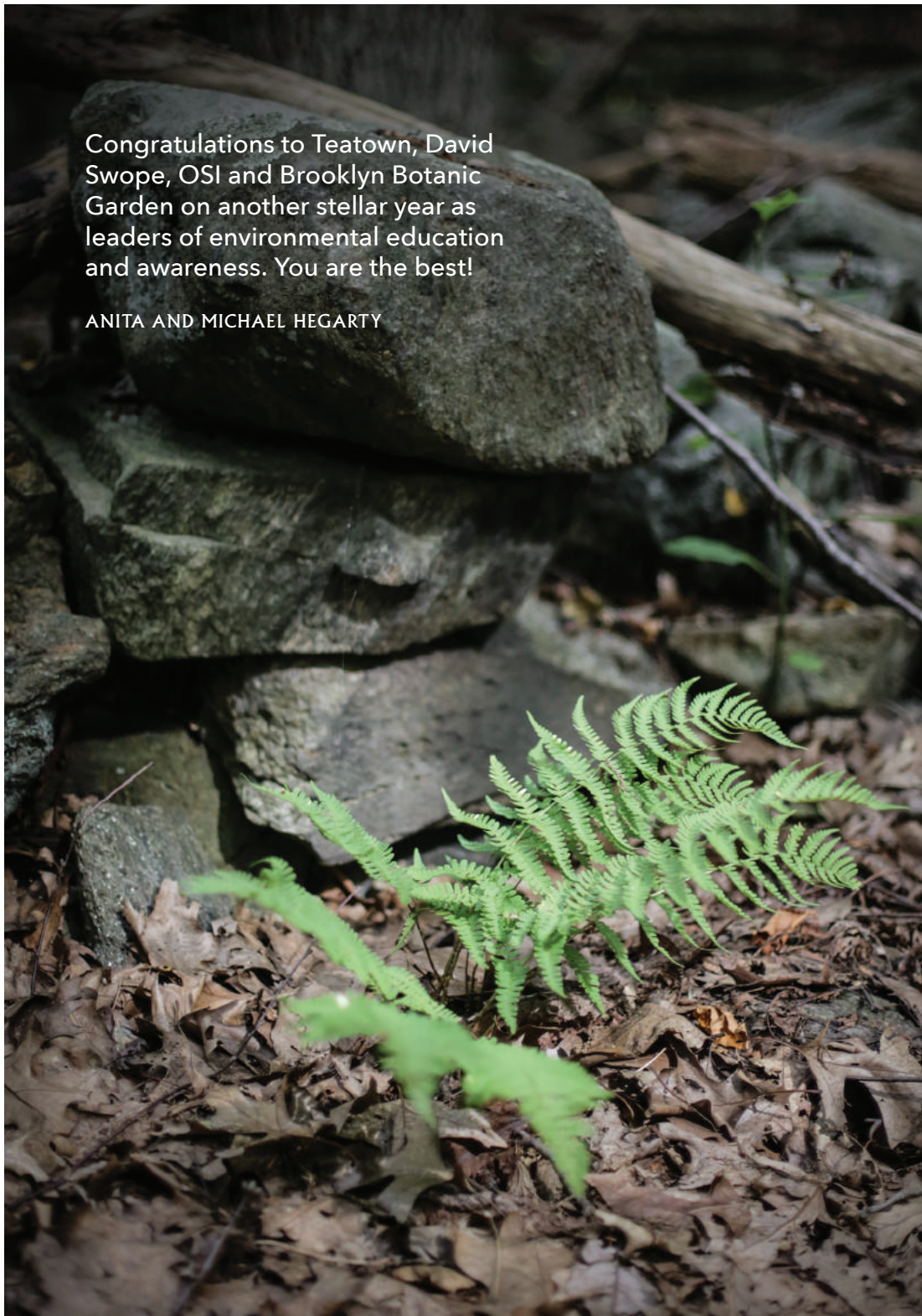
David, you inspire us all! Scot and Kim, I have enjoyed this partnership and look forward to more collaboration in the future.

Special thanks to my husband and family for supporting my ongoing work with Teatown. I'm glad it is a place to which we can all escape together!

KAT SAUNDERS, GALA CO-CHAIR

Congratulations to Teatown, David Swope, OSI and Brooklyn Botanic Garden on another stellar year as leaders of environmental education and awareness. You are the best!


ANITA AND MICHAEL HEGARTY



Thank you David for your lifelong commitment to environmental conservation and education. As in everything you do, you have created an enduring legacy and inspired us all to do more. With admiration and great affection,


ALICE AND DOUG KRAUS






Congratulations David! Thank you for
your inspiration, generosity and leader-
ship. With love and admiration,

LESLIE AND CREIGHTON



Kate and I salute Teatown
and our honorees.

KATE AND HOWARD PERMUT



David, A toast from Germany! With gratitude for all the wonderful things you do for Teatown.

JUNE AND ROGER



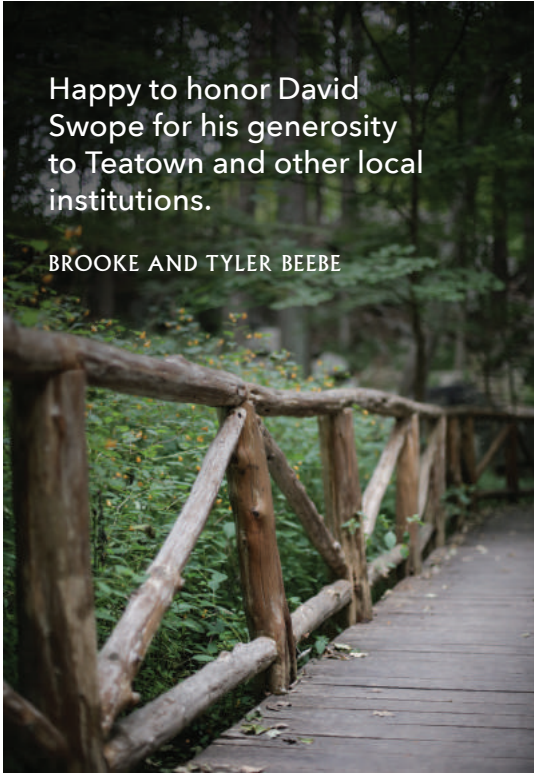
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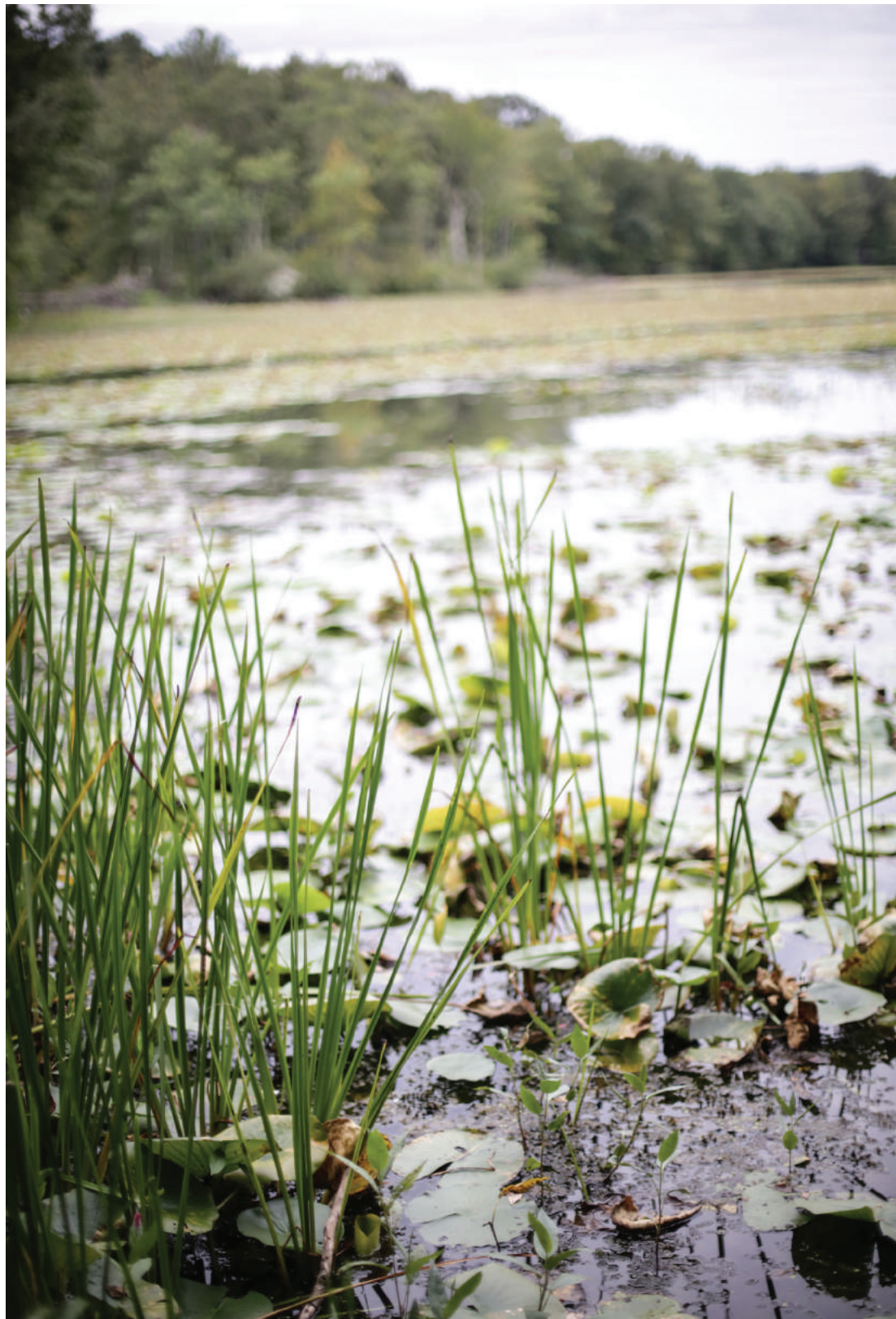
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