



# *221 Broadway East*

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*The mission of the Robbins Hunter Museum is to inspire appreciation and understanding of the architecturally significant Avery-Downer House, its collections, and the stories of those who lived here.*



## **Upcoming Events**

### **Music 4U!**

Sundays at 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 20 featuring Bel Aurora

Sunday, July 18 featuring Chamber Brews

Sunday, August 15 featuring UCelli

For free tickets visit: [www.ngsymphony.org](http://www.ngsymphony.org) or [www.robbinshunter.org](http://www.robbinshunter.org) or click the button below.

## Events with the Granville Public Library

Events will be held in the Robbins Hunter Garden

### Plant Swap

Saturday, June 5 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM

### Story Telling

Weekly from June 8 - July 29

Babies: Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

Toddlers: Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Preschool: Thursdays at 10:00 AM

### Twilight Tale

Thursday, July 8 from 7:00 - 7:30 PM

### Parachute Games for Preschoolers

Friday, July 9 from 10:00 - 10:30 AM

**Granville Public Library**

## Executive Director's Note

By Sarah Straley Hottle

We have a lot to celebrate as winter turns to spring and the world blossoms once again. Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual spring fundraiser, *Celebrating Daffodils!* We reached our fundraising goal and had a fun mix of in-person and virtual events to keep our community safe and our members participating in ways that made everyone feel comfortable.

Anyone who has ever put on a big event knows there are many stories within stories, and the staff, Board and volunteers who helped to create this event magic can certainly share their stories. Some of my highlights include: Reaching our fundraising goal of \$10,000, bringing my best friends to the Octagon Room for the Live Virtual Auction, hearing Debra Knapke's plant knowledge, the children read their poetry and the 1500 Trees dedication, picking daffodils with Chloe Dickson and Andrew Heminger at Jill Griesse's former garden, and finally giving Darcy Warden a high five for all of her amazing work (we never even shook hands this past year).



As the daffodils began their yellow dance, the museum reopened in early April. We welcome you and your summer



guests for a small group tour, **Wednesdays – Saturdays, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, or by appointment** . It is delightful to have the docents back! Sharon Bafford gives tours on Wednesdays, Mary Lou Petro on Thursdays and guests can schedule a tour with Tracey Fleitz or Becky Dungan by appointment. Our docent extraordinaire, Becky Dungan, has begun a docent training, and we welcome our members and guests to become docents! If you love Granville, architecture, and/or history, please consider joining our small team of docents to share your passion about this beautiful place with the greater community.

We have some summer fun planned, so please mark your calendar: **Music 4U! – June 20, July 18, & August 15, from 7 - 8 pm**, as we are partnering with the Newark-Granville

Symphony Orchestra to bring you some live orchestral music from our garden folly. This event series is free and open to the public, we simply ask that you [register online](#), because we have limited seating due to social distancing. We are also collaborating with the Granville Public Library and have a **Plant Swap** coming up on **June 5, 10 am – 11 am** , and some children’s story times, this June and July. See their event calendar here: <https://www.granvillelibrary.org/calendar/month>

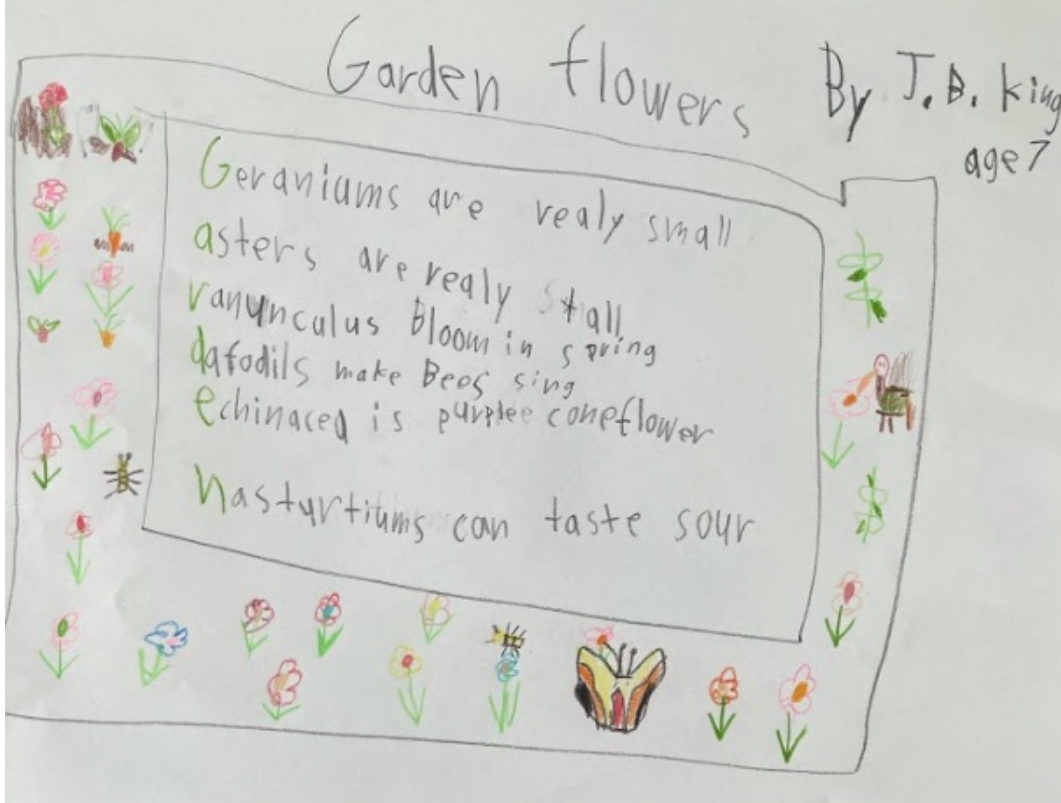
Finally, it is with great need, that I alert you of our continued fundraising for our gutter repairs. This past year we gratefully received \$3,551 from the Granville Community Foundation and an additional \$1,800 from some generous donors during our Annual Fundraiser to put toward our gutter repairs. The proposed cost was \$15,000; however with increased costs for materials and the contract worker shortage, we are anticipating an increased price tag. We hope to begin the project this summer, starting with the east side of the building, and will continue until completion later this fall. If you have not contributed to this maintenance cost or can give again, please help us reach our fundraising goal of \$10,000, and make a donation to this repair. It takes a village to keep a historic house museum looking good for future generations! [Click here](#) to be taken to the donation page online or send a check to: Robbins Hunter Museum, PO Box 183, Granville, 43023.



As spring turns to summer, we hope to see you at the museum more and more! The gardens are in their glory, and worth a quick peak even if it’s just for a short walk through. This pandemic has shown us that we need each other and we hope to see you again soon!

## *Celebrating Daffodils Poetry*

Our first ever poetry contest was one of the highlights of *Celebrating Daffodils*.  
Check out some of the poems and poets in the photos below!



**Volunteer Spotlight**



We are excited to introduce Michael and Adrienne Rozell along with their son, Henry. They have been an incredible addition to our volunteers--with Adrienne volunteering in the gardens, and Michael donating his art to our spring auction. We are grateful for their generosity and delighted to have new friends! Get to know them below.

**How long have you lived in Granville?**

*Since September of 2017, so going on 4 years now!*

**When did you first come across the Robbins Hunter Museum?**

*We drove by and admired the gardens and other museum activities since we moved here to Granville but had not visited until this year!*

**What attracts you to volunteer at the museum?**

*Beautifying the gardens for the community, it's a peaceful place for all to enjoy. Also, interacting with the nice folks associated with the museum is a plus too 😊*

**What would you love to see more of in the museum and Granville overall?**

*More community activities, whether geared towards kids or all ages! Maybe an art show, food truck day, or any type of fun fundraiser.*

**Any pro tips on how to make gorgeous art?**

*Keep a notebook, you never know when an idea will come, so make sure to document it! Also, go with the flow and your gut when creating art, each piece is unique and always a different journey. That's what makes art, art.*

**What about favorite flowers for the garden?**

*The daffodils for sure. From largest to the smallest, they're all so special.*

If you had the past year to live all over again, what would you do differently?

*Be outside more!*

**Where can the museum community hope to run into you again?**

*Either at RHM on Sundays or at RVP or Wildwood for our son's youth sports.*

# What's Growing in the Garden Roses and More!



Late May and early June is truly a spectacular time in the Jill Griesse Historic Gardens. The beds are awash in gorgeous purples, pinks, and every variation in between. The Museum's columbine (*Aquilegia*) is in full bloom, from the deep purple ones by the west entrance, to the cream and red ones in the front beds (these are native to Ohio), and to a wonderful double pink on the west side of the front gardens. The iris (*Germanicus*) in the front beds are

standing tall in purple and peach. The statue of the Lady is surrounded by purple Dutch Iris (*Hollandica*). Also in the Lady's Garden, our "tame" wisteria is in full bloom.

Not enough for you? The spectacular Beauty Bush (located on the east side of the front garden is in bloom. This huge example of *Linnaea amabilis* was originally a cutting donated by a Granville Garden Club member.

The four old fashioned roses in the front bed represent roses that would have been available in 1842, when the Avery-Downer house was completed. Note the wicked thorns (hybridized out of most modern roses), and the simplicity of the blossoms. But then lean in and smell their heady fragrance. In the fall, these roses form prominent orange colored hips, which would have been used to make jelly because they are full of vitamin C.

The Granville Rose lives in the parking lot area, between Alfie's, the Lady's Garden, and the Museum. Originally planted by Robbins Hunter, Jr., it is filled with buds ready to burst forth into bloom within the next two weeks. This is a glorious event each year for the Museum. What is the Granville Rose? The original rootstock was brought with settlers of the village on their long journey from Granville, Massachusetts. Only a few examples are still extant in the village, ours and that at the Granville Historical Society, and a few propagated from them in private hands.



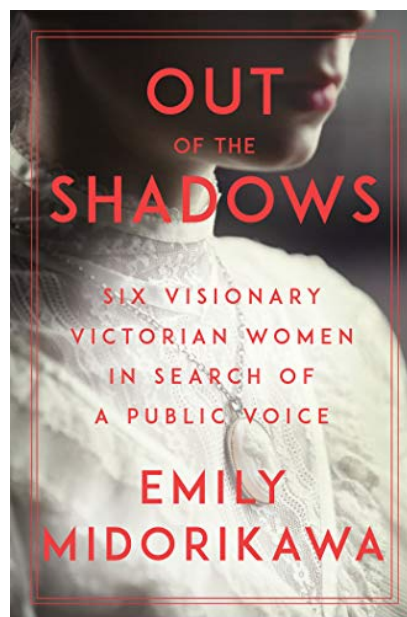
The Granville Rose is a tough, hardy, and very old-fashioned rose. Unlike her old-fashioned cousins in the front of the museum, she is an avid climber and needs severe cutting back and thinning of dead wood (a daunting task because this rose has thorns that bite!). She blooms once a year, and all at once, with magnificent pink blooms that have a heady, and almost overwhelming fragrance. While walking to the Library or to Elm Street using the alley, stop in the parking lot and visit a true Granville Grand Dame. You won't regret it.



## Summer Reading: Out of the Shadows

Here is a MUST-READ for your summer vacations or relaxing moments in the shade. Emily Midorikawa's newly released *Out of the Shadows: Six Visionary Victorian Women in Search of a Public Voice* is a beautifully written journey through the lives of 19th century women who sought public voice by harnessing the power of spirits. In a world where the voices of women were suppressed, spiritualism afforded women an avenue to be heard because- initially, anyway- it wasn't THEIR voices they were imparting.

Our own Victoria Woodhull is one of those women whom Emily examines. Board members Christina Gray and Judith Dann collaborated with her across "the pond" (Emily lives in London) on this section of the book, offering her a good deal of the research they have gathered. Emily has graciously acknowledged them as well as the Robbins Hunter Museum in the book, so our recognition is ever widening!! This book has been reviewed by the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. Don't miss a tremendous read that includes one of our local heroes!!



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## Private Events

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### Join or Renew Membership Now!

Our 2021 members will receive:

- A 10% discount at *Alfie's Wholesome Food*, located in the Museum's Counting House
- A 10% discount at *Just WRITE*, located in the Museum's Woodshed
- Free or reduced admission to hundreds of museums around the country through a reciprocal agreement with Time Travelers (information on our website)
- A subscription to our quarterly newsletter *221 Broadway East*
- Invitations to members-only special exhibition previews and events
- Free or discounted tickets to RHM programs and events
- 20% off event rentals at the museum



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