



**BROOKLYN  
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**BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ESTABLISHES THE GINA INGOGLIA WEINER  
EXHIBITION FUND**

*Matching fund, named for beloved trustee, supports the institution's growing exhibition program*

October 27, Brooklyn, NY— Gina Ingoglia Weiner served on the Brooklyn Historical Society's Board of Trustees with passion and dedication from 1990 to 2015. In honor of her memory, a gallery space has been named after her and the Gina Ingoglia Weiner Exhibition Fund has been established to support future exhibitions in that gallery. The Weiner family has generously offered a matching gift challenge for the exhibition fund. Gifts received through June 30, 2016 will be matched up to \$25,000.

Gina was known throughout Brooklyn and beyond for her devotion to numerous organizations – Brooklyn Historical Society, Prospect Park Alliance, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the NY League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, the Historic House Trust, and The Acting Company among them – but first and foremost, she was an accomplished author, artist and landscape designer. She published over 80 children's books, her botanical paintings were exhibited in the United States and Europe, and she designed gardens throughout New York and New England. She wrote and illustrated "The Tree Book for Kids and Their Grown-Ups," which won the Garden Writers Association Gold Award for illustration, and she served as garden adviser to the Mount Vernon Hotel and Museum.

BHS's exhibitions span wide-ranging topics that delve into varying aspects of both Brooklyn history, and issues of city-wide concern and interest. Currently on view in the Gina Ingoglia Weiner Gallery, *Personal Correspondents: Photography and Letter Writing in Civil War Brooklyn* examines how Brooklynites remembered and communicated with each other, and how they chronicled the war on the home front and the battlefield. *Brooklyn Abolitionists/In Pursuit of Freedom* explores the unsung heroes of Brooklyn's anti-slavery movement – ordinary residents, black and white – who shaped their neighborhoods, city and nation with a revolutionary vision of freedom and equality. Other exhibitions touch upon Brooklyn's sports history, municipal infrastructure, and social movements.

The Gina Ingoglia Weiner Fund will ensure that her extraordinary devotion to the Brooklyn Historical Society and to Brooklyn and her remarkable artistic vision are celebrated in perpetuity through the ongoing exhibitions

that highlight the borough where she lived and raised her family. Contributions to the Gina Ingoglia Weiner Exhibition Fund can be made at any time, in any amount.

**About Brooklyn Historical Society**

Founded in 1863, Brooklyn Historical Society is a nationally recognized urban history center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's extraordinary 400-year history. Located in Brooklyn Heights and housed in a magnificent landmark building designed by George Post and opened in 1881, today's BHS is a cultural hub for civic dialogue, thoughtful engagement and community outreach.

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