

A Perfect Night for a Garden Party

A perfect June evening was the backdrop for the Foundation's first ever Summer Solstice Garden Party in Bushnell Park. The event, created to be the Foundation's signature event

Dessert Contest. Each guest was provided a ballot and urged to sample wonderful desserts provided by Hot Tomato's, Vito's by the Park, Vaughan's Public House and Agave.



Event co-chair Jennifer DiBella (right) works the registration table with Breen and Kelley.

for years to come, was an unqualified success with over 200 friends celebrating the beauty and history of the Park while enjoying an evening of food, drink and jazz.

One of the highlights of the evening was the "Best of Bushnell Park"

Foundation President Caren Kittredge presents "Best of Bushnell Park" Dessert Trophy to Vaughan's/Agave's Iris McNamara.



While the true winners may have been those of us lucky enough to sample these treats, the "Bernie's Famous Cheesecake" entered by Vaughan's and Agave took the trophy for first place.

The Summer Solstice Garden Party also served as the unveiling for Hartford artist Jeanne Manzelli's limited edition



Mayor Eddie Perez welcomes guests to the Summer Solstice Garden Party.

gicles of Bushnell Park in 1915. These American impressionist pieces were taken from a pediment mural that Jeanne created in her West End home.

Special recognition must go to event co-chairs Robin Rowe and Jennifer DiBella who took a good idea and made it a special evening. Please mark your calendars now for next year's event, which will again be held on the summer solstice, June 21.

Board member Dennis House emcees the awards ceremony.



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