All Hallows Guild was founded in 1916, by Florence Brown Bratenahl, to provide for the care and beautification of the gardens and grounds of Washington National Cathedral. The Guild raises funds to accomplish this mission though membership dues and donations as well as through its fundraising activities – Flower Mart, the Tea and Tour program, Herb Cottage Gift sales, and other special events throughout the year.

As we began our second century, the Guild worked with the Cathedral’s Horticulture staff on the following projects:

- Completion of new Shadow house garden and installation of the Pan statue on a base inscribed by the Cathedral's own stone carvers, in memory of Rowan LeCompte from his family.

- Repairing and repointing of the Carderock stones of Shadow House, designed by Cathedral Architect Philip Frohman. The stones were originally part of “Red Top,” the summer residence of Grover Cleveland.

- Designing and planting the new Hardwick Grove garden, behind National Cathedral School’s Hearst Hall, following the stonework installed by NCS. The new plantings join the crape myrtles the Guild furnished two years ago and are planted in NCS colors of purple and gold.

- Demolition, redesign, and planting of the extensive Pilgrim Road bed. This bed had been overgrown and infested with difficult weeds that could not be separated from the desirable plants. Much soil was removed to clean it up. Existing trees were saved and augmented with new trees (redbud and cherry), shrubs (viburnum and hydrangea) and many lower plants planned to bloom for three seasons.
• The Guild has spent tens of thousands of dollars on tree work, including pruning and removals requiring cranes, for every area of the Close.

• Garden docents have led 16 garden tours, including four as part of the Tea and Tour program.

• The new steppingstone path, reached from Pilgrim Road via the Aquia Stone steps (moved from another location on the bank) has been completed with plantings adjacent. Creeping thyme has been set between the stones.

• All Hal lows Guild furnished five cherry trees that have been planted in Curran Courtyard at National Cathedral School.

• The Guild paid the salaries of three university horticulture interns who worked with our staff during the summer, learning from our environment and providing helping hands and fresh viewpoints during the grueling summer months.

• Demolition has begun to remove old plantings at the edge of the Olmsted Woods and the St. Alban's School service road. The new plantings will provide a more attractive boundary using native plants. Planting will be completed this fall.

• The Guild has engaged engineers and architects and has been working with the team on a preliminary design for a replacement for the Woodlands Bridge. The existing bridge in the Olmsted Woods has been closed since 2012.