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Beauty in the Bronx a Winner!

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum places 4th in popular vote – wins \$155,000 to restore gardens

New York, NY -- The Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum in the north Bronx finished fourth in the Partners in Preservation popular vote competition, ensuring its award of a grant to restore its historic gardens.

Over the past 26 days, 40 New York City sites – including such household names as the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum and the Apollo Theater – competed for \$3 million in grant money to be awarded by Partners in Preservation, a partnership between American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

“For us to be selected as one of the Partners in Preservation sites was an achievement and an honor,” says Bartow-Pell Conservancy President Catherine Campbell Scinta. “And to compete with much larger and better known institutions – and win - is amazing! We really are ‘the little museum that could’.”

The four top winners of the online vote automatically receive their full grant request. Bartow-Pell’s request for a \$155,000 grant is a significant amount to the museum, representing roughly half of its annual operating budget.

“We are deeply indebted to our Board, our members and our supporters who worked so hard to help us win,” says Ellen Bruzelius, the site’s executive director. “The grant will help us restore the historic Delano and Aldrich-designed terraced gardens, the Pell family cemetery, and the chestnut tree allée that leads down to it – but the best news is that the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum family has more than doubled in the process.”

Bartow-Pell, both a New York City and National Landmark, is one of the most beautifully situated historic houses in the city. It welcomes thousands of visitors annually for guided and group tours of its elegant mansion, formal gardens, and woodland trails.

Bartow-Pell is located at 895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, New York. For more information and directions, see www.bpmm.org or www.beautyinthebronx.org.