



***A Beloved Friend
Who Will Be Long Missed***

Most knew Carole as the hard working, tenacious activist who served on the Lefferts Manor Association Board for years and ran our house tour. Above all she was a good friend on a personal level and to our neighborhood.

She was a founding member of the Prospect Park East Network attending endless meetings and taking part in demonstrations at City Hall. Looking back on how sick she was, the cost must have been great. I am so glad that the house tour will be in her honor this year and know it will take many to do her work. We are counting on her friends and neighbors to step up to the plate and offer their houses and volunteer to help.

— **Jackie Meyers**

An eight-year resident of Rutland I and member of the 2015 House Tour Committee

***A Short Acquaintance,
But a Lasting Memory***

My experience with Carole Schaffer was short given that I am a newcomer to the neighborhood, both as a resident and a business owner. I moved to PLG in 2008 and opened my café in May 2013. Soon after the opening Carole introduced herself and told me about the PLG House & Garden Tour.

At the time, I knew nothing of the

tour, but quickly became aware of this fantastic and community-oriented tradition, and that she steered it.

On tour day, the front of my café was filled with excited and spirited tour participants. The energy was felt throughout the café. It was a pleasure to be included in this neighborhood tradition.

However, it was my ongoing interaction with Carole that I will remember the most.

I spoke with her often when she was in my café. She was always kind, energetic, and fully engaged in our conversations. Sometimes I felt as if we were the only two people in the place. Her favorite menu item was the grilled portobello mushroom sandwich. Her energy and spirit at the time were so great that I was shocked and saddened when I heard the news of her passing.

I miss seeing her in my café. I will miss working with her during the PLG House & Garden Tour.

— **Eric McIntyre**

*Co-owner of Tip of the Tongue Café,
Baked and Brewed*



***Carole Was Persistent
But Charming***

Shortly after we moved into our home, we were working in the garden and a nice lady stopped by and introduced herself. “Hi I’m Carole Schaffer,” she said. We chatted for a while then she noted, “your garden is looking

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great and I know your house is lovely because I’ve seen it many times. Would you put your house on tour?” We didn’t that year but she kept asking until we did. That was Carole Schaffer. She was a lovely and dedicated member of our community.

— **Bette Cunningham**

Member of the 2015 House Tour Committee and two-time participant

***For Carole and for Us,
The House Tour Must Go On***

Originally the house tour was a mechanism to introduce this small unknown neighborhood on the “other side” of the Park to the rest of brownstone Brooklyn. That goal has been met. But in the process the house

tour became not only a source of pride in our community, but a way to build community.

Tour Day was always an opportunity to reflect on the unique qualities of our neighborhood, and I’ve heard people say “I feel like I’m living on Sesame Street, only grown up!” or “It’s like living in Mayberry—but more sophisticated.”

Carole’s special expertise was getting houses for the tour. People responded to her. There were nail-biting years and last minute disappointments, but Carole always put a house tour together and it was a way for us—new neighbors and old—to come together. We all benefited.

We owe it to ourselves, as well as to Carole, to go forward with this signature event of our community. And we will!

We deeply miss Carole, who was both the motor and the oil of the house tour machinery. But it is to honor her and continue her vision that we need to come together once again to produce a vibrant tour.

— **Mary Miller**

LMA Board Member and member of the 2015 House Tour Committee