

Evening in the Park a moment of high style for conservancy

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The invitation to the [Hermann Park Conservancy](#) "Evening in the Park" might have initially thrown guests with its "Palm Beach Summer Whites" fashion dictate. But once they put their minds to it, park supporters climbed aboard the style train just as they hopped into cars on the Hermann Park Railroad Thursday night for the scenic ride from valet parking to the party tent.

The resulting tableau was a vision of white linens, silks and cottons — mixed with splashes of color — as guests sipped cocktails on the plaza at the foot of the Hermann Park reflection pool. It is an always-popular dinner evening despite the vagaries of Houston weather.

Thursday's steamy humidity was somewhat diminished by a light breeze. Good news for chairs **Anne** and **Noble Carl** and his parents **Lucy** and **William Carl**. (Previous "Evening in the Park" chairs **Cherie Flores** and **Kara** and **Ray Childress** couldn't help but recall the year that they chaired the benefit and it stormed with lightning, wind and oceans of rain.)

An exuberant **Peter Brown**, former city councilman and mayoral candidate, was honored for his support of the park and his civic leadership. In remarks, referencing the late George Hermann, who gifted the city with the land in 1914, Brown pronounced, "By George, I think we've got it!" He praised the 445-acre green space as Houston's Central Park, "a wonderful, enchanting place." Receiving special mention was his wife **Anne Brown**, a generous benefactor of the park.

In addition to the traditional pre-dinner schmoozing, entertainment included informal modeling of spring fashions from designer **Devi Kroell**, brought in by Saks Fifth Avenue. The lean and lanky models perched on the edge of the reflection pool and strolled through the crowd that was very well-dressed in its own right.

Dressed as smartly as if they had a stylist on contract were **Ann** and **Don Short**, **George Lancaster**, **Jana** and **Scotty Arnoldy**, **Nancy Golden**, **Phoebe** and **Bobby Tudor**, **Susan** and **Dick Hansen**, **Lora** and Dr. **John Clemmons** and **Kim** and **Dan Tutcher**.

This party scene is always packed with notables including those on the host committee — **Susie** and **Sanford Criner**, **Alicia** and **Lance Smith**, **Sheridan** and **John Eddie Williams**, **Jennifer** and **Lance Gilliam**, **Kimberly** and **Frank DeLape**, **Kate** and **Steve Gibson**, **Kim** and **Dan Moody**, **Lorraine** and **Ed Wulfe**, **Bill Caudell** and **Randy Powers** and **Doreen Stoller**, conservancy executive director.

The evening concluded for these and all 400 guests with dessert and dancing on the plaza to the sounds of the [Richard Brown Orchestra](#).



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Stewart Morris contributed his antique carriages and a handful of horses to the party scene.



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Saks Fifth Avenue models enticed with spring fashions.