

Franklin Summer Urban Program visits Garden

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Founding and former Board Member Betty Borghesani welcomed 25 middle school age boys and girls from the Franklin Summer Urban Program to the Garden on a hot hot day in July. The group is sponsored by Phillips Brooks House at Harvard University which receives funding through *In Anne's Spirit*, a foundation created in memory of Betty's daughter. For the past several years this group has visited the Garden. For some of the campers, this was a repeat trip, for others their first. They were very interested in who is included in the Garden, how it came to be. They noted ages and names of victims, including the one child who died on the day he was born. Some of the campers did rubbings of the stones.

After walking through and experiencing the Garden, Betty and the students found a cool spot on the floor in a corner of the indoor lobby for a discussion of the meaning of the Garden and how the different parts stand for grief, anger, and remembering. Given the 98-degree temp, it was wonderful, especially for the campers to cool down before they headed back to Dorchester on the subway.

