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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my delight that you have made contact with Karen De Mauro and may be working with her.

The North Shore Land Alliance is a land trust formed to protect open spaces on the north shore of western Long Island. Education of our community is a substantial part of our mission, and Karen's storytelling programs are an integral component of communicating about the importance of preserving nature to enhancing our quality of life.

Karen is a masterful storyteller with a lifetime of experience that is evident in the programs she leads at our John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden in Mill Neck, NY (near Oyster Bay). These highly interactive events ensure that everyone is involved and always include physical activity. Karen's love of nature and understanding of the historical and cultural context of the Garden and the world shine through each moment of the programs, as she establishes a connection with every participant.

Karen's program last fall was an exceptional treasure, because it took place at a time when our community was reeling from the pandemic and sought refuge and solace outdoors in nature. I feel strongly that her storytelling and guidance in enticing participants to share their stories helped them substantially along their journeys of healing.

Your organization and your community will benefit greatly from creating a venue for Karen De Mauro to interact with its members through stories, walks and reflective moments.

Sincerely,

Jane Jackson
Director of Stewardship

