

MARIEMONT'S SISTER CITY

Mariemont has a beautiful English sister. On Mariemont's 88th birthday, April 23 2011, Mayor Dan Policastro signed a proclamation establishing a sister-city relationship with Hampstead Garden Suburb (HGS) near London.

The Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) had initially approached the Mayor with the idea of a sister-city relationship with an English planned community after having a Sister City Committee study the possibility. Several planned communities in the United Kingdom were considered and HGS was chosen because of its parallels to Mariemont.

HGS and Mariemont are both planned towns founded by socially-conscious women in the early 20th century. Their founders, Henrietta Barnett and Mary Emery, wanted to provide good housing for people of modest means. HGS was laid out 20 years prior to Mariemont by the prominent town planner Sir Raymond Unwin, and served as an inspiration to John Nolen and Mariemont's plan. Both towns employ the Georgian Revival style, have tree-lined streets with a central square, and are considered "Garden City Suburb" communities that exemplify outstanding town planning principles. Both are also within easy commuting distance to major cities.