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LONGUE VUE ANNOUNCES GENERATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN PRESERVATION

NEW ORLEANS, LA – December 29, 2025 – [Longue Vue House and Gardens](#), a National Historic Landmark and masterpiece of 20th-century design luminary Ellen Shipman, announces transformational investments in historic preservation through two recent actions: the acquisition of 5 Bamboo Road, adjacent to Longue Vue, and the creation of a restricted Preservation Fund.

In 1921, newlyweds Edith and Edgar Stern acquired two lots at the edge of New Orleans, with a shared view across the New Orleans Country Club golf course. Over the next few decades, they added several additional parcels, working with celebrity landscape architect Ellen Shipman to create one of the 20th century's greatest garden estates. With each addition and enhancement, the Sterns found new ways to activate their property in service to community, ultimately bequeathing the full estate to become a public nonprofit museum in 1980. The 2025 **acquisition of 5 Bamboo Road** is the next step in this legacy.

The **Preservation Fund**, seeded by reserves established by the Stern family, is an initiative by the board of directors to ensure long-term historic preservation of Shipman's key design elements at Longue Vue. The goal for the Preservation Fund is \$5 million by 2030, the 50th anniversary of Longue Vue. Contact Baty Landis (sblandis@longuevue.com) with inquiries about this fund or make a donation [here](#).

"Protecting the historic integrity of Ellen Shipman's gardens and holistic site plan, including her rare interior designs in the main house, is our top responsibility," says Landis, executive director at Longue Vue since 2019. "These new generational investments in preservation will ensure that the Longue Vue experience is intact and accessible for future generations of Louisiana locals and tourists, honoring the original vision of Edith and Edgar Stern."

The house at 5 Bamboo Road is historic in its own right: It was the home of renowned mid-century modern architect Arthur Davis, of Curtis and Davis Architects. Under Longue Vue's ownership, the structure will be protected from further alteration, meaning significant protection for an important piece of local design history.

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About Longue Vue House and Gardens:

Established in 1921 as a private residence and bequeathed in 1980 as a community space, Longue Vue today blends the educational opportunity of a history museum with the thoughtful design and community service of a public garden. Through environmental stewardship and public programming on our eight-acre, National Historic Landmark site, we honor the vision of our founders and further a mission “to preserve and share a legacy of design, community, and lifelong learning.”

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