

Norton gardens launches 'Think Big' campaign

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The Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens wants your vote to help it secure a share of \$2 million being offered by Partners in Preservation, a joint effort of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, American Express and National Geographic.

Money will be awarded to sites that receive the most online votes through Oct. 29. Ann Norton was one of only 20 sites chosen nationwide and the only one in Florida to participate in the 2019 Partners in Preservation: Main Streets campaign, according to a news release.

Ann Norton kicked off its Think Big campaign Tuesday at its West Palm site, 253 Barcelona Road, in its bid to garner votes for a share of the money.

Ann Norton Chief Executive Officer Cynthia Kanai said this year Partners in Preservation opted to focus on historic places that

celebrate the contribution of women to honor the upcoming 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote in 1920.

The Ann Norton has applied for \$150,000 to match a grant the organization secured to restore founder Ann Norton's studio, which is on site. The money will be used to restore its window and doors, the release said.

To support the Ann Norton, members of the public can go to www.VoteYourMainStreet.org/WestPalmBeach or text MAINSTREET to 52886 (charges may apply). Each person can cast up to five votes daily for the sculpture gardens.

Kenai also announced that the Ann Norton will kick off its season with a free community open house Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature refreshments and music as well as the chance for visitors to cast their votes in support of the Ann Norton.

