



The Anable Society

MRG established *The Anable Society* in memory of Gloria Anable and to honor those who have furthered the mission of the Mianus River Gorge.

Join The Anable Society

Gifts to *The Anable Society* help to secure the future of the Preserve and the quality of its surrounding watershed. You can join *The Anable Society* by making the following kinds of gifts to the Gorge valued at \$30,000 or higher:

- A will bequest
- A gift of land or a conservation easement
- A major gift toward the purchase of land or a conservation easement

Gloria Anable: Visionary and Pioneer

Gloria Anable (1901-1988) - scientist, explorer and conservationist - was one of the five original founders whose vision and indefatigable spirit guided the evolution of the Mianus River Gorge (MRG) for more than three decades.



When a 68-acre parcel in the middle of her beloved Mianus River Gorge was under threat of development, Gloria and other far-sighted neighbors rallied together in 1953 to make its purchase and designate it a wildlife preserve. Under Gloria's direction, and with your continued support, MRG is now comprised of over 938 acres, with another 195 acres under conservation easements.

“Land to Treasure and Understand”

As a natural scientist, Gloria Anable believed that understanding how humans impact natural systems was crucial to the effective management of our resources. Under Gloria's leadership MRG began surveying and categorizing our natural inventory to lay the groundwork for study and preservation. Today, we continue her work through innovative research-based education programs for high-school, undergraduate and graduate students aimed at developing forward-looking management strategies.

Perhaps you have been a generous supporter of MRG for many years, which shows you share Gloria's vision and passion. By joining the Anable Society, you can ensure that MRG will have the resources to continue what it does for generations to come.

The Challenge Ahead

Much work remains to be done. Human encroachment continues to threaten the Gorge and the surrounding watershed. In order for MRG to remain viable, we need to acquire more land, an increasingly expensive process. We also need to further our understanding of the ways human activities impact nature in suburban settings, adversely and positively. MRG must develop new strategies for dealing with man-made threats such as road runoff, invasive species, and wildlife populations thrown out of balance. Increasing our understanding of how best to manage our natural resources is vital as is the need to pass this knowledge on by training the next generation of natural scientists.



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When we first came to Mount Kisco in 1958, a resident professional naturalist, Stanley Grierson, led a group of us through the Gorge in spring. I remember that we went all the way to Havemeyer Falls at the head of the reservoir. We had no idea until then that such a beautiful wilderness existed here in Westchester County.

We lived in a small home in Mount Kisco and had fantasized about a second home in the forest of the Adirondacks. The Gorge gave us a new perspective. By sheer accident we found a property overlooking the southern end of the Gorge. We built a rustic contemporary house at the edge of a 100 foot cliff with this wonderful view, with the assurance that nothing could ever destroy that totally wild view.

The location has enabled us to appreciate the existing wildlife. Foxes, coyotes, many hawks, and even eagles have become part of our lives due to the proximity of the Gorge. Since the extreme deer population is now being brought under control, wildflowers that we saw there years ago are beginning to come back. We cherish what the Gorge has given us, and have decided to give something back by including the Gorge in our will. It has given us so much.

— Anneliese and Bernard Gastrich
Anable Society Members

To join The Anable Society by including MRG in your will, please name our organization as follows:

Mianus River Gorge, Inc., a New York State
not-for-profit corporation

Our tax identification number is: 13-3523329

Suggested wording for bequests:

I give to the Mianus River Gorge, Inc., a New York State not-for-profit corporation, the sum of \$ _____/(if a gift of property, provide description and details).

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you about joining
The Anable Society. Please contact:

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MRG is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization and, like all charitable organizations, is prohibited from giving financial, tax or legal advice. Please contact your advisor for answers about financial, tax or legal matters concerning membership in The Anable Society.



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*The mission of Mianus River Gorge, Inc., an independent, not-for-profit organization,
is to preserve, protect and promote appreciation of the natural heritage of the
Mianus River watershed through land acquisition and conservation,
scientific research and public education throughout the region.*



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***Join today... and leave a
legacy for future generations.***