

OUR MISSION

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation is committed to preserving, protecting and promoting in perpetuity the art, culture, history and natural beauty of Hartford's nationally-recognized Cedar Hill Cemetery. As advocates of one of America's most distinguished rural cemeteries, Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation serves to provide an unexpected experience to all who visit. Through continuous restoration and preservation of Cedar Hill's grounds, and through fundraising efforts, the Foundation actively ensures that the stories of history, nature and culture at Cedar Hill Cemetery are, and remain to be, alive and well.



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Support Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation

There is still time to support Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation for the 2016 fiscal year. There are several giving opportunities, including:

- Making an unrestricted gift that results in becoming a member of CHCF and taking advantage of membership benefits;
- Making a restricted contribution that supports a project of importance to you, such as the Tree or Monument Funds and/or
- Making a significant contribution (\$5,000 or more) that results in CHCF recognizing your contribution on the Remembrance Memorial alongside Lake Llyn Mawr.

Whether you have a loved one at Cedar Hill, or you enjoy experiencing the peace and tranquility that come with walking the grounds, or you value the importance of the art, culture and history, preserving

Cedar Hill enriches us all.

To support Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation, please send contributions to:

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation
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To restrict your contribution, please identify what your gift is restricted for on the memo line. Gifts made in memory of someone will be recognized in Cedar Hill's *Book of Remembrance* located in Northam Memorial Chapel.

Make your contribution by September 30th to support the Foundation's 2016 fiscal year and to be recognized in the Foundation's next annual report. Your support and generosity are sincerely appreciated. Together, we will preserve and protect Hartford's historic Cedar Hill Cemetery in perpetuity.



Lafayette Pike Monument
photo by Jeffrey Dutton

CONNECTIONS

Thank You for Tree Fund Support

With your support, Cedar Hill Cemetery has planted 80 trees in the past four years. As you may remember, the cemetery suffered tremendous losses as a result of the historic October 2011 snowstorm. Superintendent Bill Griswold, who has been on staff for over 50 years, noted that the damage to Cedar Hill was the “worst he had ever seen.”

Cedar Hill is enormously grateful for your support of the Tree Fund. Your generosity allows us to continue to balance the cemetery's natural and man-made features with trees specifically selected to adorn our historic landscape.

Art Hutchinson
Staff Horticulturist

The generosity of you, our Tree Fund donors, provided the resources Cedar Hill needed to purchase appropriate trees to plant throughout the cemetery. The Foundation was grateful to partner with Knox, a Hartford-based organization dedicated to building a green community, in 2012 and 2013. Knox's support enabled our horticultural staff to work with community volunteers to begin planting after the extensive storm cleanup.

Since then, your Tree Fund contributions have financed plantings along the entrance drive, the fence line on Section 15 and Inwood Pond between Sections 2 and 10. Your generous support will result in the planting of about a dozen trees this year primarily in the newer sections of the cemetery.



Cedar Hill horticultural staff Art Hutchinson & Don Williams plant a red oak tree along the entrance drive in December 2015.

We will also plant evergreen seedlings, including Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce and White Pine, in a nursery on the cemetery grounds. As the evergreens mature, some will be transplanted to specific cemetery sections and others will be maintained for use in creating holiday decorations. We look forward to sharing more about how your donations to the Foundation are put to work at Cedar Hill in future newsletters.



Knox staff and community volunteers plant a tree during our Arbor Day celebration in 2012.

Upcoming Tours & Events

Mark Twain's Companions & Cohorts
Saturday, July 9, 10:00 am

Artists of Cedar Hill
Thursday, July 14, 6:30 pm

Music Among the Memorials
The Professors of Sweet Sweet Music
Friday, July 22, 6:00 pm
(Rain Date: July 23)
Free for All

Barnstormers & Aviators
Saturday, July 23, 10:00 am

Hartford High Alumni
Saturday, July 30, 10:00 am

Sunset Notables Tour
Thursday, August 11, 6:30 pm

The Streets of Hartford
Saturday, August 13, 10:00 am

Hartford Landmarks & Legacy Tour
Saturday, August 20, 10:00 am

Movie Night: Holiday
Thursday, August 25, 7:30 pm
(Rain Date: August 26)

Mushroom Walk
Saturday, August 27, 10:00 am

Mystery Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, September 10, 10:00 am
Reservations Required - 860-956-3311

Civil War POW Walk
Saturday, October 1, 10:00 am

Angels Among Us
Saturday, October 15, 10:00 am

Program admission is \$5.00 or free for Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation members unless otherwise noted.

Music Among the Memorials - Free Concert in July



The Professors of Sweet Sweet Music at the top of the Soldiers and Sailors Arch in Bushnell Park

Surrounded by the cemetery's memorial grounds, Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation will present a free concert featuring the **Professors of Sweet Sweet Music** on Friday, July 22 at 6:00 pm.

Founded in 2013, the *Professors of Sweet Sweet Music* play a mix of covers from the *Grateful Dead* and Johnny Cash to *Sublime* and *Weezer* along with reggae and rock-influenced original music featuring the ukulele and guitar.

The four-piece band includes Tony Koos on mini double bass and ukulele, Ben Paden on percussion, Earl Henrichon on ukulele, rhythm guitar and lead vocals, and Jeremy Haddad on lead guitar.

A popular local band, the *Professors of Sweet Sweet Music* have performed their combination of rock, alternative folk and reggae music at numerous Hartford establishments including Infinity Music Hall, Peppercorns, Hook and Ladder and Black Eyed Sally's and in Bushnell Park as part of Envisionfest Hartford (2015).

Music Among the Memorials will be held Friday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. on the lawn between the community mausoleums. The rain date is Saturday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m. Bring blankets, chairs and picnic dinners for a musical evening to remember.

This free concert is made possible through the generous support of the **Evelyn W. Preston Memorial Trust Fund, Bank of America, N. A., Trustee.**

We are very grateful to the Preston Fund who has supported *Music Among the Memorials* for the past four years.

Evelyn W. Preston (1867-1955), who now resides at Cedar Hill, established the fund to support free concerts in Hartford during the months of June, July, August and September. The fund, first noted in Evelyn's father Maj. Edward V. Preston's will, graciously supports concerts at venues throughout the city.



The Professors of Sweet Sweet Music have performed at numerous venues in Hartford.

We Invite you to Visit our Website

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation's website, www.cedarhillfoundation.org, is a wonderful resource highlighting the cemetery's impressive history, art, natural beauty and more. You can learn about notable residents as well as our fundraising efforts and upcoming tours and events while perusing the site.

The Foundation continually updates the site and is especially delighted to share our recent monument research through its pages. Located under the Photo Gallery, we added a **Notable Monuments** section featuring historical information and photographs of some of our most memorable monuments. Currently 10 monuments are included, but we plan to add more over time.

Cedar Hill's impressive monuments commemorate the lives of those buried here and in particular the markers located in the historic sections are creative expressions of Victorian funerary art. Many were designed and executed by

noted artists and architects, reflecting the wealth and status of the city of Hartford and those who chose to be buried in its new fashionable cemetery.

Monuments featured on the website include: Beach, Boardman, Brownell, Colt, Heublein, Howard, Jewell, Keney, Stedman and Wells. We invite you to learn more about our monuments by checking out our website.

The Boardman Monument, made of Westerly granite, is the work of Carl Conrads & New England Granite Works. The monument features a female figure holding an anchor, an ancient symbol of hope. One of the seven virtues, Hope is one of the most common human forms found in cemeteries.

In 1878 the *Hartford Courant* remarked the statue is "not only graceful in outline but is wonderfully expressive, the drapery managed with rare skill and the attitude marked by dignity and repose, the whole study evincing much care and thought."



The Boardman Monument on Section 1 (photo by Jeffrey Dutton)

Movie Under the Stars at Cedar Hill

Join us for Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation's *Movie Night* in August. In honor of Cedar Hill resident Katharine Hepburn, we will be showing *Holiday* (1938), co-starring Hepburn and Cary Grant on Thursday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m. (raindate Friday, August 26).

In this romantic comedy, a young man (Grant) falls in love with a girl (Doris Nolan) from a wealthy family. His unusual plan to go on an extended holiday for the early years of his life is met with skepticism by everyone except for his fiancée's eccentric sister (Hepburn) and long-suffering brother (Lew Ayres). Well-received by critics, *Holiday* is the third of four films starring Hepburn and Grant.

An interesting note, the Hepburn-Grant *Holiday* was the second film made based on the Broadway play of the same name. The first movie, also called *Holiday*, premiered in 1930 and starred another Cedar Hill resident, Robert Ames, as Johnny (Grant's role).

The movie will be shown on an outdoor

screen on the sprawling lawn between the community mausoleums. Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy the show.

Admission is \$5.00 per person & free for Foundation members. Free popcorn while supplies last.



Katharine Hepburn & Cary Grant in *Holiday*

Mount Auburn Bus Trip

Thank you for the enthusiastic response to the Mount Auburn Bus Trip in September. Many of you have already signed up to participate, but there are a few spots remaining.



The Washington Tower, erected between 1852 and 1854, is a popular attraction at Mount Auburn. Named for the president, the structure stands 62 feet tall and was modeled after the round towers of feudal ages.

The trip on Saturday, September 17 includes a 90-minute walking tour of Mount Auburn Cemetery, lunch at Maggiano's Restaurant, and a one-hour Charles River Boat Cruise.

Founded in 1831, Mount Auburn is the country's first landscaped "garden" cemetery. Highlighting the history of the cemetery along with notable monuments and residents, the guided tour will provide a wonderful overview of this important landscape.

The bus will depart from the Wethersfield Commuter Lot (Wolcott Hill Road) at 8:00 am and we estimate we will return at 7:30 pm. The cost per person is \$105/member and \$115/non-member. Reservations and payment are required by August 17, 2016.

For more information or to make reservations contact Beverly Lucas at (860) 956-3311 or blucas@cedarhillcemetery.org.

Upcoming Tours & Events Cont.

Hallowed History Lantern Tour

Friday, October 28, 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Admission: \$15.00

Reservations Required - 860-956-3311

To view Cedar Hill's complete tours and events calendar, visit cedarhillfoundation.org.

On Facebook?

Become a Fan of Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation and receive updates about upcoming events as well as other "happenings" at Cedar Hill Cemetery.



Angels (and other allegorical figures) will be the topic of a new tour to be held on Saturday, October 15. Foundation Director Beverly Lucas will highlight figural monuments at Cedar Hill during the *Angels Among Us* tour.

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation would like to thank the

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