

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

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our **Annual Giving Campaign** thus far. Your generosity supports our efforts to preserve, protect and promote our nationally-recognized cemetery.

There is still time to support the Foundation for the 2017 fiscal year. Giving opportunities include:

- Making an unrestricted gift that results in becoming a member of CHCF;
- Making a restricted contribution that supports a project of importance to you, such as the Tree or Monument Funds;
- Making a significant contribution (\$5,000 or more) that results in CHCF recognizing your contribution on the Remembrance Memorial; and/or
- Making a charitable gift through planned giving that results in recognition as a member of our Legacy Society.

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

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation
453 Fairfield Avenue
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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.

Contributions made by September 30th will be recognized in the Foundation's next Annual Report.

By engaging in our educational opportunities and preservation endeavors, you are ensuring Cedar Hill remains an inspiring landscape to remember and celebrate loved ones and to experience Connecticut history and culture.



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CONNECTIONS

Thank You to our Funders

Thank you to the Ensworth Charitable Foundation, Evelyn W. Preston Memorial Trust Fund, and the George A. & Grace L. Long Foundation for their support of our educational mission. All three Foundations, which provide competitive grants to Hartford-area nonprofits, were created by generous benefactors who now reside at Cedar Hill.

Antoinette L. Ensworth established the **Ensworth Charitable Foundation** in 1948 to support a variety of activities including art and cultural programming. Miss Ensworth served as president and treasurer of L.L. Ensworth and Son, one of the oldest hardware firms in the country.

Created in 1960, the **George A. & Grace L. Long Foundation** promotes quality educational, cultural, human services, and health care programming in Connecticut. George Long was president of the Gray Pay Telephone Company in Hartford, which manufactured the first pay telephones in the United States.

In 1921, Civil War veteran and Travelers executive Maj. Edward V. Preston bequeathed money to establish the **Evelyn W. Preston Memorial Trust Fund**, named in honor of his daughter. Augmenting the initial gift with her own substantial bequest, Miss Preston wished to support free summer concerts in Hartford.

We are enormously grateful for the support of these three Foundations. Grant funding enables us to offer creative programming showcasing Cedar Hill's

art, history and natural beauty.

We invite you to learn more about our historic cemetery by joining us for a tour or event. This newsletter highlights many of the activities we have planned for the season.



Top to bottom:
The Preston, Long & Ensworth
monuments at Cedar Hill.

Upcoming Tours & Events

Mark Twain's Civil War
Saturday, July 8, 10:00 am

Angels Among Us
Thursday, July 13, 6:30 pm

Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour
Wednesday, July 19, 10:00 am

**Sam & Elizabeth's World –
The Colts at Cedar Hill**
Saturday, July 22, 10:00 am

Church of Good Shepherd Tour
Saturday, July 22, 1:00 pm

Music Among the Memorials
Friday, July 28, 6:00 pm
(Rain Date: Saturday, July 29, 6:00 pm)
Free for All

Civil War POWs
Saturday, July 29, 10:00 am

Sunset Notables Tour
Thursday, August 10, 6:30 pm

Stories in Stone
Saturday, August 12, 10:00 am

Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour
Wednesday, August 16, 10:00 am

Movie Night: Stage Door
Thursday, August 24, 7:30 pm
(Rain Date: Friday, August 25, 7:30 pm)

Mushroom Walk
Saturday, August 26, 10:00 am

Mystery Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, September 9, 10:00 am
Reservations Required - (860) 956-3311

Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour
Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 am

We Invite you to Attend one of our Programs

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation shares the art, history and natural beauty of our cemetery with visitors through a variety of activities including nature walks, thematic tours, concert, movie and more. We are delighted to be offering several new thematic walks highlighting our rich historic and artistic resources this season.

On July 22, we will present **Sam & Elizabeth's World**. Elizabeth Colt erected the first major monument at Cedar Hill, one of her many efforts to commemorate her husband's legacy in Connecticut's capital city. This new tour, which begins at the Colt Monument on Section 2 at 10:00 am, will introduce you to Colt family members as well as friends and associates of this influential couple.

In the afternoon of July 22, you are invited to visit the **Church of Good Shepherd & Caldwell Hart Colt Memorial Parish House**. At 1:00 pm, senior warden Jack Hale will discuss Elizabeth Colt's elaborate tributes to Sam, their children, numerous family members

"Thanks so much to the wonderful tour guide! We had a great time and learned a lot!"

Katie Jackson

"My first tour at Cedar Hill... I'll definitely be back."

Shelley Cassky

and civic leaders on this tour of the church campus. Located at 155 Wyllys Street, there is free parking on site.

Learn about monument styles often found in 19th-century cemeteries on the **Stories in Stone** walking tour on August 12. From the sarcophagus to the obelisk, Celtic cross, pyramid and more, Foundation Director Beverly Lucas will discuss the artistic and architectural design of our illustrious memorials.

Popular tour guide, Patrick Haggerty, will lead the new tour, **The Prosecution Rests**, on September 30. From the assassination of President Garfield to the crimes that inspired the movie *Arsenic and*

Old Lace, he will share intriguing stories of sensational trials, tragic crimes and even one unsolved mystery, all of which gripped the imagination of Connecticut residents.

We invite you to join us for one of these new thematic tours or any of our other activities this year. There are many options for guided tours and special events throughout the season. We hope one inspires you to visit our celebrated cemetery.



Steve Courtney leads one of his popular Mark Twain-themed tours.

Music Among the Memorials - Free Concert in July



Five in the Chamber

The Foundation will present a free concert featuring the popular Connecticut band, **Five in the Chamber**, on July 28.

Voted Fan Favorite at the 2016 Podunk Bluegrass Festival, *Five in the Chamber's* tight arrangements and unique harmony vocals bring a fresh interpretation to the bluegrass songbook.

The New Haven-based band features Ken McEwen on guitar and vocals, Pete Kaufman on banjo and vocals, Dave Casali on upright bass and vocals, Kat Wallace on fiddle and vocals, and David Sasso on mandolin and vocals.

Formed in 2011, the band has built a catalog of original songs that showcase the group's strong vocals, musicianship, and passion for genre busting.

The band released their debut album, *Live in the Chamber*, in the fall of 2013 to rave reviews and is currently working on a new EP of original music.

Music Among the Memorials will be held Friday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m. on the lawn between the community mausoleums. The band will perform two sets with a 15-minute intermission. 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 five years.

Thank you to Cedar Hill Cemetery staff, especially Mauro Miano and Steve Davis, for erecting the stage for the event.

(The rain date is Saturday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m.)



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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 ***Stage Door***, co-starring Hepburn and Ginger Rogers on Thursday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. (raindate Friday, August 25).

In this 1937 movie, Hepburn and Rogers star as aspiring actresses who live in a rooming house filled with theatrical hopefuls. Get caught up in their ambitions, dreams and disappointments as they all try to make it on Broadway.

Stage Door presents a new, inspired Katharine Hepburn, who had been criticized for "flat, mechanical performances" in several previous movies. And it showcases Ginger Rogers outside of her Fred Astaire dance partnership. The movie also features supporting actress Andrea Leeds, who earned an Oscar nomination. Look for Lucille Ball, Eve Arden and Ann Miller who play minor characters in the film.

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 & Ginger Rogers in *Stage Door*

Hallowed History Lantern Tour

One of our most popular programs is the *Hallowed History Lantern Tour*, annually held on the Friday before Halloween. Led by lantern light, the tour winds through the historic sections of the cemetery



"We had a great time - we drove all the way down from Boston to do this tour. Your team did a fantastic job!"
Nina Giovannelli

where guests meet character actors who bring tantalizing true stories to life.

The tour provides an occasion to meet Cedar Hill's interesting although often lesser-known residents such as the actress Baroness Fern Andra, Titanic survivor Richard Beckwith or aviation pioneer Edson Gallaudet. And it offers the opportunity to hear stories of intrigue, mystery and more. There is even an occasional humorous story to be shared.

Each year we look for new tales to tell, with the *Hartford Courant* archives providing much of the information needed to prepare scripts. The stories are not scary, but since they may touch on tragic events, the program is not recommended for children under the age of 13.

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

Upcoming Tours & Events Cont.

The Prosecution Rests
Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am

Cedar Hill's Exceptional Women
Saturday, October 14, 10:00 am

Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour
Wednesday, October 18, 10:00 am

Hallowed History Lantern Tour
Friday, October 27, 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Admission: \$15.00
Reservations Required - 860-956-3311

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



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

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