

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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Mount Auburn Bus Trip

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After lunch, we will hop aboard a riverboat for a fully-narrated **sightseeing cruise** along the Charles River. The captain and crew will entertain and educate while pointing out the historic and cultural sights of Boston and Cambridge. Sights include Beacon Hill, Esplanade Park, the Back Bay, Boston University, M.I.T., Harvard and countless sailboats and rowers.



Charles River Sightseeing Tour



Sphinx, designed by Jacob Bigelow and executed by sculptor Martin Milmore, was donated to Mount Auburn as a memorial to the Civil War.

Discover Mount Auburn Bus Trip

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Departs: 8:00 am, Wethersfield Commuter Lot

Estimated Return: 7:30 pm

Includes:

Mount Auburn Cemetery - 90-minute guided walking tour
Maggiano's Restaurant - family-style lunch in private room
Charles Riverboat Cruise - 60-minute narrated sightseeing cruise

Cost:

\$105 per person, member
\$115 per person, non-member

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

CONNECTIONS

The Foundation to Offer Bus Trip

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation is excited to announce we will be offering a bus trip to **Mount Auburn Cemetery** in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The day-long trip, on **Saturday, September 17, 2016**, will include a guided tour of Mount Auburn, lunch at Maggiano's Restaurant, and a Charles Riverboat Cruise.

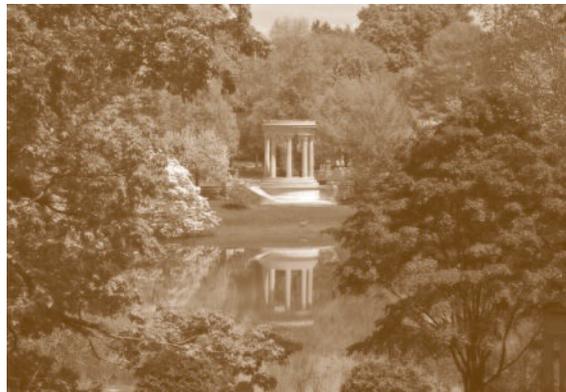
While Cedar Hill Cemetery, established in 1864, is the culmination of the American rural cemetery movement, Mount Auburn is where the movement began. Founded in 1831, Mount Auburn was the country's first landscaped "garden" cemetery.

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society purchased 72 acres in Watertown and Cambridge to meet the need for burial space for an expanding urban population. Horticulturalist Henry A. S. Dearborn served as the primary landscape architect. His plan for the land, which consisted of seven hills situated among dales and dells, included curving avenues for carriages, winding paths for pedestrians, and picturesque ponds, ornamental trees, shrubs and flowers.

The aesthetics of Mount Auburn, and rural cemeteries to follow, were a departure from traditional burying grounds. The cemetery offered a tranquil place where families could memorialize loved ones with appropriate works of art. Located outside the city, rural cemeteries gracefully balance commemorating the dead and the natural landscape.

Today Mount Auburn continues to serve as both an active cemetery and a

"museum" preserving the art, architecture and horticulture of nearly two centuries. Recognized as one of the most significant designed landscapes in the country, Mount Auburn was listed on



Mary Baker Eddy Memorial at Mount Auburn

the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2003.

The **September daytrip** will begin with a guided **walking tour of Mount Auburn**. Highlighting the history of the cemetery along with notable monuments and residents, the tour will provide a wonderful overview of this important landscape.

Following the tour, participants will enjoy **lunch at Maggiano's Restaurant**, a popular Italian restaurant located in Boston's theater district. The family-style meal will feature stuffed mushrooms, bruschetta, tossed salad, baked rigatoni with meatballs, grilled chicken with tomatoes and basil, baked eggplant parmesan, chocolate zucchini cake and apple crostada.

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Upcoming Tours & Events

Feathered Friends Walk
Saturday, May 14, 6:30 am

Séance 101
Thursday, May 26, 6:00 pm

Tree Buffs Tour
Saturday, June 4, 10:00 am

Researching Your Civil War Ancestor
Thursday, June 9, 6:30 pm

Butterfly Hunt
Saturday, June 18, 10:00 am

Connecticut Wildlife
Saturday, June 25, 10:00 am

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
Friday, July 22, 6:00 pm (Rain Date: July 23)

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
Saturday, August 20, 10:00 am

Movie Night: Holiday
Thursday, August 25, 7:30 pm

Mushroom Walk
Saturday, August 27, 10:00 am

Mystery Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, September 10, 10:00 am

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

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

Hallowed History Lantern Tour
Friday, October 28, 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Save the Date - *Sunset Among the Cedars*

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation will be hosting its annual fundraiser, ***Sunset Among the Cedars***, on Friday, June 3 from 6:30 to 10:00 pm (rain date: June 4).



Guests enjoy *Sunset Among the Cedars* in 2014.
(Photo by Alan Grant)

Sunset Among the Cedars is a unique opportunity to experience the nocturnal beauty of Cedar Hill while supporting the Foundation's preservation efforts.

At *Sunset Among the Cedars*, guests will enjoy a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and open bar followed by dinner and dessert overlooking the picturesque Inwood Pond. The evening will feature

musical entertainment by the *Street Vipers* and new this year, the magic of Barry Moran.

Guests are invited to bid for silent auctions items and to support the Foundation's Tree Fund with a special donation. With a gift of \$12.00, donors will receive a complimentary evergreen sapling (or two saplings for \$20.00) and will be entered into a special prize drawing.

Proceeds from *Sunset Among the Cedars* support the Foundation's vision of ensuring the history and beauty of Cedar Hill are protected for generation after generation.

Individual Ticket at \$150 per person
Early Bird (May 6) at \$125 per person
Table of Eight at \$900

For more information, including sponsorship opportunities or to reserve tickets, contact Foundation Director Beverly Lucas at (860) 956-3311 or blucas@cedarhillcemetery.org.



Bidding on Silent Auction items.
(Photo by Alan Grant)



The *Street Vipers* perform in 2014.
(Photo by Alan Grant)

Nature at Cedar Hill

Cedar Hill Cemetery's 270 acres of woodlands, fields, wetlands and ponds attract many species of wildlife. Animals found in our wooded areas include white-tailed deer, red fox, eastern coyote, raccoon and cottontail rabbit. Songbirds include the vireo, chickadee, towhee, red-winged blackbird, catbird and yellow warbler. Canada goose, bob-white quail, ring-neck pheasant, wild turkey, mallard and wood duck are a few of the land and water fowl in Cedar Hill's ponds and surrounds. Hawks and owls also are a common sight.

In addition to wildlife, Cedar Hill boasts more than 2,000 trees representing over 100 species and varieties. Many of Cedar Hill's trees were imported specifically to adorn the cemetery's landscape. European weeping beech, Chinese witch-hazel, flowering dogwood, weeping cherry, tulip, magnolia and ginkgo are just some of the cemetery's wide variety of trees. Weeping Alaska cypress, river birch, dawn redwood and English oak were added during the



Heron at Cedar Hill
(Photo by Jeffrey Dutton)

development of burial sections on the lower slope of Cedar Mountain.

The Foundation offers several nature-based activities as part of our active tours and events schedule. This year's programs include a ***Bird Walk*** led by Jay Kaplan of Roaring Brook Nature Center, ***Tree Walk*** with John Kehoe, (part of Connecticut Forest & Park Association's *Trails Day*), ***Butterfly Hunt*** with Roy Zartarian and the Connecticut Butterfly Association, and a ***Mushroom Walk*** led by Joe Lenoce of the Connecticut Valley

Mycological Society.

Staff educators from the Children's Museum of West Hartford will present ***Connecticut Wildlife***, a program that introduces participants to native animals such as turtles, chinchillas, lizards and ferrets while discussing the human activities that affect them.

Nature Programs

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Feathered Friends Walk

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Tree Buffs Tour

Saturday, June 18, 10:00 am
Butterfly Hunt

Saturday, June 25, 10:00 am
Connecticut Wildlife

Saturday, August 27, 10:00 am
Mushroom Walk

New Civil War Tour of Cedar Hill

Although the 150th commemoration of the American Civil War (1861-65) is officially over, Cedar Hill is delighted to be offering a new Civil War-themed program in June. Mary A. Falvey will present **Researching Your Civil War Ancestor on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 pm.** During this walking tour, Mary will share resources and tips about researching Civil War veterans while also highlighting some of the illustrious veterans buried at Cedar Hill.



Mary Falvey leading *Cedar Hill & the Battle of Antietam Tour*

Mary first became interested in Hartford's Civil War veterans in 2010 while conducting research for Hartford Preservation Alliance, where she serves as Assistant Director. She soon discovered lists published in the *Hartford Courant* of veteran grave sites. She decided to compile a record of Civil War veterans buried at Cedar Hill with the hope of leading a walking tour here. As Cedar Hill is the final resting place for more than 175 soldiers, Mary has led numerous Civil War-themed

tours including *Cedar Hill & the Battle of Antietam*, *More Tales from the Civil War*, *From Home Fires to Camp Fires: Hartford Women & the Civil War* and *When Johnny Comes Marching Home: After the War of Rebellion*.

Mary's research has extended beyond Cedar Hill. She is currently documenting Civil War veterans (numbering over 1,500) who are buried in other Hartford cemeteries including Old North, Holy Trinity, Spring Grove, Zion Hill, St. Patrick and Mt. St. Benedict (located in Bloomfield but the final resting place for many Catholic veterans who lived in Hartford). She started the website *Hartford in the Civil War* to share her research. Check out www.hartfordinthecivilwar.com to learn more.

In addition to Mary's program, Cedar Hill will offer a **Civil War POW Tour on Saturday, October 1 at 10:00 am.** Led by Evelyn Bollert, the tour tells the stories of bravery, resilience and heartbreak of prisoners of war now buried at Cedar Hill. Mike Sarno worked with Evelyn to conduct research about Cedar Hill's Civil War POWs and will join her on the tour.

Since she first led the tour in 2011, Evelyn has learned even more about Cedar Hill's POWs while researching for a book about a Hartford soldier's deathbed wish that the painting he took from a Virginia home during the Battle of Fredericksburg be returned to its rightful owner.



Evelyn Bollert leads the Civil War POW tour

Evening Tours

Join us this summer for our evening walking tours, which will take place on the second Thursday in the months of June, July and August.

Thursday, June 9 at 6:30 pm
Researching Your Civil War Ancestor

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

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

Tours begin at the Flagpole.

Admission: \$5.00/person & Free to Foundation members

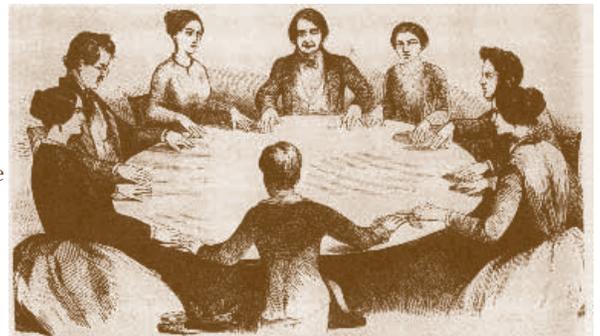
Séance 101

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation invites you to *Séance 101* followed by *Gallery Readings* with medium Elaine Kuzmeskus on Thursday, May 26 at 6:00 pm. Participation in this special event is limited to 15 people so that all may feel the connection to spirit and everyone may receive a personal message from their loved ones.

Elaine, Director of the New England School of Metaphysics in Suffield, Connecticut, is a nationally recognized Spiritualist medium. She is the author of several books including *Séance 101*, *The Making of a Medium* and *The Medium Who Baffled Houdini*.

During her career, Elaine has conducted many notable séances including *The Official Houdini Séance*. She has been featured on *The Paranormal View*, *Better Connecticut*, and the PBS Special, *Things That Go Bump in the Night*.

Elaine will discuss the art and science of séances before providing readings for audience members. The event will take place in Cedar Hill's office, the former chapel located at the entrance of the cemetery.



The fee is \$30 per person. Reservations and pre-payment required. Please contact Beverly Lucas at (860) 956-3311 or blucas@cedarhillcemetery.org to register.