

## 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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## 2017 Annual Giving Campaign

Thanks to our generous supporters, Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation is actively engaged in **preserving, protecting** and **promoting** our nationally recognized cemetery. For this kind support, we are truly grateful.

Please consider joining our circle of supporters by donating to our **Annual Giving Campaign**. 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

Tree Fund: Contributes to the care and planting of trees at Cedar Hill

Monument Fund: Contributes to the care and maintenance of historic monuments at Cedar Hill

- Making a significant contribution (\$5,000 or more) that results in CHCF recognizing your contribution on the Remembrance Memorial alongside Lake Llyn Mawr.

- Making a charitable gift through planned giving that results in recognition as a member of our Legacy Society.

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.

Your support and generosity are sincerely appreciated. Together, we can ensure Cedar Hill remains an inspiring landscape for all who visit.



*Morgan Monument  
(Photo by Jeffrey Dutton)*



# CONNECTIONS

## The Foundation to Host New Fundraiser

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation is delighted to be hosting a new fundraiser, **Spring into Summer**, in support of our preservation and education mission. The event will take place on Thursday, May 25 at the Pond House at Elizabeth Park in Hartford.

Guests will enjoy a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and open bar followed by a buffet dinner and dessert. The evening will include musical entertainment by *Still Kickin' & the Big City Horns*, silent auction and raffle.

Proceeds from *Spring into Summer* support the Foundation's efforts to share the cemetery's celebrated art, history and natural beauty with visitors and to contribute to the care and planting of trees and the preservation of historic monuments at Cedar Hill.



Since our founding in 1999, the Foundation has fulfilled its preservation mission by restoring the monuments of Horace Wells and Oswin Welles; refurbishing the 125-year-old entryway gates; stabilizing the Samuel and Elizabeth Colt memorial; preserving bronze ornaments on the Joseph Hawley, James Laurie, Thomas Seymour, Griffin Stedman and Veteran City Guard



monuments; and planting over 90 trees.

To achieve our educational mission, the Foundation shares the art, history and natural beauty of Cedar Hill with approximately 2,000 program participants annually and innumerable other visitors who enjoy the park-like beauty of the cemetery. We provide the brochures, *A Guide for Visitors* and *A Guide to Notable Trees*, and a cell phone tour for self-guided experiences.

The Foundation provides public programs in addition to guided tours for school and community groups. Over the last several years the Foundation has expanded programming, increased participation, and broadened engagement with the community. Our success has resulted in Cedar Hill becoming a vibrant component of the Hartford cultural community.

We hope you will support our efforts by joining us at this new and exciting fundraising event. Individual Tickets to *Spring into Summer* are \$125 per person and a Table of Ten costs \$1,000.

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

## Upcoming Tours & Events

**Wethersfield Notables**  
Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am

**Feathered Friends Walk**  
Saturday, May 13, 6:30 am

**Tree Walk – Connecticut Trails Day**  
Saturday, June 3, 10:00 am

**Civil War Letters**  
Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 pm

**Arts & Letters Tour**  
Saturday, June 10, 10:00 am

**Butterfly Hunt**  
Saturday, June 17, 10:00 am

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

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

**Sam & Elizabeth's World**  
Saturday, July 22, 10:00 am

**Music Among the Memorials**  
Friday, July 28, 6:00 pm

**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

**Movie Night: Stage Door**  
Thursday, August 24, 7:30 pm

**Mushroom Walk**  
Saturday, August 26, 10:00 am

**Mystery Scavenger Hunt**  
Saturday, September 9, 10:00 am

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

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

**Hallowed History Lantern Tour**  
Friday, October 27, 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm

# Katharine Hepburn Lecture

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation and Wethersfield Historical Society invite you to attend ***Katharine Hepburn: From Hartford to Hollywood*** on Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 pm. The lecture will take place at the Keeney Memorial Cultural Center, 200 Main Street, Wethersfield.



With a stage and film career that spanned six decades, Katharine Hepburn is an American icon. Born and raised in Hartford, Hepburn had a career in stage, film and television that reflected the changing role of women in broader society.

Challenging the norms of the day, she took control of her image and identity by

establishing a unique sense of style which influenced countless women, fashion designers, and the informal, elegant approach to American style that continues to resonate today.

The story of her life-long ties to Connecticut offers a complete picture of how Hepburn became the woman and the star she was. Natalie Belanger from the Connecticut Historical Society will link her career to her roots in Connecticut to ask how she achieved her truly extraordinary legacy.

Admission to the lecture is \$5.00 and free to Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation and Wethersfield Historical Society members. The doors open at 6:30 pm and the presentation begins at 7:00 pm.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for ***Cedar Hill's Movie Night*** on Thursday, August 24. We will be screening ***Stage Door*** featuring Katharine Hepburn and Ginger Rogers.

In this 1937 film, Hepburn and Rogers

star as aspiring actresses who live in a rooming house filled with theatrical hopefuls. You will get caught up in their ambitions, dreams and disappointments as they all try to make it on Broadway.

Admission to the movie is \$5.00 and free for Foundation members.



# Mortensen Foundation Grant Award

**Thank you** to the William and Alice Mortensen Foundation for its generous grant support of the Howard monument restoration. The Mortensen Foundation awarded Cedar Hill a \$6,250 grant which we seek to match with donations designated for our Monument Fund.



*Howard Monument  
(Photo by Robert Benson)*

Insurance executive Mark Howard commissioned New England Granite Works, owned and operated by James Batterson, to create a monument for his large lot on Section 5. The 18-foot tall red Westerly granite pyramid exemplifies the Victorian taste for Egyptian style and ornamentation.

Fashionable throughout the 19th century and into the 1920s, the style incorporated motifs and imagery of ancient Egypt. The pagan origins of the pyramid, which referenced the sun god Ra, aroused some concern amongst religious groups. As a result, pyramids in American cemeteries often include Christian symbols, commonly angels.

In the case of the Howard monument, an angel is waiting to escort you through the gates of heaven. The pyramid includes other symbolic motifs. The inverted torches on either side of the doorway symbolize life extinguished and the butterflies on the front steps symbolize

resurrection.

The angel sculpture, made of fragile marble, is soiled, marred by gypsum deposits, and exhibits minor cracks and material losses to the toes, nose, right hand, left finger and right wing. The noted concerns are both visually distracting and can lead to future deterioration.

Treatment includes cleaning, removing deposits, consolidating stone and replacing losses (as feasible) to address both cosmetic and preservation concerns.

To assist the Foundation's preservation efforts, please consider donating to our **2017 Annual Giving Campaign**. Gifts designated for our Monument Fund will directly support the restoration of the Howard monument.

For more information about the Annual Giving Campaign, please see the back page of this newsletter.

# Monument Fund Update

**Thank you** for your generous support of Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation. Since establishing the Monument Fund in 2014, your gifts have underwritten the preservation of the Joseph Hawley, James Laurie, Thomas Seymour, Griffin Stedman and Veteran City Guard memorials.

The Foundation's first goal was to raise funds to clean and restore ornamental bronze on several historic monuments. The recently preserved monuments feature bronze elements from medallions to three dimensional sculptures. Treatment included washing the bronze, adding artist pigments as needed to even color, and applying a protective coating to inhibit future deterioration.



Conserve Art LLC cleaned the Veteran City Guard eagle, added minimal artists' pigments to improve distracting discoloration in small areas, and applied a protective coating. The bronze eagle was preserved so as to maintain the aged character of the sculpture.

Conserve Art LLC completed the preservation projects. Founded by Francis Miller, Conserve Art provides conservation services to promote the preservation of three dimensional art and architecture.

The Foundation is currently raising funds to restore the marble statue on the Mark Howard monument. One of the most photographed monuments at Cedar Hill, the Howard memorial features a large granite pyramid with marble angel statue.

Details regarding the Howard restoration project are noted on page 2 of this newsletter.



On the Governor Thomas Seymour monument, Conserve Art LLC cleaned the two bronze medallions, one a portrait of Seymour and the other portraying Masonic symbols, and applied a coating to protect the preserved patina.



Conserve Art LLC cleaned the bronze portrait medallion of noted civil engineer James Laurie and applied a protective coating.



General Griffin Stedman's memorial is an elaborately carved granite sarcophagus. Military mementos lay across the bier: a flag, hat, belt and sword. Bronze handles shaped like wreaths, which were recently cleaned, are located on the sides and end of the monument.

## New Discover Cedar Hill Highlight Tours

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation will offer **Discover Cedar Hill Highlight Tours** on the third Wednesday of the month from May to October. Tours begin at 10:00 am at the flagpole located at the end of the entrance drive.

Volunteer Bob Chudy will lead this introductory tour exploring the lives and accomplishments of people who made significant contributions to Hartford, Connecticut and beyond.

You will hear about the discoverer of anesthesia and his tragic life, the woman behind the management of Colt Manufacturing, and the man who saved

the country from bankruptcy twice.

The 90-minute walking tour through our historic memorial grounds includes the final resting places of many notable residents including U. S. Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles, Civil War General Griffin Stedman and award-winning actress Katharine Hepburn.

Join us on **May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20 or October 18** to learn more about our nationally recognized cemetery.

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*Samuel & Elizabeth Colt Monument  
(Photo by Jeffrey Dutton)*