Thank You for Tree Fund Support

Many of Cedar Hill’s trees have graced our memorial grounds for 150 years. The historic October 2011 snowstorm, subsequent inclement weather, and age have taken their toll. Weidenmann’s plan balanced the natural and man-made features of our landscape. Many trees were imported specifically to adorn the cemetery. European weeping beech, Chinese witch hazel, flowering dogwood, weeping cherry, tulip, magnolia, and ginkgo are just some of our wide variety of trees.

As sections were added, incorporating trees was an integral part of the planning process. New varieties of trees were planted such as weeping Alaska cypress, river birch, dawn redwood, and English oak.

Today our horticultural staff maintains an inventory of trees to serve as an educational resource and to enhance planning. Your generous support will add many new trees to the grounds. Trees that will bolster our rural character and enhance our recently-developed areas.

Thank you again for your support.

With your support, the cemetery undertook extensive tree trimming, removal where needed, and planted over 100 trees in the past nine years. This critical work will continue thanks to your donations.

Your contributions will purchase trees to replace stumps and fill gaps in the landscape. Trees that contribute to the natural beauty of Cedar Hill. A beauty which brings peace and serenity to all who visit.

Jacob Weidenmann designed Cedar Hill in the modern style of landscape architecture. There are no copings, fences, or hedges. Instead each lot is surrounded by open space reserved for planting or ornamentation. Sections have the appearance of extensive lawns with trees and shrubs interspersed among family monuments.

Upcoming Tours & Events

- **Bird Walk**
  - Saturday, May 9, 6:30 am
- **Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour**
  - Wednesday, May 20, 10:00 am
- **Civil War POWs**
  - Saturday, May 30, 10:00 am
- **Tree Walk**
  - Saturday, June 6, 10:00 am
- **When Disaster Strikes**
  - Thursday, June 11, 6:30 pm
- **Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour**
  - Wednesday, June 17, 10:00 am
- **Barnstormers & Aviators**
  - Tuesday, June 23, 10:00 am
- **Butterfly Hunt**
  - Saturday, June 27, 10:00 am
- **Stories in Stone**
  - Thursday, July 9, 6:30 pm
- **Mark Twain’s Companions & Cohorts**
  - Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am
- **Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour**
  - Wednesday, July 15, 10:00 am
- **The Colts at Cedar Hill**
  - Saturday, July 18, 10:00 am
- **Music Among the Memorials**
  - Friday, July 24, 6:00 pm
- **The Art of James Batterson**
  - Tuesday, July 28, 10:00 am
- **Sunset Notables Tour**
  - Thursday, August 13, 6:30 pm
- **The Streets of Hartford**
  - Saturday, August 15, 10:00 am
- **Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour**
  - Wednesday, August 19, 10:00 am
- **Movie Night: State of the Union**
  - Thursday, August 20, 7:30 pm
- **Angels Among Us**
  - Tuesday, August 25, 10:00 am
Foundation to Host A Monumental Party

Cedar Hill is delighted to be hosting A Monumental Party: Jeans & Jewels to support the preservation of the Jewell Monument. An evening of food, fun, and fundraising, the event will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, at the Pond House.

The Jewell Monument, featuring a bronze Statue of Hope, is one of many exceptional examples of memorial art at Cedar Hill. Unfortunately environmental conditions have taken their toll.

The Statue of Hope suffers from corrosion, pitting, and etched drip patterns. These issues are not uncommon for outdoor bronzes, but this weathering is visually disfiguring and physically damaging.

A Monumental Party: Jeans & Jewels will raise funds for conservation. Treatment includes removing loose corrosion, repairing cracks, correcting discoloration, and applying a coating to prevent future deterioration.

I invite you to join us by putting on your favorite jeans and some bling for a good time and good food. The evening will feature a Surf & Turf BBQ, jewelry box raffle, silent auction, and musical entertainment.

The Ruckus Country Trio will perform hits from six decades of country music, including past greats Johnny Cash and Hank Williams to Nashville’s hottest contemporary stars like Blake Shelton and the Zac Brown Band.

Tickets are $125 per person and a Table of eight costs $800.

The Jewell Monument embodies the history and beauty of our nationally-recognized cemetery. Your support will ensure it remains a symbol of Hope for generations.

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

In Memoriam - Ed Richardson

Cedar Hill is saddened to announce the recent passing of dedicated volunteer Ed Richardson at age 95.

A graduate of Manchester High, Ed worked at Phoenix Mutual Life before being drafted during World War II. After serving in the 75th Infantry, Ed returned to Connecticut and attended Trinity College where he earned his Bachelor and Master degrees. He continued his career at Phoenix, retiring in 1984 as Vice President, Administrative Services.

After retirement, Ed became interested in trees. In 1986 he joined the Notable Trees project which collects and distributes information about Connecticut’s largest and most historic trees. In 33 years, Ed located and measured 2,662 trees of the 4,258 trees in the database.

At Cedar Hill, Ed documented our collection of over 2,000 trees. He also helped to develop our printed Notable Trees Guide and led numerous tree walks of our memorial grounds.

We are grateful for Ed’s tireless efforts to record and share Cedar Hill’s beautiful trees with the public. He will be missed.
Statue of Hope - Jewell Monument

The bronze figure atop the Jewell Monument holds an anchor, a Christian symbol of hope possibly alluding to Hebrews: 6:19: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”

The statue is the work of German-born artist Carl Conrads, a graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts in Munich. Conrads joined James Batterson’s monument company in Hartford as it prepared for the post-Civil War demand for cemetery and other monuments. He served as Batterson’s house sculptor from 1866 to 1903.

The Statue of Hope marks the lot of Pliny Jewell, Sr. and his heirs. Pliny moved to Hartford from New Hampshire in 1845. He operated a tannery and leather shop in the capitol city. His greatest contribution to the manufacturing world was introducing leather belting as a mechanism for conveying power in place of costly and cumbersome gearing systems.

As his business expanded, four of his five sons joined him in the company that became known as P. Jewell & Sons. His son Marshall took over the business in 1850 and the company amassed substantial wealth during the Civil War.

In the 1860s, Marshall turned to making his mark as a Republican politician. He served as governor before being appointed Minister to Russia by President Grant in 1873. He resigned from the position after only seven months. He then served as Postmaster General from 1874 until 1876.

Marshall served as a vice-presidential candidate in the 1876 and 1880 Republican National Conventions but lost to William A. Wheeler and Chester A. Arthur, respectively.

From 1880 until his death in 1883, Marshall served as the Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Cedar Hill recently replaced the roof on the Superintendent’s Cottage. R. A. Parady & Sons of East Haddam completed the project, which included replacing the asphalt shingles on the main roof and installing a flat, rolled roof on the one-story addition.

The first building added to the cemetery’s entranceway, the Cottage was erected around 1873. Designed as the primary residence for the superintendent and his family, it continues to serve this function today.

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation received grants from the 1772 Foundation in partnership with Preservation Connecticut and the William and Alice Mortensen Foundation to support the Cemetery’s preservation efforts.

Upcoming Tours & Events Continued

Foraging Walk  
Saturday, August 29, 10:00 am

Mystery Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am

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

Stargazing at Cedar Hill
Thursday, September 24, 7:30 pm

Remarkable Women
Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am

Eternal Homes of Cedar Hill
Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am

Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour
Wednesday, October 21, 10:00 am

Autumn Tree Tour  
Saturday, October 24, 10:00 am

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

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation shares the art, history and natural beauty of Cedar Hill through a wide variety of creative programming.

Sign up for our eNewsletter at www.cedarhillfoundation.org to be kept up-to-date on tours and events.

“Like” us on Facebook for information on upcoming activities.

New Roof for Superintendent’s Cottage

Replacing the roof was critical to our stewardship of the historic building. The new roof provides protection from weather, most notably rain, snow, ice, and wind. It also provides insulation, retaining heat in the winter and cool air in the summer.

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation
Thanks to our generous supporters, the 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. There are several giving opportunities, including:

- Making an unrestricted gift that results in becoming a member and taking advantage of membership benefits
- Making a restricted contribution that supports a project of importance to you such as:
  - **Tree Fund**: Contributes to the care and planting of trees
  - **Monument Fund**: Contributes to the care of historic monuments

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

**Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation**

453 Fairfield Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06114

To restrict your contribution, please identify what your gift is for on the memo line.

Gifts made in memory of someone will be recognized in our *Book of Remembrance* located in the Northam Memorial Chapel.

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