

CONNECTIONS

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.



*Camperdown Elm - a weeping elm tree with twisted branches and dense foliage
(photo by Marty Aligata)*

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.

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.



John Kehoe discusses the Tanyosho Pine during a tree walk. Join him this June or October for one of his popular tours.

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



Jeff Mainville of Ruckus Country Trio

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.



Pond House, Elizabeth Park, Hartford

In Memoriam - Ed Richardson



*Ed Richardson posing in front of the Japanese maple planted in recognition of his efforts documenting Cedar Hill's trees.
(photo by Marty Aligata)*

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.



*Statue of Hope, Jewell Monument, Circa 1874
Batterson, Canfield & Co., Carl Conrads, Sculptor
(Photo by Jeffrey Dutton)*

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

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.

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 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.



The steeply-pitched roof of the Gothic Revival Cottage made installation more complicated than a standard roof.

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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2020 Annual Giving Campaign

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

- Making a significant contribution (\$5,000 or more) that results in recognition 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, enjoy the peace and tranquility that come with walking the grounds, or value the importance of our art, culture, and history, preserving Cedar Hill enriches us all.

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 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.



*The bronze wreath ornaments on the General Griffin Stedman Monument were preserved in 2016 with Monument Fund donations.
(Photo by Jeffrey Dutton)*