

CONNECTIONS

New Program Collaborations

Cedar Hill collaborates with numerous organizations to present programming at the cemetery. This year we are delighted to be teaming up with several new partners to present engaging activities.



Our annual Tree Walk takes place the first Saturday in June

We are working with the **Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society** to prepare a new guided tour. West Hartford, officially separated from the capital city in 1854, was home to many well-known personages who now reside at Cedar Hill. *Celebrate West Hartford* will introduce you to many notables including Yung Wing, Ira Dimock, Morgan Brainard and more.

The **Hartford Preservation Alliance** (HPA) is updating *Notable Architects* which has not been presented in several years. Long-time volunteer, Mary Falvey, who is now the Director of HPA is adding recently identified architects to the guided walk. The tour will share the life and times of the architects and highlight the buildings and homes they designed.

In September we are excited to present *Stargazing at Cedar Hill*. The **Astronomical Society of Greater Hartford** will guide us in exploring the night sky. Learn about telescopes and astronomy while viewing prominent

objects such as the moon, globular clusters, planets, nebulae or galaxies in this new program.

We will continue our long-standing partnerships as well this year. As part of **Connecticut Trails Day**, we will present our annual *Tree Walk*. The **Connecticut Butterfly Association** and the **Connecticut Valley Mycological Society** will respectively lead our Butterfly and Mushroom walks. Steve Courtney returns to lead the popular *Mark Twain's Companions & Cohorts* in collaboration with the **Mark Twain House & Museum**.

Our *Calendar of Events*, with program descriptions, will be published in March. You can pick up a copy at the cemetery – either in the brochure rack just past the large planter as you enter the property or in the office located in the former chapel (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm). Program dates and details can also be found on our informative website, www.cedarhillfoundation.org.



Ira Dimock and his family will be included on the new Celebrate West Hartford tour.

Upcoming Tours & Events

Bird Walk

Saturday, May 11, 6:30 am

Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour

Wednesday, May 15, 10:00 am

Tree Walk – Connecticut Trails Day

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 am

Angels Among Us

Thursday, June 13, 6:30 pm

Celebrate West Hartford

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am

Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour

Wednesday, June 19, 10:00 am

Let's We Forget: Infectious Diseases

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 am

College Ties – Hartford's Trinity College

Tuesday, June 25, 10:00 am

Butterfly Hunt

Saturday, June 29, 10:00 am

Stories in Stone

Thursday, July 11, 6:30 pm

Mark Twain's Companions & Cohorts

Saturday, July 13, 10:00 am

Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour

Wednesday, July 17, 10:00 am

Remarkable Women

Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am

The Prosecution Rests

Tuesday, July 23, 10:00 am

Music Among the Memorials

Friday, July 26, 6:00 pm

Sunset Notables Tour

Thursday, August 8, 6:30 pm

Notable Architects

Saturday, August 10, 10:00 am

Arts & Letters

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 am

Discover Cedar Hill – Highlight Tour

Wednesday, August 21, 10:00 am

Foundation to Host *Spring into Summer*

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation is delighted to be hosting *Spring into Summer* in support of our preservation and educational mission. The fundraiser will take place on Thursday, May 16, 6:30 - 9:30 pm at the Pond House at Elizabeth Park in Hartford.

Enjoy the musical stylings of Jeff Wieselberg on keyboard during the cocktail reception of passed hors d'oeuvres and the buffet dinner featuring pasta, salmon, chicken and sirloin.

After dinner, be amazed by Brian Miller's interactive show combining magic, comedy and mind reading. Brian has performed in 11 countries across 4 continents including three tours for the troops with Navy Entertainment. The former resident magician for Foxwoods

Resort Casino, he has been recognized twice as one of "America's Best Performers." He was also showcased in the 2016 documentary film *The Get Together* about the legendary Abbott's magic convention.

"Jaw dropping. Side splitting. There's a faction here that believes you have actual superpowers. We can't wait to have you back at Yale!"

Dr. Zoe Chance
Yale University

Proceeds from *Spring into Summer* support our efforts to share the cemetery's celebrated art, history and natural beauty and to contribute to the care and planting of trees and the preservation of monuments.



Brian Miller

With your help, we share Cedar Hill's rich cultural resources with visitors through printed guide materials and engaging public programs. Your generosity funds the restoration of historic memorial artworks and enables us to plant trees, replacing those lost due to damage or age.

We hope you will join us at this exciting fundraising event. Individual Tickets to *Spring into Summer* are \$125 per person and a Table of Eight costs \$800.

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

Save the Dates

Don't forget to mark your calendar for three of Cedar Hill's most popular programs.



Beth Taylor performs at the Lantern Tour

Music Among the Memorials is Friday, July 26 at 6:00 pm. The free concert, held on the sprawling lawn between the Garden and Cedar Mausoleums, will showcase *The Meadow Brothers*. Dustin and Ian Meadows, with acoustic guitars, harmonica, and vocal harmonies, blend folk and country with a blues edge for a sound all their own. We encourage you to bring blankets, chairs and picnic dinners for a musical evening. The rain date is Saturday, July 27.

Our annual **Movie Night** is Thursday, August 22 at 7:30 pm. This year we will feature *On Golden Pond*. Katharine Hepburn, Henry Fonda and Jane Fonda

star in the Oscar-winning film. The movie will be shown on an outdoor screen on the lawn between the Garden and Cedar Mausoleums. Bring a blanket or chair and your favorite candy for a movie under the stars. The rain date is Friday, August 23.

Hallowed History Lantern Tour is Friday, October 25, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Our most anticipated event of the year, the lantern-led tour features character actors bringing history to life. Each year we look for new stories to tell and we are combing the *Hartford Courant* archives now for script ideas. Tickets for this popular event go on sale September 1st.

Angels Among Us

Cedar Hill's picturesque landscape features many figural monuments including angels and allegorical statues.

Most angels in American cemeteries are rooted in Christian tradition. Although there are Biblical references to angels, there are no physical descriptions included in the text. Early representations on sarcophagi depict angels as young men.



*The female figure represents memory, which is denoted by the wreath in her hands.
(Photo by Jeffrey Dutton)*

The earliest depiction of an angel with wings is in a 5th-century mosaic in a church in Rome. The way we perceive angels today was developed in the Middle Ages and refined during the Renaissance. Religious art introduced halos, white garments, swords, horns, harps and wings – to differentiate angels from humans.

Most angels found in cemeteries are generic, although Gabriel is popularly seen in memorial art. Cedar Hill has several

examples of Gabriel including most notably the bronze statue on the top of the Colt Monument.

Besides angels, figural forms are commonly found in cemeteries. The most popular figures are Memory, Hope and Faith which can be identified by what they are holding – a wreath, anchor and book respectively.

To learn more about the angels and allegorical figures at Cedar Hill, join us for our first evening tour of the season on June 13. Foundation Director Beverly Lucas will lead **Angels Among Us** highlighting some of our most beautiful monuments.



*This angel may be the work of the Smith Granite Company of Westerly, Rhode Island.
(Photo by Jeffrey Dutton)*

Upcoming Tours & Events Continued

Movie Night: On Golden Pond
Thursday, August 22, 7:30 pm

Mushroom Walk
Saturday, August 24, 10:00 am

Monumental Man
Tuesday, August 27, 10:00 am

Mystery Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, September 7, 10:00 am

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

Stargazing at Cedar Hill
Thursday, September 19, 7:30 pm

Notable Physicians
Saturday, September 28, 10:00 am

When Disasters Strikes
Saturday, October 5, 10:00 am

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

Hallowed History Lantern Tour
Friday, October 25, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Autumn Tree Tour
Saturday, November 2, 10:00 am

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

Remembering Cedar Hill – A Gift in Your Will

We are all inspired by the peace and serenity of Cedar Hill Cemetery's landscaped woodlands, graceful waterways, and sacred memorial grounds.

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation works to ensure this remarkable landscape endures for generations. We are committed to:

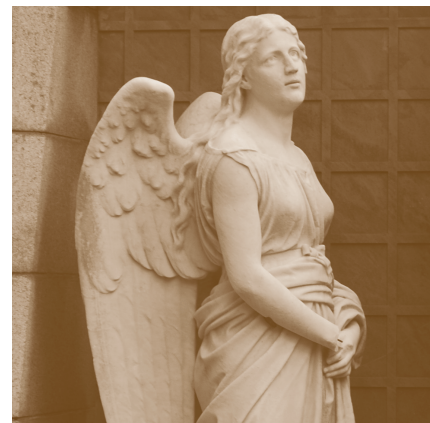
- **Preserving** the cemetery's historic architecture and memorial artworks
- **Protecting** the natural resources that play a vital role in our beauty and tranquility &
- **Sharing** Cedar Hill's cultural and natural assets with visitors.

Choosing to remember Cedar Hill

Cemetery Foundation with a gift in your will is the perfect way to let your care and devotion for our extraordinary cemetery to continue in years to come.

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation recognizes supporters who make a bequest through our **Legacy Society**. If you have chosen to include Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation in your will, please let us know. We would love to thank you personally. You may also inform us of your bequest and remain anonymous.

Should you have questions, please contact Beverly Lucas, Foundation Director, at (860) 956-3311 or blucas@cedarhillcemetery.org.



*With generous public support, Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation preserved the Howard Pyramid Angel in 2017 & 2018.
(Photo by Jeffrey Dutton)*

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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2019 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
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.

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



*Fall Morning, Cedar Hill
(Photo by Jeffrey Dutton)*