

CONNECTIONS

Foundation Debuts New Website

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation is excited to debut its new website.

Still at the same address, www.cedarhillfoundation.org, the website features a greatly improved design. Mobile-friendly, the site looks and works wonderful on a computer, tablet, or smart phone.

Easy to navigate, you will find plenty of interesting content on the new site. Learn about the history, art, and residents of Cedar Hill. Over 75 notable residents and a dozen significant monuments are highlighted on the website.

The informative content is accentuated by beautiful photographs, most taken by volunteer photographer, Jeffrey Dutton. Videos are readily available on the site as well.

You will be able to quickly find details about upcoming programs. New functionality includes the ability to register for activities through the website. This is especially helpful this year as any tours offered will require preregistration.

You will also learn about ways to support the Foundation on the website. And securely donate online.

Please visit the new site to see all that it has to offer!

The Foundation was delighted to work with Jennifer Carello DeRosa and TechCare LLC to create the new website.



Virginia Thrall Smith (1836 – 1903) was a pioneer in the field of child welfare.



Believed to date to the 19th century, the Red Threadleaf Japanese Maple on Section 5 is the 4th largest in the state for its variety.



Celebrated Hartford architect George Keller designed the Gothic-style monument for Walter and Henry Keney.

Upcoming Walking Tours

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

The Foundation will offer a limited schedule of activities this year.

Procedures will be in place to maintain the safety of participants. (See page 2 for more detail.)

Tree Walk

Saturday, June 5, 10:00 am

Eternal Homes of Cedar Hill

Saturday, June 19, 10:00 am

Mark Twain's Companions & Cohorts

Saturday, July 10, 10:00 am

Angels Among Us

Saturday, July 24, 10:00 am

Sunset Notables Tour

Thursday, August 11, 6:30 pm

The Streets of Hartford

Saturday, August 21, 10:00 am

For more information or to register for a tour, visit

www.cedarhillfoundation.org

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.

Limited Schedule of Onsite Programs

The Foundation plans to offer a reduced schedule of onsite programs this year.

State guidelines will regulate the type of activities presented and the measures needed to protect volunteers, staff, and participants.

Social distancing protocols will include:

- Reservations required in advance
- Participation will be limited
- Everyone must wear a mask or face covering over their nose and mouth
- Everyone must practice social distancing with anyone outside of their household
- Programs may be modified or canceled if needed

Program planning is underway, and will include a variety of thematic walks. Scheduled tours for the summer include:

Tree Walk

Saturday, June 5, 10:00 am

John Kehoe leads this walk featuring rare and notable trees. Highlights include the beautiful European Weeping Beech, the unusual (for the Northeast) Umbrella Magnolia, and the Huss Hemlock named for a resident of Cedar Hill.

Eternal Homes of Cedar Hill

Saturday, June 19, 10:00 am

Twelve private mausoleums dating before 1945 grace the grounds of Cedar Hill. Learn about the architecture and owners of these magnificent structures on this tour.

Twain's Companions & Cohorts

Saturday, July 10, 10:00 am

While Mark Twain is laid to rest in Elmira, New York, many of his Hartford cohorts are interred at Cedar Hill. Learn about Twain's life and his many Nook Farm friends, neighbors, and colleagues during this tour led by Steve Courtney.

Angels Among Us

Saturday, July 24, 10:00 am

Learn about the angels and allegorical figures that grace our landscape. From the angel Gabriel to Faith, Hope, and Memory, Beverly Lucas will acquaint you with the figural monuments of Cedar Hill.

Sunset Notables Tour

Thursday, August 11, 6:30 pm

Discover the history and beauty of Cedar Hill on this tour showcasing some of our most celebrated residents and renowned monuments. Stops include General Griffin Stedman, Gilbert Heublein, John Pierpont Morgan, and Katharine Hepburn.



The Porter Valentine Mausoleum is one of the structures highlighted on the "Eternal Homes of Cedar Hill" tour.

The Streets of Hartford

Saturday, August 21, 10:00 am

Ever wondered how Hartford streets got their names? Mary Falvey, Director of Hartford Preservation Alliance, leads this tour highlighting Cedar Hill residents whose names grace the capital city streets.

Advanced reservations are required for all walking tours. This ensures that the tour group size meets our safety protocols.

Please visit our website, www.cedarhillfoundation.org, for more information or to register.

More Trees Planted

Thank you for your continued support of Cedar Hill's Tree Fund. Your generous gifts facilitate the care and planting of trees at the cemetery.

Cedar Hill's horticultural staff recently planted trees in the historic sections of the cemetery. The new trees replace those lost due to age or inclement weather. Staff planted oak, maple, hackberry, birch, spruce, and dogwood trees.

The new trees contribute to the natural beauty of Cedar Hill. A beauty which brings peace and serenity to all who visit.



Cedar Hill's horticulture staff plant trees this past fall.



Statue of Hope to be Preserved

Thanks to your generous support, the Statue of Hope will be preserved. Your outpouring of support makes the preservation project possible.

Thank you to Monument Fund donors, corporate sponsors, and the **William and Alice Mortensen Foundation** for providing the funds to ensure the bronze statue remains a symbol of Hope for future generations.

Francis Miller of Conserve Art LLC will undertake the project once warm weather arrives. Treatment includes cleaning, removing loose corrosion, and repairing flaws and cracks. Localized patination, preserving the aged green appearance, will provide aesthetic and corrosion resistant benefits. A protective coating followed by paste wax to reduce sheen will complete the project.

The Foundation will document the preservation process with photographs and video. We look forward to sharing details with you through our e-newsletter, social media, and website.



*Etched drip patterns are evident on the Statue of Hope atop the Jewell Monument in Section 2.
(Photo by Jeffrey Dutton)*

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Virtual Lectures

The Fight for Women's Suffrage in Connecticut Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 pm

How did the women of Connecticut work for – or against – the right to vote? Natalie Belanger looks at photos, letters, and pamphlets from Connecticut Historical Society's collection to understand one of the most hard-fought political battles of American history.

Lest We Forget: Infectious Diseases Tuesday, May 11, noon

Cholera infantum, the bloody flux, ague, putrid fever, filth disease, consumption – and the treatments sometimes sounded just as scary. Evelyn Bollert explores the fearsome infectious diseases that afflicted families in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The lectures are free, but advanced reservations are required.

For more information, or to register, visit our website at

www.cedarhillfoundation.org.

A Zoom link will be sent once registration is received.

Virtual Lantern Tour Available

The Hallowed History Lantern Tour went virtual this past fall. Since we were unable to hold the event, Cedar Hill filmed some of your favorite stories from years past.

One of our most popular programs, the Lantern Tour features character actors sharing tantalizing true stories of some of our notable and not-so-notable residents. The video, available on our website and YouTube channel, showcases stories about the Titanic, 1902 Park Avenue Hotel fire, triskaidekaphobia and more!

Thank you to the volunteer actors – David Carrier, Don Sagarino, Beth Taylor, Chrissy Lewin, Chris Hall, Kathleen-Marie Clark, and Valerie Carrier – we couldn't have done it without you.

A special thank you to Dan Nocera and his students from Middlesex Community College, Corporate Media Center for filming.

You can view the Lantern Tour video on Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation's website and YouTube channel.



Valerie Carrier portrays Louise Gray, the inspiration for the pay telephone, in the virtual Lantern Tour.

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.



*Connecting with our past.
Protecting our future.*

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2021 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.



*Detail on the Beckwith Monument in Section 3.
(Photo by Jeffrey Dutton)*