

CONNECTIONS

Monument Preserved - Thanks to You

Thanks to your generous support, the Statue of Hope has been preserved.

An exceptional example of Victorian memorial art, the bronze statue has stood atop the Jewell Monument for over 145 years.

The work of sculptor Carl Conrads, the female figure represents hope, one of the seven virtues. She holds an anchor, a Christian emblem of hope, possibly referencing Hebrews: 6:19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."

The statue suffered from the loss of original patina and protective coatings, and active corrosion. Disfiguring corrosion included pitting and etched drip patterns.

Although not uncommon for outdoor bronzes, these issues were visually distracting and could lead to future deterioration.

Treatment of the Statue of Hope, which took place in the summer of 2021, included cleaning, removing loose corrosion, repairing flaws and cracks, patinating surfaces (unified aged green), and applying a protective coating.

Francis Miller of Conserve Art completed the preservation of the bronze statue.

Thank you again to the William and Alice Mortensen Foundation, corporate sponsors, and Monument Fund donors for underwriting this project.



*Before (top) & After (bottom)
The preservation of the Statue of Hope ensures future generations will be able to enjoy this significant monument. The project included improving the appearance and inhibiting future deterioration of the bronze sculpture, which is valued for both its artistic and historic importance.*

Upcoming Tours & Events

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

Bird Walk

Saturday, May 14, 6:30 am

Discover Cedar Hill

Wednesday, May 18, 10:00 am

The Green Team

Saturday, May 21, 10:00 am

Tree Walk

Saturday, June 4, 10:00 am

Stories in Stone

Wednesday, June 15, 10:00 am

What a Way to Go!

Saturday, June 18, 10:00 am

Mark Twain's Companions & Cohorts

Saturday, July 9, 10:00 am

Discover Cedar Hill

Wednesday, July 20, 10:00 am

Music Among the Memorials

Friday, July 22, 6:00 pm
(Rain Date: July 23, 6:00 pm)

Planes, Trains & Automobiles

Saturday, July 23, 10:00 am

Sunset Notables Tour

Thursday, August 11, 6:30 pm

When Disaster Strikes

Saturday, August 13, 10:00 am

Eternal Homes of Cedar Hill

Wednesday, August 17, 10:00 am

Hartford's "Rain of Parks"

Rev. Francis Goodwin (1839-1923), laid to rest in Section 10, was widely recognized for his work as an advocate for Hartford parks. His story will be included on the walking tour, *The Green Team*, to debut on May 21.

Goodwin served as a member of the Hartford Park Board from 1880 to 1910. He was considered the "moving spirit" of the Board. During his 30-year tenure, he helped make Hartford's park system one of the best in the nation.

In the 1890s, the Board noted the need for more parks to reduce the use of Bushnell Park. In response, the Board sought to create a ring of

parks around the capital city. During the "Rain of Parks," Goodwin convinced wealthy citizens to support the development of city parks. Through his influence, Hartford added several parks through strategic donations and purchases.

Charles M. Pond donated his large West End estate, which became Elizabeth Park named in honor of his wife. Wealthy industrialist Albert Pope gave land near his factories in the southwest section of the city for what would become Pope Park.

Similarly, Elizabeth Colt bequeathed land in Hartford's south end for Colt Park. Henry Keney, a wealthy grocer,



Francis Goodwin was a champion of green space with the slogan "More Parks for Hartford!"

donated land and money for future land acquisition. This resulted in Keney Park, which consists of over 600 acres in the north end.

Goodwin also convinced the Park Board to purchase land for Riverside Park in the north meadows, as well as land in the south end, across from Cedar Hill. Originally called South Park, in 1901 it was renamed Goodwin Park in honor of the dedicated advocate.

Learn more about Goodwin and others behind some of greater Hartford's parks and private estates on *The Green Team* walking tour.



Join us for The Green Team on May 21. Highlights include the designer of Bushnell Park, the family behind Wickham Park, a philanthropist dedicated to city parks, and more on this new walking tour.

Granite Monument Cleaning to Begin

Thank you for your generous support of the Monument Fund.

Your recent gifts will clean historic granite monuments, many of which have graced the cemetery grounds for over a century.

The monuments suffer from soiling, discoloration, and organic growth caused by exposure to airborne pollutants. While not uncommon for outdoor monuments, these issues take away from their beauty.

Biocides followed by a pressurized water rinse treatment will clean the

monuments. Select monuments are being evaluated to confirm their suitability for this type of cleaning. Once approved, and the warm weather arrives, the cleaning will begin.

The work schedule will be dependent on weather and daily cemetery activities. The process will be documented and progress shared through our website as well as Facebook and email communications.

Thank you again for supporting this important preservation project.



The Wasserbach Monument in Section 4 will be cleaned this spring.

Onsite Programs Start in May

Cedar Hill looks forward to presenting onsite programs beginning this Spring.

We are especially excited to bring back activities we didn't offer last year, starting with the return of the popular *Bird Walk* on May 14.

Other returning activities include *Movie Night* and the *Mushroom Walk* in August and the *Mystery Scavenger Hunt* in September.

A variety of thematic walking tours will be offered on select Wednesdays and Saturdays from May to October. These include old favorites as well as several recently-developed tours.

New tours this year include *The Green Team* and *Planes, Trains & Automobiles*. Tours last 1 ½ to 2 hours. Routes include small hills and uneven ground.

To maintain the safety of guests, volunteers, and staff, participants are requested to social distance with anyone outside of their household while attending programs. Additional protocols may be implemented, such as limiting group size, if needed.

Advance reservations are strongly encouraged for all activities. This will ensure you are made aware of any changes required to safely carry out the program.

The *Mystery Scavenger Hunt* and



The Stories in Stone walking tour on June 15 will highlight popular 19th-century monument styles including the Celtic Cross.

Hallowed History Lantern Tour require advanced reservations to participate. *Lantern Tour* tickets go on sale online on September 1.

For more information about programs and to register for activities, visit www.cedarhillfoundation.org.

Upcoming Tours & Events (cont.)

Movie Night: Desk Set

Thursday, August 25, 7:30 pm
(Rain Date: August 26, 7:30 pm)

Mushroom Walk

Saturday, August 27, 10:00 am

Mystery Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, September 10, 10:00 am

Cedar Hill and the Battle of Antietam

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 am

Discover Cedar Hill

Wednesday, September 21, 10:00 am

Notable Architects

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 am

Autumn Tree Tour

Saturday, October 15, 10:00 am

The Plot Thickens

Wednesday, October 19, 10:00 am

Hallowed History Lantern Tour

Friday, October 29, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

For more information or to register for a program, visit

www.cedarhillfoundation.org

New Grant Funding

Connecticut Humanities, the statewide, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, awarded Cedar Hill a \$14,100 Connecticut Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant.

The grant will help us share the rich heritage of the cemetery and those laid to rest in our inspired landscape with the public.

The Foundation looks forward to expanding onsite programming, with the goal of returning to and exceeding

pre-pandemic participation. The generous award will allow us to explore new opportunities to reach and engage with audiences.

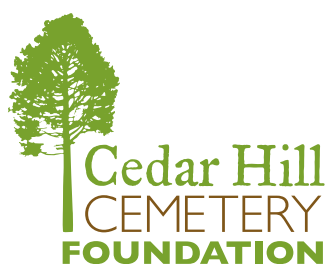
Cedar Hill was one of 624 organizations that was awarded Connecticut Cultural Fund support. The grant is administered by Connecticut Humanities, with funding provided by the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts from the Connecticut State Legislature.



General Griffin Stedman's story will be included on the Cedar Hill & the Battle of Antietam walking tour on September 17.

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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2022 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
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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.



Spring flowers at Cedar Hill