

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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Support Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our **Annual Giving Campaign** thus far. Your generosity supports our efforts to preserve, protect and promote our nationally-recognized cemetery.

There is still time to support the Foundation for the 2022 fiscal year. Giving opportunities include:

- Making an unrestricted gift that results in becoming a member of CHCF;
- Making a restricted contribution that supports a project of importance to you, such as the Tree or Monument Funds;
- Making a significant contribution (\$5,000 or more) that results in CHCF recognizing your contribution on the Remembrance Memorial; and/or

- Making a charitable gift through planned giving that results in recognition as a member of our Legacy Society.

To support Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation, you may send contributions to 453 Fairfield Avenue or donate securely online at www.cedarhillfoundation.org.

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

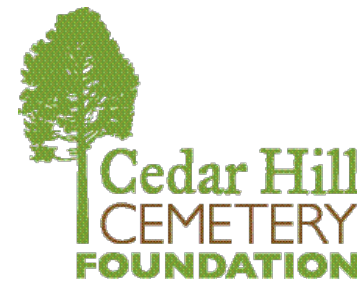
Gifts made in memory of someone will be recognized in Cedar Hill's *Book of Remembrance* located in Northam Memorial Chapel.

Contributions made by September 30th will be recognized in the Foundation's next *Annual Report*.

By engaging in our educational opportunities and preservation endeavors, you are ensuring Cedar Hill remains an inspiring landscape of history, art and nature.



The Beckwith Monument in Section 3 is one of several monuments to be cleaned by Ta Mara Conde of Historic Gravestone Services.



CONNECTIONS

SUMMER 2022

Music Among the Memorials



Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation is delighted to present *Music Among the Memorials* this summer.

The **free concert** will be held Friday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. on the lawn between the Garden and Cedar Mausoleums. We invite you to bring blankets, chairs, and picnic dinners for a musical evening to remember.

The event will feature the **Streetlight Shakers**, a piano-driven rock band dedicated to creating a vintage sound for the modern era.

The band features Jeff Boratko on keyboard and vocals, Nick Powell on drums and backing vocals, and Silvain Castellano on bass and backing vocals. Their all-original music is a blend of rock, soul, and blues.

Switching effortlessly from dance grooves to sentimental contemplations, Streetlight Shakers delivers sophisticated musicality and

thought-provoking lyrics in a unique pop package. Using rich harmony, soaring melody, and a driving rhythm they create songs that tell powerful stories with messages that are universally relatable.

In 2019, Streetlight Shakers was named **Best New Band** by *Hartford Courant* readers and won first prize in Infinity Hall's Big Stage Open Mic Competition.

They have performed throughout the Northeast receiving critical acclaim from audiences, indie music blogs, and radio.

The band will perform two sets with a 15-minute intermission. The rain date is Saturday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m.

This free concert is made possible through the generous support of the **Evelyn W. Preston Memorial Trust Fund, Bank of America, N. A., Trustee.**

Upcoming Tours & Events

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

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)
Free for All

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

Movie Night: Desk Set
Thursday, August 25, 7:30 pm
(Rain Date: August 26, 7:30 pm)
Free for All

Mushroom Walk
Saturday, August 27, 10:00 am

Mystery Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, September 10, 10:00 am
\$10.00/person
Reservations Required

Cedar Hill & the Battle of Antietam
Saturday, September 17, 10:00 am

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New Tour - Planes, Trains & Automobiles

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation is delighted to debut a new tour, *Planes, Trains & Automobiles*, on July 23.

Join us to learn about transportation history through the stories of Cedar Hill residents. Meet a famed barnstormer, pioneering train engineer, early auto enthusiast, railroad tycoon and more. Board Chair Bill MacDonnell leads the walking tour.

One story on the tour is about aviator **Edson F. Gallaudet** (1871-1945), laid to rest in his family lot in Section 3.

A graduate of Hartford Public High School, Edson received his B.A. from Yale University (1893) and his PhD from Johns Hopkins University (1896). He worked at Westinghouse Electric for a year before becoming an instructor of physics at Yale.

Edson was a pioneer in the field of aviation, being the first person to

experiment with warped wings in 1896 - two years before the Wright Brothers. In 1898, he built a warping-wing kite to test his invention. This kite survives and is on display in the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC.

Yale viewed the “tinkering with flying gimcracks” as a poor reflection on the university and accused Edson of “making an ass of himself and a laughing stock of the faculty.” He resigned and his model was stored in a barn, unpatented.

Between 1903 and 1908, Edson worked in Philadelphia and Dayton before returning to Connecticut. He established the Gallaudet Engineering Company in Norwich in 1908, which became Gallaudet Aircraft Corporation in 1917.

The company is regarded as the first aircraft manufacturing company in the U. S. In 1924, Edson retired and

his company was acquired by Major Reuben Fleet, who used it as the core around which he founded Consolidated Aircraft Corporation.

Hear more about Edson Gallaudet, including the story of his near fatal plane crash in 1912, on the *Planes, Trains & Automobiles* tour. And meet other pioneers in the transportation industry as well.



Edson Gallaudet

Save the Date - Thank You Party

To thank our generous supporters, Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation will be hosting a special event on September 13.

Your gifts have created public programs to engage the community. Added trees to the historic landscape. And preserved the memorial art that abounds at Cedar Hill. **For this, we want to thank you.**

Sponsors, members and friends are invited to celebrate at a special location on the grounds of Cedar Hill Cemetery. The event will feature food, libations, and more.

The Foundation looks forward to sharing recent successes and highlighting upcoming activities on September 13.

Look for more information in your mailboxes soon.



Left: The Heublein Monument in Section 12 will be cleaned this summer. Monument Conservation Collaborative, led by Martin Johnson, will undertake the project. The monument, of blue Westerly granite, was made by New England Granite Works around 1912. It is marked with the artist's name, Carl Conrads.



Right: The Twichell Monument in Section 1 will be cleaned as well. Ta Mara Conde of Historic Gravestone Services will clean it and 8 other monuments beginning at the end of June. The Twichell Monument marks the grave of Rev. Joseph Twichell and his family. Rev. Twichell was a close friend of Mark Twain.

Movie Under the Stars

Join us for *Cinema at the Cemetery* featuring Katharine Hepburn in *Desk Set*.

The 1957 romantic comedy, also starring Spencer Tracy, will be presented on Thursday, August 25 at 7:30 pm.

The **free movie** will be shown on an outdoor screen on the sprawling lawn between the Garden and Cedar Mausoleums. Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy the show.

In *Desk Set*, Bunny Watson (Hepburn) heads up the research department at a TV network. Richard Sumner (Tracy) arrives to introduce computers into the department.

When electricity sparks between Bunny and Richard, Bunny's boyfriend is not happy. As the tension mounts in the office, so do the laughs.

Desk Set is the 8th movie that Hepburn

and Tracy starred in together. It is their first film in color. Phoebe and Henry Ephron wrote the screenplay based on William Marchant's play.

Admission is free - and free popcorn while supplies last. The rain date is Friday, August 26 at 7:30 pm.



New Cemetery Video

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation collaborated with Michael Howard Media on a new video of the cemetery.

The short video showcases Cedar Hill's inspiring landscape of history, art, and nature. Highlighted on the



Cedar Hill Cemetery's monuments are creative expressions of 19th-century funerary art.

homepage of the Foundation's website, the video encourages online visitors to learn more about our historic cemetery.

Viewers are invited to explore the cemetery's natural and historic resources through quiet recreational activities. Or to join the Foundation for one of our popular public programs including thematic walks.

The Foundation was delighted to feature aerial footage of the cemetery's woodlands, waterways and memorial grounds in the video.

Howard, a FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) and UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) certified pilot, utilized drone videography to capture what visitors can't see from the ground.

In addition to the Foundation's website, the video can be found on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Upcoming Tours & Events (cont.)

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
Free for All

The Plot Thickens
Wednesday, October 19, 10:00 am

Hallowed History Lantern Tour
Friday, October 28, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
\$20.00/person
Reservations Required

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Program admission is \$10.00 or free for Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation members unless otherwise noted.

Reservations for walking tours are suggested.

Reservations are required for the *Scavenger Hunt* and *Hallowed History Lantern Tour*. *Lantern Tour* tickets go on sale on September 1.

For more information or to register for a program, visit

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