

# CONNECTIONS

## 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 21 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 Jolly Beggars**. The band, featuring Jeff DesRosier, Greg Wilfrid, Christopher Vece, and David Uhl, brings the rich tradition of Celtic folk music and storytelling to modern day audiences.

The Jolly Beggars tell traditional stories from Irish folklore and intersperse their musical arrangements with traditional reels and jigs.

Characterized by their tight harmonies and use of guitars, mandolin, tin whistles, tenor banjo, double bass, bodhran, spoons, and more, they have quickly built a solid following and continue to spread their music around the east coast.

Nick Noble, host of *The Folk Revival* on Worcester Public Radio noted The Jolly Beggars "possess an exuberant enthusiasm, a winning charm, and above all outstanding musical chops, all of which enables them both vocally and instrumentally to share their delight in all aspects of this old-time music with a contemporary audience of all ages. They are a joy to listen to and are vastly entertaining."

The band will perform two sets with a 15-minute intermission. The rain date is Saturday, July 22 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 8, 10:00 am

> Arts & Letters Wednesday, July 19, 10:00 am

Music Among the Memorials
The Jolly Beggars
Friday, July 21, 6:00 pm
Free for All

The Colts at Cedar Hill Saturday, July 22, 10:00 am

**Sunset Notables Tour** Thursday, August 10, 6:30 pm

**The Prosecution Rests** Saturday, August 12, 10:00 am

A Monumental Man Wednesday, August 16, 10:00 am

Cinema at the Cemetery Bringing Up Baby Thursday, August 24, 7:30 pm Free for All

**Mushroom Walk** Saturday, August 26, 10:00 am

Mystery Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, September 9, 10:00 am
\$10.00/person
Reservations Required

College Ties - Trinity College Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 am

## New Tour - Hartford in the Gilded Age

Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation is delighted to debut a new tour, *Hartford in the Gilded Age*, in October.

The Gilded Age refers to the time period between 1870 and 1900. It gets its name from the book *The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today* (1873) by Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner.

During the Gilded Age, the United States saw unprecedented economic, industrial, and population growth. And the rise of rich industrial cities including Hartford, one of the wealthiest small cities in the country.

Hartford was the epicenter of the insurance industry and housed pioneering factories that produced firearms, sewing machines, and even the first automobiles.

A regional leader, the capital city was home to the U. S.'s first public art museum, oldest publicly-funded park, and second-oldest secondary school.

Hartford could also boast of its recently-created rural cemetery, Cedar Hill, established in 1864.

Learn about Hartford's Victorian heyday on this tour of the historic cemetery.

When prominent insurance companies, innovative factories, Bushnell Park, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford High, and our own Cedar Hill Cemetery reflected the capital city's 19th-century grandeur.

Meet industrialists, immigrants, philanthropists and more on this walking tour.

Hartford in the Gilded Age, debuts on Saturday, October 21 at 10:00 am.



Goodwin Lot, Section 10

Francis Goodwin (1839-1923) was one of Hartford's wealthiest citizens during the Gilded Age. He was known for his philanthropic efforts, particularly on behalf of the Wadsworth Atheneum and Hartford parks.

## Save the Date - Thank You Party

To thank you, our generous supporters, Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation will be hosting a special event on Tuesday evening, September 19.

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.

Thank you to our members, donors, and volunteers who are actively engaged in our education and preservation activities.

Thank you to our corporate sponsors whose dedicated annual support makes so much possible.

Corporate support includes Gold Sponsors - Mather Corporation, McGovern Granite Company, Mullaney, Keating & Wright, Peter M. Bakker Agency, Reid & Riege - and Silver Sponsors - All Waste, Close, Jensen & Miller, and CohnReznick.

Thank you also to Arborio Corporation for their in-kind support of the Hallowed History Lantern Tour.

The Foundation looks forward to celebrating recent achievements and highlighting upcoming activities on September 19.

Look for more information in your mailboxes soon.

Ta Mara Conde of Historic Gravestone Services will clean the Gallaudet Monument in Section 3 along with 12 other monuments this summer. Several prominent members of the Gallaudet family are laid to rest at Cedar Hill. This includes Thomas and Edward, leaders in deaf education, and Edson, a pioneer in the field of aviation.



#### Movie Under the Stars

Join us for *Cinema at the Cemetery* featuring Katharine Hepburn in *Bringing Up Baby*.

The popular screwball comedy will be presented on Thursday, August 24 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.

Paired with Cary Grant, this is Hepburn's first comedic film. The movie follows the antics of a mildmannered paleontology professor and a flighty heiress and her pet leopard, Baby.

Bringing Up Baby will surely make you laugh with its zany misadventures, absurd situations, comic pratfalls, disasters, romance, and more.

As the 1938 movie tagline proclaims

"and so begins the hilarious adventure of Professor David Huxley and Miss Susan Vance..."

Admission is free – and free popcorn while supplies last. The rain date is Thursday, August 31 at 7:30 pm.



### Thank You - New Trees Planted

Thank you for your support of the Tree Fund. Your donations purchased over a dozen trees that were planted this spring.

Unfortunately, due to age or damage, Cedar Hill had to remove numerous trees from the memorial grounds. The new trees, as they grow, will add to our beautiful canopy.

The Cemetery's horticultural staff selected the species and varieties planted. They include Atlas Blue Cedar, Serbian Spruce, Hackberry, October Glory Maple, and Sugar Legacy Maple.

The trees were planted in the historic areas as well as in the new sections to fill out the landscape.

Additional trees will be purchased and planted in the fall.

To learn more about Cedar Hill's

trees, join us for the **Fall Foliage Tour** on October 14. Arborist John
Kehoe leads this autumn walk
highlighting a colorful sampling of
maples, cherries, beeches, pines, cedars
and more.



Cedar Hill Cemetery's horticultural staff plant a Red Maple, October Glory, on Section 3.

## Upcoming Tours & Events (cont.)

Remarkable Women
Saturday, September 23, 10:00 am

Fall Foliage Tour
Saturday, October 14, 10:00 am

Angels Among Us
Wednesday, October 18, 10:00 am

Hartford in the Gilded Age Saturday, October 21, 10:00 am

Hallowed History Lantern Tour
Friday, October 27, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
\$20.00/person
Reservations Required

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

#### www.cedarhillfoundation.org

Interested in getting articles and program announcements sent to your inbox?

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

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Become a Fan of Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation to learn about upcoming programs as well as other happenings at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

#### **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 2023 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.



Thanks to generous donors to the Monument Fund, the Cynthia Talcott memorial in Section 1 will be cleaned this summer.