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## BIRDING POPULAR AT CEDAR HILL

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**C**edar Hill Cemetery is home to a variety of wildlife including song birds, turkeys, geese, blue heron, deer, squirrels, chipmunks, turtles and groundhogs. Much of Cedar Hill's wildlife is found in the Ornamental Foreground that secludes the burial sections of the cemetery from the roadway. This natural habitat of water and woodlands contains more than 65 acres of open space landscaping and ponds.

The Ornamental Foreground is a favorite spot for bird watching throughout the year. Each December, devoted birders conduct the annual Christmas Bird Count at Cedar Hill. Notable finds in 2012 include the Barred Owl, a species not seen in the cemetery before. Six ravens were also spotted and the often hard-to-find Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker made an appearance. The day after the Bird Count, a Horned Grebe, which winters along the Atlantic coast and is not usually seen on smaller bodies of water, was spotted on Llyn Mawr, the foreground's largest pond.

Cedar Hill invites you to bird watch on your own or join one of our guided walks. On May 4th, Jay Kaplan from Roaring Brook Nature Center leads his annual bird walk. Last year, the group saw and/or heard 55 species. Highlights included Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting and Peregrine Falcon. New this year, Joan Morrison, Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Trinity College, will lead an autumn bird walk on October 5th. During the search for birds, Professor Morrison will discuss her work studying urban birds and their habitats.



Llyn Mawr

## CEDAR HILL REMEMBERS ON MEMORIAL DAY

**Y**ou are cordially invited to join us for Cedar Hill Cemetery's annual Memorial Day *Remembrance Ceremony* on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

This annual event commences at 10:00am with light refreshments and music. The program begins at 11:00am during which Board Directors announce the names of everyone interred at Cedar Hill

Cemetery since the previous Memorial Day.

"Cedar Hill's Memorial Day *Remembrance Ceremony* gives families and friends an opportunity to come together on this holiday to remember their loved ones and reflect on the lives they shared," said Executive Superintendent Bill Griswold. "It's an extremely meaningful event."

This event is open to the public and reservations are not necessary. Traditionally, Cedar Hill welcomes approximately 250 visitors for this event, which will take place under a tent at the flagpole at the end of the entryway drive.

For more information, please call Cedar Hill's offices at 860-956-3311.



## CEDAR HILL'S NEW BOARD DIRECTORS

Cedar Hill Cemetery & Foundation is delighted to announce the appointment of two new Directors to the Board, Kevin J. Chick and Tom Foley.



Kevin Chick is an IT project manager at Pratt & Whitney. A graduate of Lehigh University (BS in Industrial Engineering), University of Georgia (MBA) and Trinity College (Masters in Public Policy), Kevin worked as a management consultant at IBM and PriceWaterhouse Coopers prior to joining Pratt & Whitney. A resident of Newington, Kevin has been a member of the town's Economic Development and Environmental Quality Commissions.

Tom Foley is a retired Bond Trader and Portfolio Manager from First Niagara Bank, Private Client Services. Tom has over 30 years investment experience including trading, portfolio and mutual fund management. A resident of West Hartford, Tom served as Chair of the town's Investment Advisory Committee.



In their first year of service to the Board, both Directors will join Cedar Hill's Development Committee and Kevin will serve on the Cemetery Committee and Tom will serve on the Investment Committee.

Welcome to both Kevin and Tom.

## CEDAR HILL'S CREMATORY

Cedar Hill Cemetery's Crematory has performed cremation services with the utmost dignity and respect for the deceased since 1983. The Crematory maintains the highest professional standards with staff regularly attending educational programs and receiving certification through the nationally recognized Cremation Association of North America.

Cedar Hill's Crematory services include:

- Accommodation for family attendance or small group services in our facility;
- The convenience of trained staff on the premises to accept delivery or provide information;
- Timely service provided by three retorts;
- Cremated remains delivered to area funeral homes by Cemetery personnel;
- Convenient insured mailing of cremated remains to any destination in the United States;
- Long-term security and access to information as part of Cedar Hill's permanent cemetery records.

Cedar Hill's mausolea or columbaria, or scattered in *Jacob's Way* – Cedar Hill's woodland scattering area. Those scattered in *Jacob's Way* are also remembered in our Memorial Book, which is housed in the Northam Memorial Chapel entryway.

To learn more about the cremation process or to take a tour of the Cedar Hill Crematory, please contact Neil Dickey at (860) 956-4497.



Built in 1983, the facade of the Cedar Hill Crematory was originally the entrance to the Cemetery's receiving vault, which has since been removed. The Hartford Architecture Conservancy acknowledged the preservation of the historic facade with a merit award.

Since Cedar Hill Crematory is owned and operated by Cedar Hill Cemetery, we can also assist with post-cremation needs. Cremations can be interred on Cedar Hill's beautiful memorial grounds, interred in one of



# EXPERIENCE CEDAR HILL'S ART, CULTURE & HISTORY

## **Feathered Friends Walk** **Saturday, May 4, 6:30 am** **Free for All**

Join Jay Kaplan from Roaring Brook Nature Center for his annual bird walk. Hiking shoes, water and binoculars are recommended.

## **Cedar Hill Notables Tour** **Tuesday, May 14, 9:00 am**

Learn about the discoverer of anesthesia and his tragic life, the woman behind the management of Colt's Manufacturing, and the man who twice saved the country from bankruptcy during the tour.

## **Tree Buffs Tour** **Saturday, June 1, 10am-3pm** **Free for all**

Ed Richardson & John Kehoe lead this 3-mile walk featuring Cedar Hill's rural landscape design, rare and notable trees, and a smattering of memorials. Wear appropriate walking shoes, bring water & pack a bag lunch for a Hillside picnic.

**Lest We Forget: Infectious Diseases from 1850-1918**  
**Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am**  
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 Cedar Hill families.

## **Cedar Hill Butterfly Hunt** **Saturday, June 22, 10:00 am** **Free for All**

Hunt for butterflies at Cedar Hill with Roy Zartarian and the Connecticut Butterfly Association. Hiking shoes, long pants and bug repellent recommended.

## **Photography Workshop** **Saturday, June 29, 10am-noon** **\$25.00; CHCF Members \$20** **Reservations Required – Call 860-956-3311**

Join professional photographer Craig Norton for this inspiring workshop for all ages, cameras and skill levels. The workshop begins with a lesson on useful camera settings and how they affect photos. The class will then wander Cedar Hill to learn about composition and practice new found skills.

**Tales from the Civil War**  
**Saturday, July 13, 10:00 am**  
Hartford Civil War researcher Mary Falvey returns to share more stories about the lives and war experiences of some of Cedar Hill's Civil War veterans.

## **The Art of Mediumship** **Thursday, July 18, 6pm-8pm** **\$15.00; CHCF Members \$10** **Reservations Required – Call 860-956-3311**

Elaine Kuzmeskus, nationally recognized medium and Director of the New England School of Metaphysics, will discuss the art of mediumship and the nuances of communicating with spirits. Her presentation will be followed by a gallery reading, providing personal messages for randomly selected members of the audience.

**Barnstormers & Aviators**  
**Saturday, July 20 10:00 am**  
Learn about Connecticut's role in aviation history through the stories of noted stunt flyers, aviation innovators and early supporters of winged flight. Tales of daring pioneers, from Charles K. Hamilton to Edson Gallaudet and Mary Jensen, will delight and amaze.

## **Music Among the Memorials** **Friday, July 26, 6:00 pm** **Rain Date: Saturday, July 27** **Free for All**

Enjoy an evening of music at Cedar Hill's *Music Among the Memorials* featuring Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem. Surrounded by Cedar Hill's stunning memorial grounds, the evening air will fill with a delightful mix of bluegrass, funk gospel, blues, swing and folk-pop. Bring blankets, chairs and picnic dinners for an evening to remember.

**The Civil War as Seen by Mark Twain**  
**Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am**  
Join author and historian Steve Courtney as we explore the Civil War through the eyes of Mark Twain and tour the resting places of his Hartford friends and counterparts who played significant roles in the American Civil War.

**Symbols in Stone**  
**Saturday, August 10, 10:00 am**  
Ruth Shapleigh Brown, Director of the Connecticut Gravestone Network, will discuss the origins, social trends, meanings and customs that influenced mortuary iconography during the tour.

**Cedar Hill Sunset Tour**  
**Thursday, August 15, 6:30 pm**  
Join Foundation Director Beverly Lucas for a tour through the cemetery's historic memorial grounds highlighting some of Cedar Hill's most notable residents and monuments. Participants will enjoy watching the sun set over Cedar Mountain during the walk.

**Cedar Hill Movie Night**  
**Friday, August 23, 7:30 pm**  
**Rain Date: August 24, 7:30pm**  
Bring a blanket and your favorite candy for a movie under the stars at Cedar Hill! Enjoy Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy in *Woman of the Year* (1942).

**Mushroom Walk**  
**Saturday, August 31, 10:00 am**  
Join Joe Lenoce of Connecticut Valley Mycological Society in search of mushrooms at Cedar Hill. Joe will discuss the basic types of fungi, where to find them, proper methods of collecting, and how to identify fungi.

**Cedar Hill's 6th Annual Mystery Scavenger Hunt**  
**Saturday, September 7, 10am**  
**\$5.00 per person**  
**Reservations Required – Call 860-956-3311**  
Help us solve the latest Cedar Hill mystery! Teams of up to four people each compete to find and follow clues throughout the memorial grounds. Once teams have collected all their clues, it's time to solve the mystery. It's a race to the finish, as prizes will be awarded to teams who solve the mystery the fastest.

**The Streets of Hartford**  
**Saturday, September 21, 10am**  
Ever wondered how Hartford streets got their names? Patrick Haggerty will lead this fascinating tour highlighting Cedar Hill residents for whom the capitol city streets were named.

**Wethersfield Notables at Cedar Hill**  
**Saturday, September 28, 10am**  
Melissa Josefiak, former Assistant Director at Wethersfield Historical Society, will lead this tour , highlighting some of Wethersfield's notable personages who now reside at Cedar Hill.

**Autumn Bird Walk**  
**Saturday, October 5, 7:00 am**  
**Free for All**  
Join Joan Morrison, Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Trinity College, for an autumn bird walk at Cedar Hill. Professor Morrison will discuss her work studying urban birds and their habitats during this search for Cedar Hill's feathered population. Hiking shoes, water and binoculars are strongly recommended.

**Haunted History Lantern Tour**  
**Friday, October 25**  
**6:00 pm – 9:30 pm**  
**\$12.00 per person**  
**Reservations Required – Call 860-956-3311**  
The Friday before Halloween brings Cedar Hill's *Haunted History Lantern Tour!* Join us for the only night the Cemetery is open to the public after dark. Led by lantern light, attendees will visit the final resting places of some of Cedar Hill's notable and not-so-notable residents. Character actors will share their true-yet-darker-tales. To ensure your participation in this tour, reservations are required for specific time slots. Please note: This tour may NOT be suitable for children under 13. Wear appropriate walking shoes and bring a flashlight. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

**Program admission is \$5.00 or free for Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation members unless otherwise noted.**

For a more detailed description of activities, please visit the Foundation's website at [www.cedarhillfoundation.org](http://www.cedarhillfoundation.org) or contact Beverly Lucas at (860) 956-3311 or [blucas@cedarhillcemetery.org](mailto:blucas@cedarhillcemetery.org) to request a Tours & Events calendar brochure.





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**Order Your Spring and Summer Flowers**

To order horticultural services for spring and summer, please complete the below form and mail it to:

*Arthur H. Hutchinson, Cedar Hill Cemetery, 453 Fairfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114.*

You may send payment with your order, or staff will bill you when the order is received.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorial Day Pot(s)**

- |                                      |            |         |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small (10") | Qty: _____ | \$37.00 | Sub-total: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large (12") | Qty: _____ | \$49.00 | Sub-total: _____ |

**Summer Flower Beds:** Prices are based on monument size. New customers will incur a flower bed preparation charge, which is determined by the bed size. Staff will contact you to verify bed preparation cost.

	<b>Geraniums or Lantana</b>	<b>Border</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 ft	5	3	\$72.25	Sub-total: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 ft	5	5	\$88.75	Sub-total: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 ft, 6 in	7	4	\$104.00	Sub-total: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 ft	7	4	\$104.00	Sub-total: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 ft, 6 in	9	5	\$132.75	Sub-total: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 ft	11	7	\$168.25	Sub-total: _____

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed

Please Bill Me

**Installation of Flush Markers and Monuments**

**A**re you considering having a monument or flush marker installed this year? Cedar Hill Cemetery provides a list of local monument dealers who are able to assist you with monument selection and the application process. Families wishing to have a flush marker in place by Memorial Day are reminded that the marker needs to be delivered to the Cemetery no later than two weeks prior to the holiday.