



SPOHR GARDENS CHARITABLE TRUST

Fall 2022 Newsletter

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Greetings from Spohr Gardens.

The summer drought was hard on many of the plantings in the gardens. However, the native trees and shrubs did just fine. A lesson for all of us on what we should plant both at Spohr Gardens and in our own gardens.

It was a busy summer starting with the successful July fund raiser in George Chapman's incredible garden. Thank you to George and Marcia for hosting it. In August we had our Butterfly Celebration Day and released a number of monarch butterflies. The children loved it! Working on the first Thursday of each month, the Garden Volunteers continued to prune overgrown shrubs. Thank you to all who came to help. Their work will resume in April.

The most exciting event of the summer/fall was our October Daffodil Planting Day. One of the key pieces of our Master Plan is to replant some of the daffodils in the gardens. We recognize that we will never be able to have them on the main hillside, but we determined that there were areas on the grounds that would support them. We planted 1200 bulbs in October and will continue to plant them in the future. We can't wait for Spring to see them in bloom. See the Building & Grounds report and the pictures inside.

We need your financial support to continue to maintain this special, peaceful, haven. Every dollar you donate goes directly into maintenance. Please be as generous as you can.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you for your love and support of the Gardens.

Sincerely,

Hila Lyman

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Mission Statement of the Charles D. Spohr and Margaret Spohr Charitable Trust

The Charles D. Spohr and Margaret Spohr Charitable Trust is dedicated to preserving the legacy of its founders and providing public access to the beautiful gardens and walkways of our historic property.

Spohr Gardens Buildings and Grounds Update

We are happy to report that there have been many positive and encouraging activities on the grounds of Spohr Gardens this past season. Many old and over grown rhododendrons were pruned and cut back by garden volunteers. This work allowed sunlight to penetrate into the garden returning it to a look of days gone by. Because of the new open space and additional sunlight, we were able to hold our first Daffodil Planting Day at Spohr Gardens this past October. An enthusiastic group of board members and garden volunteers planted 1200 daffodil bulbs using varieties that were favorites of Charles and Margaret Spohr. Depleted over time by age and the presence of too much shade, daffodils were a major component of the original garden design and this will be an annual event as we continue our work on refurbishing the garden to its former glory. Last year we made a commitment to spend \$3,000 a year on tree work in the gardens with the emphasis on safety for our visitors. Problem trees for this season have been identified and work will take place this month. A final section of the house roof was replaced this fall completing the last big expenditure on home improvement. Front to back, top to bottom, the house is good to go. Our tenants of the past two years moved out on October 31st, and we have a wonderful new family moving in on January one. With continued support we intend to move forward on our plans of installing timber stairs and metal railings to the top of the back hill, a major undertaking but a most important improvement to the safety and aesthetics of the gardens.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN PROJECT

After three years of Covid 19, on August 6th, we were finally able to have a Butterfly Celebration Day which included releasing a combined 100 Monarch and Painted Lady butterflies. An estimated 300 adults and children attended. The kids loved having the butterflies land on their hands and arms. Thanks to Lauryn McGann for all of her help, to Mary Berry for bringing monarchs and talking about raising them in your home and to Rotarians who helped with traffic and handing out brochures.

The August census counted 25 Monarchs, 3 Painted Ladies, 4 Spicebush Swallowtails, 6 Eastern Tiger Swallowtails 28 White Cabbage, and 3 Silver-spotted Skippers. Despite the dry conditions and many people not watering their lawns, the 25 Monarchs were the most we have seen in the 6 years of the survey.

WAYS TO SUPPORT SPOHR GARDENS

Spohr Gardens relies on donations to financially support the gardens. There are a number of ways you can help.

- Mail a donation
- Give an outright gift of cash or securities
- Donate on the website
- Give a donation directly from your IRA
- Give a legacy gift through your will or trust
- Put a donation in the donation box whenever you visit
- Attend all fundraising activities

We are a 501c3 and all donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your generous support.

SAVE THE DATE

- ♦ May 13, 2023 - Spring at Spohr
- ♦ July 13, 2023 - Summer Sips at Spohr fundraiser
- ♦ August 5, 2023 - Butterfly Celebration

COMING SPRING OF 2023.....



NOVEMBER 2022 APPEAL

100 +

John and Helen Barnes	Bill and Mary Louise Klimm
Thomas Bolton	Lady Haber Kornberg
Michael and Susan Burke	Jessica Lauria
Arthur and Booje Calfee	Frank and Barbara Lingard
David and Kate Carey	Ted and Eve Lippold
Charlotte Culver	Martha Lyman
Janet Erickson	Ken Oliver
M/M William Greer	Bob and Pam Pelletreau
Hugh and Mimi Gregory	Frederick Taylor
Keith Guerin	Frederica Valois
Mindy Hall and Larry Pratt	Sylvia Vatak
Dorothy Hosom	Judith Ziss

In Memory of

Paul Crocker from M/M David Hosom
Joe and Sandy DiMartino from Cynthia DiMartino
Helen Mittlacher Erickson from Janet Erickson
Hartley Hoskins from Colleen Hurter
Frances Maxon Huxley from Charlotte Culver
Sir Hans Kornberg from Lady Haber Kornberg
Amelia Landberg from Christine Jacobi
Elinor Nylan from Michael and Judith Singer
Mary Parlon from Sandra Trainor
Virginia Valiela from John and Olivann Hobbie
Alexander Ziss from Judith Ziss

In Honor of

Dr. Benjamin and Sarah Burke from Michael and Susan Burke
Rosemary Hoskins from Sylvia Vatak
Hila Lyman from Art and Booje Calfee, Hugh and Mimi Gregory and Frank and Barbara Lingard

Special Project - Butterfly Garden

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