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SPOHR GARDENS CHARITABLE TRUST

Fall 2023 Newsletter

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Greetings from Spohr Gardens.

Although we had a hot and dry summer, because our trees and shrubs are so well established with good root systems, our plantings held up quite well. This year's botanical crisis is the discovery of Beech Leaf Disease which is affecting most of our many beech trees. This was one of Charlie's favorite trees and we have American Beech, European Beech, Weeping Beech, Copper Beech and Weeping Copper Beech on the property. This disease started in Ohio and has now spread throughout New England. At its worst, it can kill a tree in 3-4 years. The disease is caused by a nematode and the symptoms appear as a dark green interveinal banding which is especially evident in the spring and early summer. At this point in time, there is no known cure for it, so we are monitoring our beeches and keeping our fingers crossed.

We had a successful summer fundraiser as the Non-Profit Partner at Soares Nursery during the Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival. Our sincere thanks to Terry Soares and her staff.

As part of our goal to replant daffodils, we planted 1000 daffodil bulbs in October. We continue to work on implementing our Master Plan to open up and restore the gardens

We can only do this with your continued support. Every dollar you give goes directly into maintaining this special place we all love so much. The Board of Trustees and I thank you for your support.

Hila Lyman

Chairman, Spohr Gardens 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



A garden is never finished. It is a continuous evolution of growth, change and inspiration. We can only imagine the enjoyment that Charles and Margaret Spohr experienced while planning, developing and maintaining their beautiful garden. As stewards of the property, and with your support, it is our commitment to carry on their tradition of making the garden more beautiful every year.

Much of our work is ongoing and continuous each season. Tree work, invasive plant removal and brush clearing are standard garden maintenance practices. Our special projects are those intended to make a lasting contribution to the landscape.

This November, for the second year in a row, we planted one thousand daffodil bulbs throughout the garden. Daffodils were a favorite flower in the Spohr Garden of years ago and we are excited to be including these in the plantings once again. Tree work in the years to come will allow for even more sunlight to penetrate the garden exposing new areas for the planting of additional bulbs.

Our other special projects, the new garden entrance and hillside stair installation are complete. We can now turn our attention to the walkway along Oyster Pond where Charlie's iconic collection of boat anchors are on display. This area of the garden with the pond, dock, rhododendrons and wide grass walk is a favorite of garden visitors. Special occasion and wedding ceremonies in the gardens are most often held here. Weeds and invasives are encroaching on the anchors and rip rap wall and the cobblestone edging has all but disappeared. Our plans for the garden here include removing the invasive vegetation and resetting the cobble stone edge. Anchor chains that are scattered and hidden throughout the property will be gathered and displayed between the anchors along the wall. Rhododendrons along the walk will be pruned and shaped to bring them more in scale with the garden space.

Over the winter we will begin working with Bill Kerfoot on the Pollinator Pathway.

Visit the garden soon and often. Check out our recently completed projects and imagine the garden yet to be.

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.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN PROJECT

On Sat., August 5th, we had a Butterfly Appreciation Day where we released the following native butterflies: Monarchs, Spicebush Swallowtails, Painted Ladies, Giant Swallowtails, and Tiger Swallowtails. Lauren McGann helped explain how the Monarchs and Spicebush Swallowtails are raised in the greenhouse. Rotarians helped with the morning parking. It was a tough year for migrating Monarchs and they were late in arriving. The August census showed 5 Monarchs, 4 Painted Ladies, 4 Spicebush swallowtails, 1 Red Admiral, 3 Eastern Tiger, 1 Orange Sulphur, 8 Skipper and 4 Pearl Crescent.

THE METAMORPHOSIS OF A BUTTERFLY (GARDEN)

Metamorphosis, a profound change in form from one stage to the next, is what we have planned for the Butterfly Garden at Spohr Gardens. Bill Kerfoot has planned, worked and landscaped in the Butterfly Garden since 2017. We are now in a position to work with Bill to expand the garden in size and scope to be more inclusive to other pollinators and even more educational to the visiting public. Changes will include a new entrance, expanded plantings (while at the same time using all of Bill's plantings) and a new path. The Butterfly Garden will now have a new name: The Pollinator Pathway. We are all very excited to be working together on this expansion of the garden. The seed of the idea is sown, and with your help and support, we will make the Pollinator Pathway grow.



Mary Barry and Kathleen Beriau

2023 SUMMER FUNDRAISER

It was our privilege to be the Soares Flower Garden & Nursery non-profit partner during the July Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival. During the Artisan's Fair we had a table promoting the Gardens, and selling raffle tickets for the gardening basket that was donated by Terry Soares. On the Open Garden Day all of the money charged to visit Terry's garden was donated to Spohr Gardens. Terry also donated the proceeds from the 2023 Cape Cod Hydrangea



Terry Soares with the winner of the Garden Basket Raffle

Festival poster to Spohr Gardens. Our sincere thanks to Terry and her staff. A special thank you to Mary Barry who organized the volunteers to man our table during two of the hottest days of the summer.

2024 FUNDRAISER

Fundraising chairman, Donna Driscoll, and her committee are working on a special mid-summer event to be held at Spohr Gardens. There will be information on it on our website and in the spring Newsletter. Stay tuned!!

VOLUNTEER

Work Day

1st Thursday of the month, April- November, 8am - 12noon

Give Guided Tours

We'll train you

Help with Special Events

Publicity

2023 DONATIONS \$100+

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In Memory of

Ellen Jane Barnickel from Janet Lea Shade	Helen Mittlacher Erickson from Janet Erickson
Elena Beatriz Best from Soares Flower Garden Nursery	Clare Neal from Helen Bresnahan
Catherine Callahan from Dan Sherwood	Neil L. Perkins & Dr. Neil B. Perkins from Barbara Perkins
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Harry R. Hill from Ginny Hill	Louis Turner from Mrs. Lee Turner
Gina Lyman from Hila Lyman	Donald & Eleanor Zinn from Jeffrey & Johanna Zinn
Katherine McEleney from Meg Woolley	Alexander Ziss from Judith Ziss

In Honor of

Mary Barry from Keith Schwegel	Hila Lyman from Steve & Candy Carr, Molly Cornell, Huson &
George Chapman from Soares Flower Garden & Nursery	Mimi Gregory, Jack & Adrienne Ladd and
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Donnelly from Jay & Mimi Donnelly	Frank & Barbara Lingard
Rosemary Hoskins from Carl & Jean Bowin	Arthur Silverstein's 95 th birthday and his many years enjoying
Bill & Pat Kerfoot from Victoria Lowell	Spohr Gardens with his late wife Fran from Jen Merrihew
	Spohr Garden Board of Trustees from Catherine Offinger

Special Project

Sally Baer for daffodil bulbs	ME Donnelly for the Butterfly Projecy
Chris Kerfoot for the Butterfly Project	Hila Lyman for the handrail on the new steps