



SPOHR GARDENS

SPRING 2024

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GREETINGS FROM SPOHR GARDENS

I'm happy to report that the last piece of our entrance redesign is now in place. The two beautiful "SPOHR GARDENS" signs are now in place in front of the millstones that flank the entrance. We found a beaten up sign saying SPOHR GARDENS in a shed, and had Locust Sign use it as the template for the new signs.

The daffodil replanting is beginning to have an impact. There are now many pockets of yellow in the spring, and while we will never be able to cover the main hillside with daffodils, we can, and will, continue to create pockets of daffodils wherever they will grow. We will plant another 1000 daffodil bulbs this fall. Watch our website for the fall planting date and come help. Be sure to put a visit to Spohr Gardens on your Spring 2025 calendar.

We have 2 main projects for 2024. The first is the beginning of the development of our Pollinator Pathway. This multi-year project expands Bill Kerfoot's Butterfly Gardens into a more extensive area as George Chapman explains in the Building & Grounds report on page 2.

The second project for this year is to remove the plants and invasives between the path and Oyster Pond, and fill in with dense grade. We have located a number of anchor chains on the property, and we will move them to the cleared area to complete the anchor theme. Lastly there will be QR codes explaining the history of the anchors. Because of the work involved, this will have to be done in the fall.

We now have a new mailing address. It is PO Box 33, Falmouth, MA 02541-0033. Please note that the zip code is different.

Your continued support is vital to maintain the gardens and help us with our new projects. The Board of Trustees and I thank you for your support.

Hila Lyman
Chairman, Board of Trustees



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VOLUNTEER

Work Day

1st Thursday of the month, May-

November, 8am-12noon

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UPCOMING EVENT

Butterfly Appreciation /Release

August 3, 2024



BUILDING & GROUNDS

There is an old adage that states a garden is never done. Walking the grounds of Spohr Gardens and viewing the many plantings, walkways and vignettes established by Charlie and Margaret Spohr, we are struck with the thought that they must have truly believed in this wise saying. Change, improvements, and additions create constant variation in the garden. We are proud to carry on this work begun so many years ago by the ever welcoming Spohrs.

The gardens front entrance project is now complete, and we are turning our attention and efforts to transforming the Butterfly Garden into a Pollinator Pathway. The first step was to establish a new, winding pathway from the back side of the pond to a new entrance on Fells Road with directional signs. This new route incorporates the plantings established by Bill Kerfoot in his original butterfly garden. The new pathway will provide ample space for the planting of additional varieties of trees, shrubs and perennials to benefit a whole host of birds, bees, butterflies and bugs.

This is a long-term project initiated this spring that will grow better over time. Plans for this season include grading and establishing the new path, and transplanting and pruning the existing perennials and shrubs.

Over the next couple of years visitors will see additional group plantings including pussy willow, mallow, cherry, clethra, Joe Pye Weed and other native plants that will both benefit the insects and beautify the garden. The pathway will be maintained in a naturalized fashion, both for ease of maintenance and to support biodiversity in the garden.

The Pollinator Pathway is a perfect example of an evolution of a garden within a garden.

