



# SPOHR GARDENS CHARITABLE TRUST

## Spring 2022 Newsletter

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Greetings from Spohr Gardens

As I write this the gardens are in full Spring bloom with the azaleas and rhododendrons turning everything shades of pink. All of the pruning that was done over the winter has made the grounds visually more open. We will continue this work throughout the year.

Much has been accomplished over the winter. The pruning project is the most noticeable to visitors. In addition, the main path has been repaired, major tree work has been done, our website has been totally redone, the Butterfly Project is going strong, and work on the Master Plan continues.

We filled the last opening on the Board of Trustees and are delighted to have Suzanne Fay Glynn join us.

Fund raising Chairman, Donna Driscoll, has planned a lovely evening in George Chapman's Garden as our summer fundraiser on July 7th.

In May we held Spring at Spohr and in August we will have our Butterfly Celebration event.

We want to develop an email data base so that we can keep you posted on what to look for in the Gardens when you visit and any upcoming events. Please help us by including your email address whenever you send in a donation.

Over and over the word visitors to the Gardens use is "peaceful". We rely on your generous donations to enable us to continue to maintain the gardens and provide this place of peace in these turbulent times.

I hope to see you in the Gardens this summer.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you!

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.

## SPRING AT SPOHR



Spring at Spohr was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, a lovely spring day. The weather had been so damp, rainy and cool that the azaleas were not at their peak. However, there were enough in bloom to entice people to return later to see them in all their glory. The Falmouth Fiddlers played for over an hour, creating magic in the Gardens. Ventriloquist, Harold Crocker and his puppet, Butch, greeted everyone who came.



The wishing tree was a family favorite. Butterfly Project Chairman, Bill Kerfoot, was in the butterfly garden answering peoples many questions. Thank you to everyone who made this fun day special.

### INATURALIST.ORG

If you go on line to [Inaturalist.org](http://Inaturalist.org), you can register and sign up to submit pictures of plants/trees or bird songs, and the app will identify them for you. The site is maintained by the CA Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society. In addition to identifying a submission, they track every submission for scientific purposes. We were amazed at how many submissions came from Spohr Gardens visitors. This speaks to how many people visit and what a special place we are.

### 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 DATES



**SUPPORT  
SPOHR GARDENS  
ENCHANTED EVENING  
IN THE CHAPMAN'S  
GARDEN  
5-8  
28 SADY'S LANE  
EAST FALMOUTH, MA  
02536**

**SUGGESTED  
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**BUTTERFLY  
CELEBRATION  
AUGUST 7, 2022  
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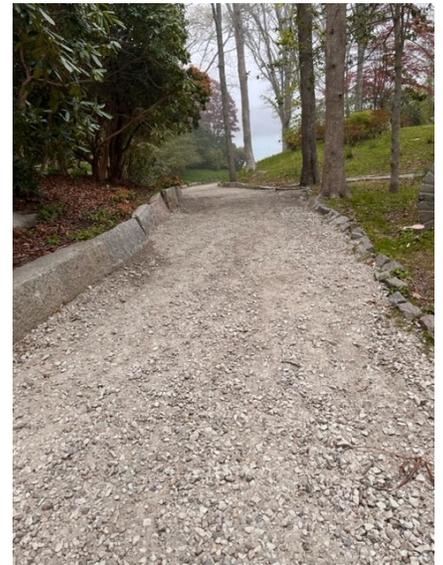
### WEDDINGS



Last year there were 4 weddings held in the garden. Congratulations to the happy couples. It is a beautiful setting for a small ceremony. Go to our website: [www.spohrgardens.org](http://www.spohrgardens.org) for more information.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Building & Grounds continues to work on our Master Plan. After listing all of the projects that need to be done, the next step was to prioritize them. We agreed that projects that impact public safety need to be done first. The erosion on the main path was at the top of the list, and that has been repaired. The loose gravel was removed and replaced with packed down dense grade. It is now easy and safe to walk on.



The next major project is the wide timber steps that will go up toward the current Memorial Garden from Oyster Pond. These steps will solve the erosion problem on that hillside. Grafton Briggs will be doing the work as soon as possible. We had blocked off the top of the granite step path from Oyster Pond to the house and rerouted it with orange flags. The public has been using the new proposed path and it is working well.

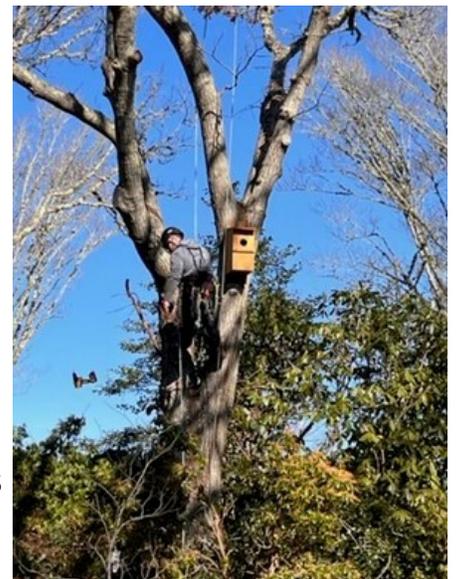


We had major tree work done around the house after one of the windstorms last fall. A large branch fell on the house next to the garage, damaging that part of the roof. That branch was removed and the roof was temporarily repaired. We decided not to do the final roof repair until all of the tree work around the house was done. JSK Tree brought in their crane to reach over the house to prune the trees on the south side of the house. The good news was that the trees only needed to be pruned and not removed. We have budgeted for one day of tree work to be done each

year, and, hopefully, will be able to do more.

An owl box was donated to the Gardens by Stan Lincoln. When the arborists were pruning the trees in the Memorial Garden, they mounted it for us.

Last fall we found kudzu growing in the Gardens. Under the direction of the state invasive plant unit, we treated it. So far it has not come back, but we will continue to be on the look-out for it. Knotweed continues to be a problem and we continue to treat it whenever we can.



## OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LAUNCHED

Be sure to check out our new website at [www.spohrgardens.org](http://www.spohrgardens.org) It is still a work in progress, but it already includes a wealth of information about the gardens including a map of the grounds, and information/history of the different features within the Gardens. There are links to donate on line, forms to request tours of the gardens and an event form for weddings.

## BUTTERFLY GARDEN UPDATE

Local Butterflies	Caterpillar Host Plant	Nectar Plants	Habitat
Monarch	Milkweeds	Milkweed Buddleia	Fields, Roadside
American Painted Lady	Mallow, Hollyhock, Bull Thistle	Buddleia, Golden Rod, Milkweeds	Pond Shorelines
Spicebush Swallowtail	Sassafras, Spicebush	Lilacs, Salvia, Buddleia	Woody Swamps, Deciduous Woods
White Cabbage	Cabbage, Kale	Buddleia, Lilacs, Salvia	Gardens, Suburban Roadside

During COVID-19, the Trustees suspended major public gatherings at Spohr Gardens, including the Butterfly Garden Appreciation Day. Now we are planning to host the event on Saturday, August 7, 2022. There are now three butterfly gardens of six, three, and one year's duration. We raise four major species of butterflies – Monarchs, Spicebush Swallowtails, Painted Lady, and White Cabbage. Last year, we released 375 Monarchs, about 40 Spicebush Swallowtails, about 30 Painted Ladies, and raised about 24+ White Cabbage butterflies. We have host plants for all

four, and the collard greens yield at least four White Cabbage butterflies per week in July and August.

The butterfly gardens are covered with butterfly bushes (30) with blue, purple, yellow, and white flowers, Spicebushes (6), nettles and thistles (for PLs), and collard greens for the cabbage whites. A number of anise plants are great for children to crush the leaves and smell.

This spring we also put out a poster on other pollinators like bees, which are increasingly common. Honeybees, bumble bees, carpenter bees, spring bees, and small emerald bees and sweat bees commonly are present. The latter four types are solitary bees which collect pollen from the garden flowers and lay eggs in holes in wood or in the ground. The density of the nectar and pollen-laden flowers are leading to ground nests of an estimated 200 bees per year.



Bill Kerfoot  
Butterfly Garden Chairman

## VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS

Volunteer workdays led by Building & Grounds Chairman, George Chapman, are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month from 8-12 noon. Please come join us for any or all of that time. Bring clippers, trowels, bug spray and water to drink. Although there is always a lot of work to do, there is a real feeling of accomplishment at the end of the day. It's amazing what even a few workers can accomplish in a short period of time. And---it's fun to work with and learn from George and the other volunteers.

## 2021-2022 SPOHR GARDEN DONORS

**\$100+**

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### BUTTERFLY GARDEN PROJECT

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Mr. and Mrs. JJ Donnelly  
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Kerfoot

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# Enchanted Evening in the Chapmans' Garden

*Featured in the Spring 2022 Falmouth Living Magazine*

## To Support Spohr Gardens

**Thursday, July 7, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**



**Wine & CHEESE**

**Suggested donation \$25**

**The Chapmans  
28 Sady's Lane  
East Falmouth, MA 02536**

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