We take pride in recognizing you—our Friends, Donors, Master Gardeners, the Blossom Brigade, and our neighbors—for your contributions and services. We also celebrate our visitors who ‘pay-it-forward’ with their thanks and contributions at the Bridge. You are the strong piers that lift up our beautiful Bridge of Flowers and renew it each year. May we continue to plant, and bloom, and prosper!

A new year began as we wistfully said good-bye to our graceful, yet crowding crabapple trees. We developed a new Tree Management Plan, and early in March Lanoue’s Tree & Landscape Service donated their time and expertise to remove these trees. Signs of spring renewal came serendipitously when an anonymous donor made it possible to purchase five smaller trees more suitable in scale for the Bridge. By the season’s opening we saw the full beauty of color on the Bridge revealing details in the span that seemed to fairly float above the water.

Educational outreach continued throughout the season. Spring brought area elementary classrooms to the Bridge and students blossomed while they learned a little history about the old trolley bridge-turned-flower-bridge and got hands-on ‘botanical’ lessons planting annuals. Once again our weekend visitors enjoyed being greeted by the Master Gardener docents who were on deck to answer their questions.

Visitors were back in growing numbers as our guest book records a 10% increase over last year, with 32,052 visitors, representing all states in the US, and 96 countries/islands around the globe. Uncounted others enjoyed crossing the Bridge every day.

What an uplifting year of accomplishments made possible by friends like you!

We hope that you will have the opportunity to visit the Bridge this coming season to enjoy the flowers, trees, fountain, and bench. Donors like you make all things possible for creating and renewing this splendid oasis in the village. You can follow the bloom season on Facebook and find useful information on our website, www.bridgeofflowersmass.org.

Respectfully Submitted,
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In early June, Warner Bros. Pictures came to Shelburne Falls to film scenes for "The Judge," a comedy-drama, murder-mystery. The film company asked if the film crew could set up on the Bridge to shoot a scene of star Robert Downey, Jr. crossing the iron bridge. Our Bridge was evidently the perfect vantage for this. They offered a nice donation to the Bridge of Flowers, and a little budget for "plants as needed," and to hire (temporarily) our head gardener Carol DeLorenzo to do the work of keeping plants looking beautiful for visitors during (and after) the filming. Of course, we said "Yes!" And once again tracks were laid on the Bridge—this time to trolley the cameraman.

Early in 2013 we began plans for two new projects: an irrigation system and a visitor bench. Both are necessary features and will enhance the Bridge in different ways. Our need for a new irrigation system is apparent, as the existing one has been in operation since 1982. It has served us well but now needs an update. The new system will be up and running for 2014.

We also needed a new bench that would stand the test of time, the elements, and weary travelers. Visitors this season will see stone and metal artist John Sendelbach's creation, a magnificent mahogany and river stone bench. Once again he has shown his virtuosity in fusing design and function.

Gardener's Circle ($250+)

- Peter Beck & Ken Bertsch
- Blue Rock Restaurant & Bar
- Janice Boudreau Photography
- Country Air Campground
- Eddie's Wheels, Inc.
- Constance Emmett & Suzy Groden
- Foxtown Diner
- Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association
- Greenfield Co-operative Bank
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- Home Roots Design
- John & Barbara Hurley
- Lorraine & Hale Johnson
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- Judith & Robert Lawler
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- Friends At People's United Bank
- John W. Richardson, Attorney
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- Andrew & Nancy Smith
- Kent & Sejay Spencer
- Stillwater Porcelain
- Cliff & Carol Washier
- West End Pub
- Brent Young, Mill River Farm

Silver Trowel ($100-$249)

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- AJ's Daycare
- Anonymous
- Anonymous
- Lee Armstrong & Mike Lumpkin
- Eleanor Baker
- Baker Pharmacy
- Philip Baker
- Amy & Craig Barry
- Sam & Marie Bartlett
- Robert Bessette
- Craig Borchardt
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- Patrick Cadam & Cynthia Brown
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- Clark's Corvair Parts, Inc.
- David Close & Gail Chapman Close
- Coldwater Banker Upton-Massassom Realtors
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- Doris Perry
- Regina Punithon
- Shelburne Falls Booksellers
- Randi Stein
- Stump Sprouts
- Gordon & Marilyn Taylor
- Steven Thomaslaw
- Cynthia Tomasini
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- Raeanel Miner Currier
- Lin Dodge
- Mary Dole
- Gail A. Erwin
- Adeline Fortier
- Nellie Greenlees
- The Haigis Family
- William Needley
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- Kathleen M. O'Neill
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- Elise Woods

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- Callie, Dan & Liza Ahern
- Shannon Allen & Brian O'Neil
- Anonymous
- Anonymous
- Bill Austin
- David & Polly Bartlett
- Janet Bender
- Blackmer Insurance Agency Inc.
- Rick Bias & Alisa Wimer
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- Boswell's Books
- Buckland Pizza House
- Helen Burtick
- Polly Byers & Mac McCoy
- Canal Designs
- Jeanne & Dominic Cargin
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- Constance Clarke
- Cohn Financial Services
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