PLANT SALE - MAY 18 - SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Bridge of Flowers Plant Sale in Shelburne Falls is a big deal for plant lovers and Friends of the Bridge. This year the sale will be Saturday, May 18, at the corner of Main and Water Streets (the “Baptist Lot” open space across from the Buckland-Sherburne Community Center.)

Plant sales start promptly at 9 a.m. and the sale ends at noon. Many serious plant buyers arrive early to scout out favorites, especially some of the more unusual perennials dug and divided from Bridge plants. Coffee and baked goods will be for sale starting at 8 a.m. for early browsers.

It’s a great chance to buy some lovely plants or items from vendor booths and another way to help fund the Bridge.

DON’T MISS IT!

Bridge of Flowers 2019 Committee
Annette Szpila - chair
Carol Angus , Lynda Leitner - co-chairs
Peggy March - Treasurer • Mariana Luz – Secretary
Kay Berenson, Virginia Brown, Connie Clarke, Karen Fairbrother, Judy Harlow, Maureen Moore, Joanne Soroka, Marion Taylor
Carol DeLorenzo - Head Gardener
Elliston Bingham - Assistant Gardener

2018 ANNUAL REPORT
Bridge of Flowers
Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

The year 2018 brought many happy events to the Bridge of Flowers. As it turns 90 in 2019, the Bridge remains solid, cared for and beloved.

The Bridge opened in Spring 2018 with a new stone patio near the Garden House, an attractive and practical addition planned to prevent mud splashing against the structure and to make cleanup easier after potting sessions and other messy flower tending chores. Repairs to metal signs and a new paint job on the donation box were also completed in early spring, with special thanks to students at Franklin Technical School for the paint job.

The year kicked off as it always does, with a round of hectic preparations for the May Plant Sale, a popular event that provides a significant boost to fund raising. Mother Nature was not especially cooperative this year, snowing on several of our potting sessions. But the work went on, aided not only by many Blossom Brigade and other plant potting volunteers, but also by a group of students from the Academy at Charlemont who helped out as part of local community service day. They potted hundreds of dahlia bulbs and bare root native shrubs and logged big pots. All much appreciated.

Mother Nature was more cooperative for the May plant sale itself, as the downpour forecast for that Saturday held off until after noon, keeping things dry just long enough to get the hundreds and hundreds of perennial plants sold and sent to their new homes with happy purchasers.

This year, our already internationally famous Bridge of Flowers became even more famous in the region, thanks to a series of featured appearances on Springfield based television stations. Channel 22 and Channel 40 both produced feature stories from the Bridge and WGBY (PBS) did a Connecting Point feature (which can still be viewed on WGBY’s web site). Just search for Bridge of Flowers in the past Connecting Point episodes. In addition, The (Greenfield) Recorder named the Bridge of Flowers the top tourist attraction in Franklin County.

September brought gorgeous flowers on the Bridge and an opportunity for a new fund raising effort. Noted artist Peter London, who lives part of the year in Shelburne, donated a lovely and large artwork. With generous help from the Salmon Falls Gallery, a silent auction was held with a reception to announce the winner. The painting was purchased by an out of area patron. The auction brought in an extra $2,500 for the Bridge and a good time was had by all who attended the party.

The Bridge closed to the public at the end of October. It was another successful bloom season, though shortened by mid October frosts. In the months since the gate swung shut, however, work has gone on to ensure that its flowers will be around for generations to come.

The Bridge of Flowers committee (a sub committee of the Shelburne Falls Area Women’s Club) is still busy meeting. Happily we keep finding new volunteers to join the group as others need to move away from committee obligations. Members have begun conferring with Bridge of Flowers Preservation Inc. to discuss what structural or other work may need to be done to make sure the Bridge is protected for the future. We will be cooperating with that organization in identifying needs and finding ways to fund them. We are also working on our own plans for replacing some fencing and reconstructing the visitor path. All of that will take a lot of volunteer effort and your donations as well.

We thank all of you who contributed in 2018 and hope we can count on you to do the same this year.

Bridge of Flowers
P.O. Box 335
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
www.bridgeofflowersmass.org

Weed out the weeds! 

The Bridge of Flowers is a living tapestry of flowers that must be kept free of weeds. The garden is a special place and we want it to remain that way. Please help us keep the area weed free.

Bridge of Flowers 2019 Committee
Annette Szpila - chair
Carol Angus , Lynda Leitner - co-chairs
Peggy March - Treasurer • Mariana Luz – Secretary
Kay Berenson, Virginia Brown, Connie Clarke, Karen Fairbrother, Judy Harlow, Maureen Moore, Joanne Soroka, Marion Taylor
Carol DeLorenzo - Head Gardener
Elliston Bingham - Assistant Gardener
Gifts In Honor Of

Peggy March
David Schochet and Sue Reed
Marion Taylor

New England Aster (gifts of $500+)

Virginia Brown
Walter & Joy Burrough
Carl’s Four Season Yardscapes, LLC
David Freitas & Mark Naccarato
Polly French
Michael Herr
John & Barbara Hurley
A. Hale Johnson
Peter and Marion London
Molly Cantor Pottery
Shelburne Falls Area Women’s Club
Cliff & Carol Washer

Gardener’s Circle (gifts of $250-499)

Blue Rock Restaurant & Bar
Clark’s Corvair Parts
Coldwell Banker
Upton-Massamont Realtors
CountryAire Campground
Kate Downes, Eq
Eddie’s Wheels
Constance Emmett & Suzy Groden
Flossie Fowkes
Greenfield Cooperative Bank
Judith & Robert Lawler
Tim & Carol March
Merrick Insurance Agency
Peter J Moser Design
Kerry and Carol Murphy
Richard & Judy Nicholas
Peter & Eva Otten
David Nims
Sheburne Falls VW
Post 8503
Gordon & Marion Taylor
Gordy & Liz VanGuilder
Ward Plumbing and Heating
Judee & David Wayne
West End Pub
Brent Young, Mill River Farm
Anonymous

Silver Trowel (gifts of $100-249)

Sally L. Cornish
Daniels Family
Davenport’s Service Station
Debb Deocigne
Ronald & Karen Dobosz
Foxtown Diner
Andrea & Steven Frank
Lois Gifford
Dr. & Mrs. Gregory Grillone
Gail Harlon
Kathleen & Kenneth Kippenberger
Pat & Harry Leuchtman
Tom and Gail Lucia
Joan Maclver
Polly & John MacLean
Mark & Amelia Maderski
Mildred March
Sarah and Mark McKusick
Sarah K. Moore
Dr. and Mrs. Clark Moseley
Dick & Dianne Muller
Nancy L. Dole Books and Ephemer
Regina Purinton
Gloria & Sidney Seltzer
Sheburne Falls Booksellers
Sheburne Falls Coffee Roasters, LLC
Sylvia Smith
Jerry & Trina Sternstein
Slump Sprouts
Annette Szpila
Cynthia Tomasini
Friends at the Tuesday Club
Josh & Joanna Weinstein
Janet & Robert Weissman
Nikki & Bob Weiss
Alice Wimer & Rick Blais
Karen Winkler
Deborah Woodsome
Anonymous

Green Thumb (gifts of $25-99)

Heather Alexander
Nancy Argis
Andrew Baker
The Bellwood Family
Lillian & Bradley Bingham
Breezwell Books
Loring Bradlee
Brookfield (MA) Garden Club
Buckland Pizza House
Suzanne Buckley
Mac McCoy & Polly Byers
Loretta Capabianca
Constance Clarke
David Close & Gail Chapman Close
Conway (MA) Garden Club
Cookman/Casten
Ellen Coty
Chris Coveny
Kate & Tom DaFonte
Catherine Daly
Anush Dawidjan
John & Karina Dela
Gordon Dean
William Delaney
Karen Fairbrother
Mr. & Mrs. David Farrington
Cheryl Faulkow
Fred & Lois Feldman
Robert & Nancy Fischlein
Flanders Law Office
Dick & Shirley Floyd
Judy Foggg
Donald & Margaret Freeman
Ann Girard
Sharon Glazer
Jacqui Goodman & Norman Beebe
Janice Gordon
Richard & Roxanne Hamilton
Judy Ann Harlow
George & Caroline Hartling
Nancy Hobein
Barbara Hoffman
Nancy Perlant & Steve Howland
Rita Jaros & Wes Talley
Yvonne Jenkins
Sally Judd
Ellen & Marc Kaufmann
Roger L. Kemp
Kenburn Orchards
Richard & Sharon Khachadourian
Heidi Kranz
Robert & Toni Ann Kubica
Kate Lapping
Bill & Lynda Leitner
Amelia Leonard
Doreen & Rick Leskowitz
Maureen Lierance
Sunny Lindamood
Brian & Pat Lowell
Mariana Luz
Kathryn Mahoney
Peggy March
Mayhew Steel
Nathalie McCormick & Mark Pichette
Marilyn Mele
Memorial Hall Association
Bill & Amy Mish
John & Wanda Monney
Leonard & Suzanne Morse-Fortier
Peter and Marjorie Moser
Evelyn Motle
Tom & Vanda Mullins
Sarah E. Neelon
Sylvia Crout
Orlando Blooms
Jon & Marilyn Osgood
Elaine & Richard Parmett
Judith W. Perera
The Perry Family
Julie Petty & David Reading
Deborah Phillips
Jim Picardi, Cabinet Maker
Ruth and Tom Pullen
Jean and Larry Rankin
Mary Robertson & Stefan Kostka
Jean and Larry Rankin
Barbara and Bob Ruchames
Paul Schroeder
Sarah Saville Shaffer
Ann & Edward Shanahan
Nancy Shiot
Steven Shulda
Wes Slate & Georgia Bills
Penelope Speareance
Randi Stein
Gene & Patricia St. Pierre
Dennis & Susan Stetson
Jody Stewart
Shauna Stokes & Joel Chew
Judith Stoughton
Bill Sweeney
Carolyn Taylor
Frank. R Tocci Jr.
Tregelly Fiber Farm
Bill & Jane Tromtj
Delores Turcotte
Lindsay Turner
Linda Wargar
Wash 'N Wire
Ellen Weeks
Gina & Larry Wells
Martha Wells
Ann Wheelerbee
Hedley Yost
Anonymous

Gifts In Memory Of

Misti Adams
Ruth Anderson
Joseph H. Babcock
Eleanor Baker
Orin & Harriet Ball
Candace B. Bath
Jane S. Burnett
Barrie Dixon
Margaret E. Folgmann
Adeline Fortier
Lois Warner Gifford
Bill Guazzo
Ema C. Herzog
Midred B. Knapp
Margaret Mary Lively
Madeline McKinnon
Rusty Miller
Lila Moore
Jane E. Moser
Lisa Patricia “Tish” Murphy
Larry Rancourt
Fred H. Rees
Susie Robbins
Hattie O. Saltier
Dorothy G. Sessions
Marie Smith
Valerie Smith
Ellen Halligan Warner
Victoria Whalen
Janice Wheeler
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Wheeler
Catherine Elizabeth Woodward

Silver Trowel (gifts of $100-249)

Callie, Liza, & Don Ahern
Carol Angus
Mary M. Bartlett
Don Bascom
Shannon Allen & Brian O’Neil
Colleen Armstrong
Philip Baker
Amy & Craig Barry
Polly Bartlett
Bay State Perennial Farm
Myra Bennett Carlow & Earl Carlow
Kay & Bill Berenson
Ron Bilyk
Blackmer Insurance Agency Inc.
Marlene Borer
Daniel & Phyllis Brown
Bridge of Flowers Co-Working Center
Cynthia Brown & Patrick Cadam
Michael Chvoonec
Chia Collins and Michael Cohen

Silver Trowel (gifts of $100-249)

Sally L. Cornish
Daniels Family
Davenport’s Service Station
Debb Deocigne
Ronald & Karen Dobosz
Foxtown Diner
Andrea & Steven Frank
Lois Gifford
Dr. & Mrs. Gregory Grillone
Gail Harlon
Kathleen & Kenneth Kippenberger
Pat & Harry Leuchtman
Tom and Gail Lucia
Joan Maclver
Polly & John MacLean
Mark & Amelia Maderski
Mildred March
Sarah and Mark McKusick
Sarah K. Moore
Dr. and Mrs. Clark Moseley
Dick & Dianne Muller
Nancy L. Dole Books and Ephemer
Regina Purinton
Gloria & Sidney Seltzer
Sheburne Falls Booksellers
Sheburne Falls Coffee Roasters, LLC
Sylvia Smith
Jerry & Trina Sternstein
Slump Sprouts
Annette Szpila
Cynthia Tomasini
Friends at the Tuesday Club
Josh & Joanna Weinstein
Janet & Robert Weissman
Nikki & Bob Weiss
Alice Wimer & Rick Blais
Karen Winkler
Deborah Woodsome
Anonymous

Silver Trowel (gifts of $100-249)

Sally L. Cornish
Daniels Family
Davenport’s Service Station
Debb Deocigne
Ronald & Karen Dobosz
Foxtown Diner
Andrea & Steven Frank
Lois Gifford
Dr. & Mrs. Gregory Grillone
Gail Harlon
Kathleen & Kenneth Kippenberger
Pat & Harry Leuchtman
Tom and Gail Lucia
Joan Maclver
Polly & John MacLean
Mark & Amelia Maderski
Mildred March
Sarah and Mark McKusick
Sarah K. Moore
Dr. and Mrs. Clark Moseley
Dick & Dianne Muller
Nancy L. Dole Books and Ephemer
Regina Purinton
Gloria & Sidney Seltzer
Sheburne Falls Booksellers
Sheburne Falls Coffee Roasters, LLC
Sylvia Smith
Jerry & Trina Sternstein
Slump Sprouts
Annette Szpila
Cynthia Tomasini
Friends at the Tuesday Club
Josh & Joanna Weinstein
Janet & Robert Weissman
Nikki & Bob Weiss
Alice Wimer & Rick Blais
Karen Winkler
Deborah Woodsome
Anonymous