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Thank you  
for your support  
in 2016!



## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

# Bridge of Flowers

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



When something is as lovely and loved as the Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne Falls, it is hard to believe that it can get even better. But so it did in 2016.

In 2015, a new wooden Garden House to hold tools and supplies for gardeners replaced the deteriorated and inadequate former shed. The structure was designed to complement the setting and built with donations from our Friends, including past memorial contributions.

This year, a local artist suggested adding a flower themed stained glass window on the wall of the Garden House facing visitors. The window, designed, constructed and donated by Nancy Katz and Mark Liebowitz of Wilmark Studios in Shelburne Falls, was set into place this summer. In mid July a festive dedication garden party on the Shelburne Falls side of the Bridge celebrated both the new Garden House and its new window. The party had music by the Shelburne Falls Military Band, delicious refreshments and invitations to all those who helped in so many vital ways with the construction effort. Memorably, the party also had a sudden thunderstorm that drenched attendees. Gardeners happily noted, though, that the storm brought much needed rain in a drought season.

Getting drenched at a Bridge of Flowers event was something of a surprise in dry 2016. Dozens of volunteers worked (mostly uncomplainingly!) through a cold drenching rain on a Friday evening in May to move thousands of potted plants from their temporary nursery at the home of plant sale chairman and nursery plant caretaker extraordinaire Lynda Leitner and set them up for the annual Plant Sale on the following day. It was an impressive parade of trucks, vans, SUVs, garden carts and wheelbarrows and rain-gear clad volunteers. As always, the plants were gorgeous. They loved the rain! Happily the weather was more pleasant for humans on the day of the sale itself, leading to crowds of eager plant buyers and revenue for the Bridge operating fund. Thanks to volunteer bakers, buyers also enjoyed coffee break treats while shopping. And we cannot forget the kind professional nurseries and other vendors who assist us each year by letting us profit from sales of their plants and merchandise.





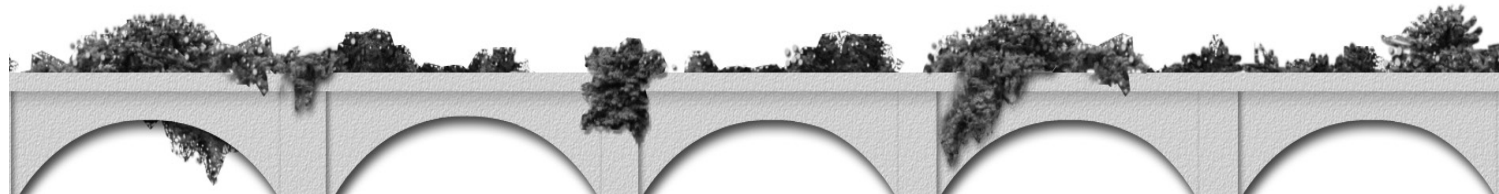
The rain in May at the start of the season did not hold through the summer. But, thanks to gardeners Carol DeLorenzo, Elliston Bingham, the Blossom Brigade volunteers, and our new improved irrigation system the Bridge bloomed beautifully. Drought did not deter visitors. Thousands came from all over the world and left comments about the loveliness of the blooming Bridge. They also left welcome contributions in the donation box.

We are fortunate too that our Friends continued to be generous, keeping the Bridge’s financial footing secure and allowing the committee to think about future needs such as resurfacing the footpath to benefit the thousands of feet that trod it – and the health of the flower beds.



Gifts in Memoriam

- Agnes Atkinson
- Eleanor Baker
- Catharine A. Burnham
- Barbara Ann Cardillo
- Adeline Fortier
- Robert Bruce Hadden
- Mildred B. Knapp
- Henry S. (Rusty) Miller, Jr.
- Lisa Patricia “Tish” Murphy
- Emily & Paul Rizner
- Virginia Washer
- Mr. & Mrs. Clifford H. Wheeler
- Donald M. Wheeler
- Catherine Elizabeth Woodard



Gifts In Honor Of

- Paul and Gerry Mead
- Dr. Robert Miller and Anna Foster
- Kathleen M. O’Neill
- Nancy F. Strader
- Lisa Talayco

New England Aster (gifts of \$500+)

- Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association
- John & Barbara Hurley
- Nancy Katz/Wilmark Studio
- Shelburne Falls Area Women’s Club
- West End Pub

Gardener’s Circle (gifts of \$250-499)

- Blue Rock Restaurant & Bar
- Janice Boudreau Photography
- Bridge of Flowers Business Center
- Carl’s Four Season Yardscape, LLC
- Christopher Reilly Design
- Clark’s Corvair Parts, Inc.
- Country Aire Campground
- Thomas Dame & Denise Duval, ESQ
- Davenport’s Service Station
- Kate Downes, Esq.
- Eddie’s Wheels, Inc.
- Constance Emmett & Suzy Groden
- Florence Fowlkes
- Foxtown Diner
- Greenfield Cooperative Bank
- Greenfield Savings Bank
- Michael C. Herr
- J.W. Wagner Trucking
- LaPierre’s Advertising
- Lorraine & Hale Johnson
- Judith & Robert Lawler
- Mirick Insurance Agency
- Richard & Judy Nicholas
- David Nims
- Peter & Eva Otten
- John W. Richardson, Attorney
- Shelburne Falls Military Band
- Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum
- Shelburne Falls VFW, Post 8503
- Gordon & Marion Taylor
- True North Transit Group
- Anne Vogel
- Ward Plumbing & Heating
- Brent Young, Mill River Farm
- Anonymous

Silver Trowel (gifts of \$100-249)

- Shannon Allen & Brian O’Neil
- Colleen Armstrong
- Amy & Craig Barry
- Mary M. Bartlett
- Sam & Marie Bartlett
- Kay & Bill Berenson
- Robert Bessette
- Cynthia & Jeff Boettner
- Cynthia Brown & Patrick Cadam
- Buckland Pizza House
- Myra & Earl Carlow
- Michael Chovonec
- Cohn Financial Services
- Chia Collins and Michael Cohen
- Nancy Conaway-Raczka
- Sally L. Cornish
- Deborah Daniels
- Eileen & Dene Dobensky
- Ronald & Karen Dobosz
- Emily Farnese
- Andrew Ferguson
- Andrea & Steven Frank
- Lois Gifford
- Paul & Melinda Godfrey
- Joan Greenfield
- Nancy Heinemann
- The House on the Hill B&B
- Suzanne Jackson
- Keystone Market
- Kathleen & Kenneth Kippenberger
- Lucinda & David Lagasse
- Kate Lawn
- Pat & Henry Leuchtman
- Peter & Marion London
- Tom and Gail Lucia
- Marianna Luz
- Joan MacIver
- Mildred March
- Mayhew Steel
- Karen O. Moore
- Dr. and Mrs. Clark Moseley
- Dick & Dianne Muller
- Nancy L. Dole Books & Ephemera
- Ken Nimblett
- Pamela Parker
- John & Margaret Payne
- Regina Purinton
- Shelburne Falls Booksellers
- Stillwater Porcelain
- Dr. George & Mrs. Carol Strouse
- Stump Sprouts
- Cynthia Tomasini
- Irene Tomasini
- Don & Kathleen Upton
- Judee & David Wayne
- Josh & Johanna Weinstein
- Janet & Robert Weissman
- Nikki & Bob Welsh
- Donald & Marcia Wheeler
- Karen Winkler
- Deborah Woodsome
- Anonymous

Green Thumb (gifts of \$25-99)

- David Adie & Deb Hoyle
- Callie, Don & Liza Ahern
- Carol Angus
- Austin Design
- Harriet Barlow
- Bear Path Compost
- The Bellwood Family
- Blackmer Insurance Agency Inc.
- Marlene Borer
- Boswell’s Books
- John & Nan Boyer
- Suzanne Buckley
- Helen Burdick
- Mac McCoy & Polly Byers
- Liz Canali
- Constance Clarke
- David Close & Gail Chapman Close
- James Collins, DDS
- Christin Couture & William Hosie
- Chris Coveny
- Karen Croot
- Kate & Tom DaFonte
- Anush Dawidjan
- John & Katrina Deal
- William & Helen Delaney
- Karen Fairbrother
- Cheryl Faufaw
- Mr. and Mrs David Farrington
- Fred & Lois Feldman
- Robert & Nancy Fischlein
- Kenburn Orchards
- Flanders Law Office
- Dick & Shirley Floyd
- Judy Fogg
- Franklin Land Trust
- Donald & Margaret Freeman
- Polly French
- Michael Garfield-Wright
- Gail Gaustad
- Ann Girard
- Sharon Glazer
- Dr. & Mrs. Gregory Grillone
- Richard & Roxanne Hamilton
- Shevawn Hardesty
- Judy Ann Harlow
- George & Carole Hartling
- Barbara Hoffman
- Rita Jaros & Wes Talley
- Joan S. Rockwell & Associates
- Sally Judd
- Ellen & Marc Kaufmann
- Richard & Sharon Khachadoorian
- Winston & Marie LaBelle
- Kate Lapping
- Bill & Lynda Leitner
- Doreen & Rick Leskowitz
- Maureen Lieurance
- Robert Lizotte & Hannah Jarrell
- Mark & Amelia Madenski
- Debb Makara
- Peggy March
- Nathalie McCormick & Mark Pichette
- Sarah and Mark McKusick
- Geraldine Mead
- Marilyn Mele
- Lisa & Ted Merrill
- Millefleurs - Betty Gaechter
- Steven & Mary Ellen Miller
- Tom Miner & Whitty Sanford
- Wanda Mooney
- Peter and Marjorie Moser
- Evelyn Motte
- Tom & Vanda Mullins
- Sarah E. Neelon
- David Neill
- Sylvia Orcutt
- Jon & Marilyn Osgood
- Nancy Parland & Steve Howland
- Elaine & Richard Parmett
- The Perry Family
- Julie Petty & David Reading
- Deborah Phillips
- Jim Picardi, Cabinet Maker
- Pothole Pictures
- Jean and Larry Rankin
- Pam Roberts
- Mary Robertson & Stefan Kostka
- Gene & Patricia St. Pierre
- Paul Schroeder
- Gloria & Sidney Seltzer
- Ann & Edward Shanahan
- Ann Shea
- Susan Shearer
- Rev. Marguerite Sheehan & Dorothy Merriam
- Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters, LLC
- Steven Shulda
- Wes Slate & Georgia Bills
- Sylvia Smith
- Suzanne S. Smith
- Russ & Cheri Snow
- Dennis & Susan Stetson
- Shauna Stokes & Joel Chew
- Strawberryfield
- Bill Sweeney
- Carolyn Taylor
- Pat Thomas
- Tregelly Fiber Farm
- Aidan Tremblay
- Bill & Jane Trombi
- Delores Turcotte
- Mari Weinberg
- Gina & Larry Wells
- Jeremy Wells
- Ann Wetherbee
- Nancy & Joe Woods
- Anonymous