

# Pinecones

March 2020 Edition



## -A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN- Expand and Renovate the Hilltop House



### Honoring Our History, Our 75th Anniversary and Investing in Our Future

What better way to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary than a Capital Campaign to renovate and expand our Hilltop House! The Capital Campaign funds will be used to redevelop the Hilltop House and create a two-story addition at the north end of the building. The new space will house a catering room, much needed handicap-accessible restrooms, a storage room, Peter J. Booras museum access, and an administrative office. Funds will also allow us to expand the outdated existing room, as well as to upgrade the lighting, flooring, doors, windows, and the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

We not only wanted to perpetuate our founders' vision but provide services with higher standards without compromising our values. We are pleased to say that throughout the 75-year history of Cathedral of the Pines our purpose has remained the same: to bring people together in unity, honor those who made the greatest sacrifice for our freedoms, and to respect all.

If you would like to be part of this great initiative, please contact Patricia Vargas at (603) 899-3300 or Bob Pettegrew at (603) 491-4101; go to our website: [cathedralofthepines.org](http://cathedralofthepines.org), or stop by at 10 Hale Hill Rd. Rindge, NH, 03461.

Contributions should be made payable to Cathedral of the Pines Capital Campaign. We are an IRS approved 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Your contribution will be tax-deductible to fullest extent allowable by law.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

In addition to the exciting work on Hilltop House, we have another reason to celebrate! From August 23, 2020 to August 30, 2020, we will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



On the last Sunday in August 1945, a service was held to honor the life of Sanderson "Sandy" Sloane, who was killed during World War II, over Koblenz, Germany. At the time set for the service the clouds opened up and down came rain! Regardless of the weather, over 127 neighbors and friends came to show their respect for Sandy and the entire Sloane family.

The Altar of the Nation contains stones from all 50 States, 4 territories, from commanding officers of the Armed Forces and all of the presidents from Harry Truman to Barak Obama. The Legislature of New Hampshire petitioned the Congress of the United States to grant recognition of the Altar of the Nation as a national memorial for all American War dead. In 1957, both the United States Senate and House of Representatives voted unanimously to grant this request.



### The Schedule of Events includes:

**Saturday, August 22** – The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall arrives

**Sunday, August 23** – Opening Ceremony for The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

-Visitation of the Wall  
-Interfaith Service  
-Decatur Creek Concert

**Monday, August 24** – Visitation of the Wall  
-Special Music throughout the day

**Tuesday, August 25** – Visitation of the Wall  
-Local Veteran's Salute  
-Veteran's Stories

**Wednesday, August 26** – The Vietnam Traveling Memorial wall leaves

**Thursday, August 27** – Art evening in conjunction with the Jaffrey Civic Center  
-Special display to honor the memory of Peter Rockwell

**Friday, August 28** – Lunchtime Round Table Discussion on "Finding Peace in Today's World" Featuring Rev. Mark Koyama, David Blair, two other community members, and Moderator Marc Teiger

**Saturday, August 29** – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with Guest Speaker General Donald Bolduc

**Sunday, August 30** – Memorial Service for all interred at Cathedral of the Pines with the Sons of the American Revolution.

The week will also include an open mic for "Sharing the Significance of Cathedral of the Pines" and Historical Displays.

## In Memorium Peter Rockwell (September 16, 1936 – February 6, 2020)

Peter Rockwell, noted sculptor, who was the son of artist Norman Rockwell, passed away on February 6, 2020 in Danvers, Massachusetts. In a piece for Community Newspaper Holdings in March of 2018 he spoke about his ties with Cathedral of the Pines. One of his first commissions was the Women's Memorial Bell Tower bronze plaques. His father, Norman, had agreed to design the plaques on one condition - if he could choose the sculptor. He chose Peter. This would be the only project they collaborated on.

Peter would come into fame as a respected artist in his own right. He moved to Rome, Italy to study the techniques and materials used by Italian Renaissance sculptors and he went on to create works that can be found around the world.

The Women's Memorial Bell Tower was dedicated in 1967. It is built from stones from the cleared fields around the Cathedral knoll. Norman Rockwell did the drawings for the bronze plaques and Peter sculpted the figures and superintended the castings in his studio in Rome. The plaques include: Facing West: Girls of Combat Forces, representing the five branches of the US Military; Facing East: Sisters of Charity, Salvation Army Lassie, USO Entertainer, War Correspondent, Riveter; Facing North: Clara Barton, founder American Red Cross; Facing South: Pioneer Woman.

Peter last visited Cathedral of the Pines in October of 2018 with his daughter Mary and her twin brother John. A memorial tribute to him and his work will be held during the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Cathedral of the Pines.





**It's that time of year!**

**Please mark your calendars for April 6 – April 11, 2020  
We will need daily help from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
as we prepare for the 2020 season**

**Areas of Need:**

- **Yard Work**
- **Prep of new spaces at Hilltop House**
- **Movement of stored items to their new homes**
- **General Cleaning**

**Refreshments will be provided**

**Volunteers needed for our 2020 Season!**

Cathedral of the Pines is always looking for volunteers to help us during the week and on weekends. If you are interested, please contact the office at 603-899-3300. We need:

Greeters  
Tour Guides  
Gift Shop Salespeople  
Gardening Assistants

Maintenance Assistants  
Office Assistants

## Calendar of Events 2020

### April

**April 6 – 11** – Spring  
Cleaning

**April 12** – Sunrise Easter  
Service

**April 24** – Arbor Day  
Celebration with the NH  
Arborist Association

### May

**May 3** – VFW Loyalty  
Service

**May 10** – Mother's Day

**May 17** – Fraternal Order of  
the Eagles

**May 30** – Memorial Day  
Service

### June

**June 6** – COTP's Annual  
Meeting

**June 14** – Memorial  
Congregational Church  
Service

**June 14** – Flag Day

**June 21** – Father's Day

**June 21** – St. John's Service

**June 28** – Vow Renewal  
Service

### July

**July 4** – Independence Day

**July 12** – Polish National  
Catholic Church Service

**July 18** – Order of Odd  
Fellows and Rebekah's  
Service

Please check out our website [www.cathedralofthepines.org](http://www.cathedralofthepines.org) or Facebook events!

### Aug

Shakespeare's Macbeth

**August 8** – DARS Annual  
Service

**August 16** – Ashburnham  
Apostolic Lutheran Church  
Service

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discussion on Peace

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Service

**September 4** – Cuatro Puntos  
presents "The Curve"

**September 5** – Seventh Day  
Adventist Sundown Service

**September 7** – AA Labor Day  
Meeting

**September 11** – 9/11  
Memorial Service

**September 12** – 57<sup>th</sup> Loyalty  
Order of Moose

**September 13** – United  
Commercial Travelers Service

**September 13** – Rainbow  
Girls Service

**September 20** – Masonic  
Lodge Service

### October

**October 4** – Peterborough  
Unitarian Universalist Service

**October 4** – Feast of St.  
Francis Blessing of the  
Animals

**October 11** – Cheshiremen  
Chorus Concert

**October 17** – NH Arborist  
Association Fall Workday

**October 23** – Spooky Story  
Night

### November

**November 11** – Veteran's  
Day

## Executive Director Report - January 2020

January was mostly busy with administrative tasks and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event coordination.

Our Treasurer Greg Walsh and I met with our insurance representative to review and make changes to some of our policies:

- The Inland Marine Floater Policy was cancelled. Most of the equipment insured is no longer in use or depreciation has exceeded their value.
- Fine Arts Floater, we requested to increase the deductible to \$25,000 on Norman Rockwell Panels.
- Penn-America (Cathedral House), we requested to increase the deductible up to \$5,000.
- We decided to cancel our auto policy and add the hired & non-owned auto policy to our package

Bob Pettegrew and I participated at the NH CDFR Tax Credit workshop. We are registered and currently working on the completion of the application.

Changes for the 2020 Season include revised wedding ceremony and wedding reception contracts. A deposit requirement was added to prevent the consumption of alcohol and use of tobacco in the main sanctuary and on the grounds.

A letter went out to all Podunk Customers notifying of a price increase with new contracts.

All brochures were updated, including our new tagline *Honor – Celebrate - Reflect*. We are in the process of updating our website and Facebook pages.

Thank you letters and invitations to return in 2020 were sent to all religious organizations.

Lastly, major progress was made at the Hilltop House renovation/construction. All exterior siding has been installed, new windows are in place, walls have been insulated, new exterior trim was installed around the whole building, sandblast cleaning was performed at the fireplace, and the Chaplain's pulpit was safely removed.

*Please know that all these improvements are possible because of you. Thank you for believing in this great organization and for placing your trust and confidence in us.*



Patricia J. Vargas,  
Executive Director