



Cathedral of the Pines Newsletter

October 2018



A Message from our Executive Director

This is my first season at Cathedral of the Pines! A very busy time of the year but also very gratifying. I had the opportunity to personally meet with many of you. Sharing that exciting time of your life...planning your wedding, or a sad time...facing the loss of your loved ones, made me realize why we have become a special place for you.

Cathedral of the Pines is not only a national memorial listed on the NH State Register of Historic Places, but it operates as a nondenominational sanctuary, a natural preserve with gardens, monuments, trails and a WWII museum. It is open to the public seven days a week *free of charge* from May to October.

It has been 73 years since we opened our doors. During that time, we faced some difficult times (2008 ice storm), but it was a strong community with supporters like you who helped us stand up again.

Updates from the last four months:

- We raised \$2,441 in our first Online 24 Hours Fund Drive (NH Gives). Thanks to our donors we were able to upgrade our sound system.
- A new digital piano and a hands-free microphone are now available at the Altar of the Nation. Gifts from a loyal donor.
- The Ten Commandments and the St. Francis monuments were restored. New foundations and resetting of the monuments were completed. We are grateful to the Fraternal Order of Eagles for their annual contribution, as that facilitated this project.
- A beautiful set of granite steps were installed on our lower level cemetery thanks to the Doane family.
- The sales in our gift shop have significantly increased. This helped defray the cost of replacing the roof. We appreciate your shopping with us.
- We replaced the front side of the Hilltop House roof. Our next goal is to be able to insulate the complete building, so we can extend our season beyond October.

- Our gardener Brenda and her team of volunteers worked very hard under extreme weather conditions, so visitors could enjoy the gardens.
- We replaced the sinks and a toilet in the women's restroom.
- Lastly, if you enjoy hiking and poetry, our Grassy Pond Trail now displays 3 beautiful poem plaques thanks to a collaboration with the Monadnock Writer's Group.



As you can see, we are making the best use of our resources, so we can better serve you and our communities. The best part of this is that you as a donor play an important role in our success.

Thank you again for your continued support and for believing in us.

Did you Know?



TD Bank Affinity Membership Program provides nonprofit organizations with an easy way to raise money. The more members who bank with them, the more money we can earn. There are no costs involved. It is that simple! Please call your TD Bank representative and let them know that you would like to participate with Cathedral of the Pines Affinity Program. It won't cost you anything, but it will help us greatly.

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, November 11, at 10:45 a.m. Annual Veterans' Day Service and display of the NHSODAR Fallen Heroes Moving Wall.
- Saturday, November 17, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Stargazing and Nocturnes with Viola, Flute and Harp Trio presented by Monadnock Music.

Our Volunteers:

Good things happen at Cathedral of the Pines thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers.

- Ben Mertzic - Sound System, thank you for helping us find an affordable and excellent new sound system. Your many hours of unconditional support made a difference.
- Arthur Fleming – Electricity, we are excited about our new efficient lighting.
- Gloria and Bill Barefoot - St Francis Garden, thank you for embellishing our gardens.
- Dick Putman - Our grounds couldn't look better without your work
- Sylvia Putman - Keeping our facility at its best is not easy. Thank you for your attention to those small but very important details.
- Rindge Women's Club – Mother's Chapel. Your commitment to us is commendable.
- Pam Lavoie - Gift Shop, we miss your personal touch.
- Karen Clement - Gift Shop, your enthusiasm and creativity are highly appreciated.
- Sally Hoover & Kate Coon - Gardens, it takes passion to do what you do, working under extreme heat. Thank you for helping Brenda keep our gardens looking their best.
- Zack Mercier - Grounds, office and any other requirements. We appreciate your willingness and flexibility.
- John Halper - Website, thank you for helping us keep up to date.