

Pinecones

June 2021 Edition



Expansion and Renovation of the Hilltop House and CDFA



As part of our Community Development initiative, Cathedral of the Pines applied for and was awarded \$150,000 in Investment Tax Credit Program funds for the *Hilltop House Expansion and Renovation Project* by the NH Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) ---\$62,000 of which has already been pledged, leaving us with a balance of \$88,000 to fund.

CDFA's Tax Credit Program is a competitive community economic development investment program. The investments seek to advance community economic development projects that show a high degree of community support, build partnerships, and leverage other resources.

Grants made to organizations are in the form of tax credit equity. New Hampshire businesses support awarded projects by purchasing the credits resulting in the nonprofit receiving a donation and the company receiving a 75 percent New Hampshire state tax credit against that contribution. The credit can be applied

against the Business Profits Tax, Business Enterprise Tax, or Insurance Premium Tax. The donation may also be eligible for treatment as a state and federal charitable contribution.

CDFA's founding legislation and foundational guidance for the Tax Credit Program can be found in *New Hampshire RSA 162-L*.

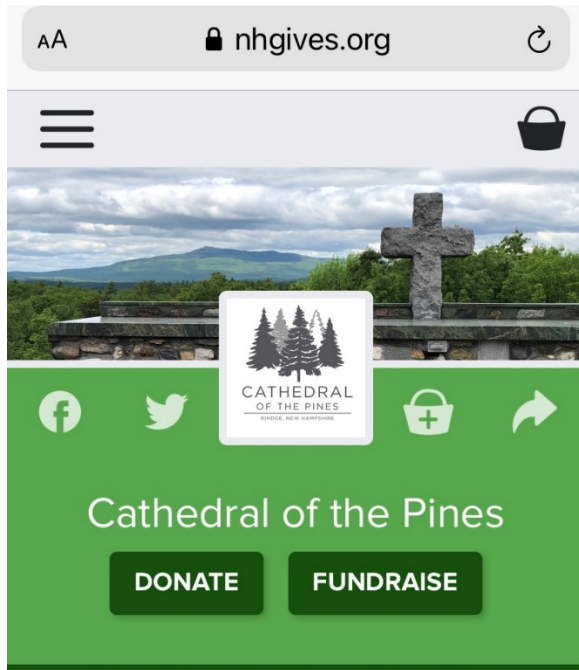
Cathedral of the Pines continues to increase the number of public lectures, musical events, and workshops, as well as provide a wide variety of private events held on our 236-acre campus. The growing collaborations established with local schools, libraries, colleges, and other non-profit organizations created the need to renovate and expand the Hilltop House where so many of these events are held.

We are delighted to report that the renovation is complete, the Hilltop House is fully operational and of the \$730,000 total renovation cost, *we have a remaining balance of only \$138,000 to fund.*

If you would like to be part of this great initiative, please contact Executive Director Patricia Vargas at (603)899-3300, Bob Pettegrew at (603)491-4101; or go to our website www.cathedralofthepines.org.

We are an IRS approved 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Your contribution will be tax-deductible to fullest extent allowable by law.

NH Gives 24 Hour Online Fundraising



The final tallies are in for NH Gives, and we have raised more money, and had more donors, than any other year doing this. \$7,095 was raised from 26 donors!

We are pleased to inform that 99% of our Board members gave a gift - thank you so much to our donors and Kelley Manson for coordinating the fundraising!

NH Lottery Games of Chance

In April we took part in NH Lottery Games of Chance with Emerald Gaming in Keene at the suggestion of Kathleene Card, Trustee. Over the course of ten days, we received net donations to the tune of **\$21,809.08**. We are so grateful to all those who participated.

In Memoriam

The Cathedral has lost two of its long-time loyal friends – Allen Clapp and Laurance Foley.

Allen Clapp



Al was born November 30, 1924, in Waban, MA. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1943 and then answered our country's call by enlisting in the U.S. Army and serving in the European theater. After the war, Al attended and graduated from Yale University.

He served as interim director of the Cathedral of the Pines when the ice storm of 2008 devastated the site and was an Emeritus Trustee. Al and his dedicated team rebuilt and redesigned the Cathedral into what it is today. A new garden was created near the Altar in his memory.

Laurance “Larry” Foley



Larry was born September 6, 1927, in Albany, NY. Larry attended PS16 Milne High School and graduated from Albany Boys Academy in 1945. Following his US Navy service, he entered Union College, graduating in 1951, and returned later to receive a Master of Science degree in Industrial administration.

Larry was a true friend of the Cathedral. His bright smile and jolly demeanor were always present to his kin and strangers alike. Larry's memorial service is scheduled for July 17, 2021 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral.

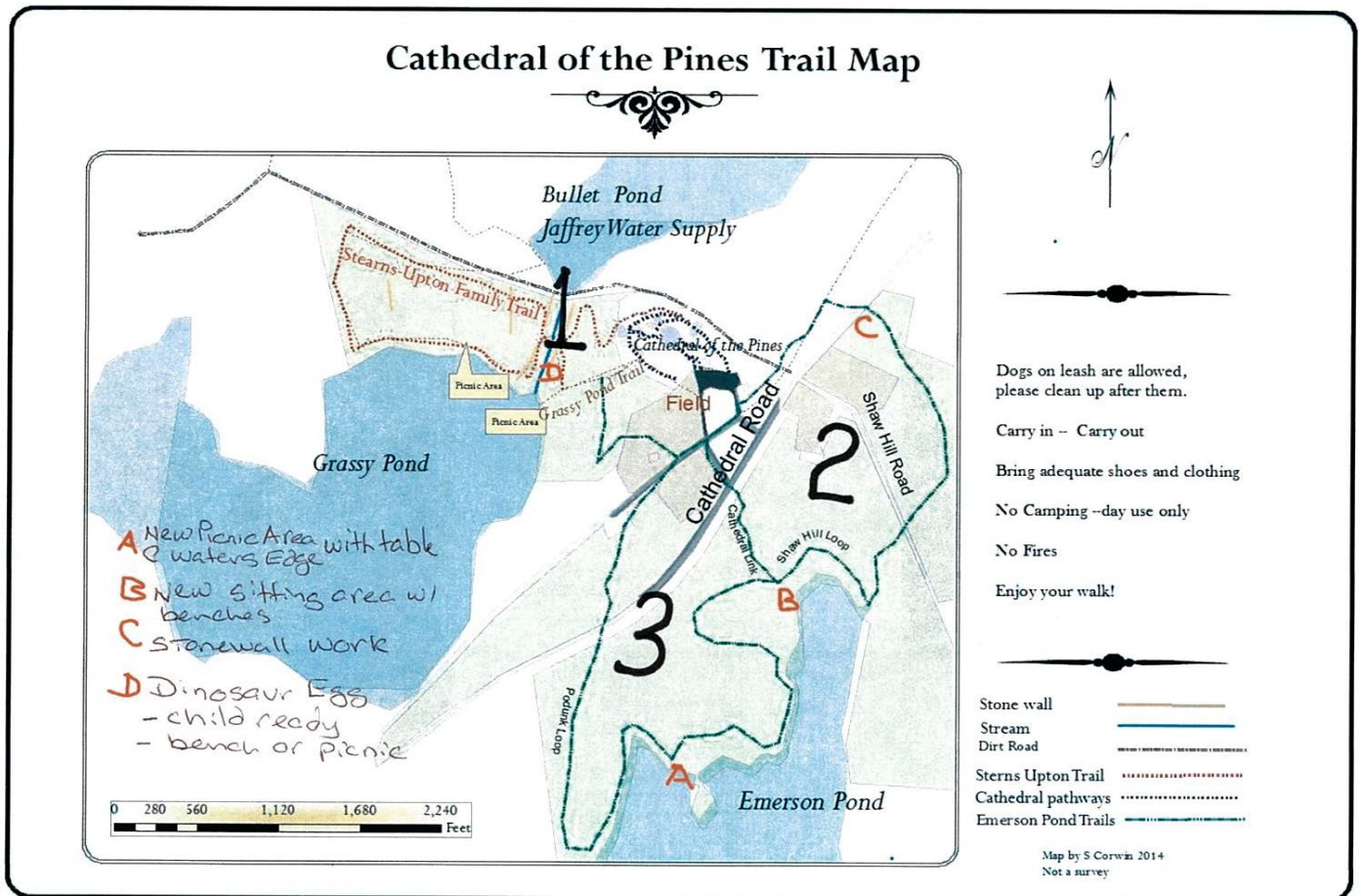
We Say Goodbye

To our outgoing Trustees, Susan Emerson, Bob Schaumann, and Bill Edson. We appreciate your dedicated service, contributions, and commitment to the Cathedral of the Pines!!

Welcome New Trustees

At the Annual Meeting of Incorporators, we welcomed three (3) new Trustees Steve Maloney, Jedadiah Paquin and James "Jim" Weidner.

Trail Maintenance



We had a fantastic Volunteer Day for Trail Maintenance on April 24th with the focus on the following Zones identified on map and with details provided. Thanks to the following who worked hard on these efforts: Steve Maloney, Cameron, Hayden, James Roy, Joey Morrissey, Chris Raymond, David Kuuisto, Mark Hill, Del Friedman,

Jim Banghart, Michele Huber, Will Connell, Kathy and Bob Johnson. Great Job Everyone!

- Zone 1: Focus on trails, picnic areas and dinosaur egg. Idea is to make it a bit more child/family friendly.

- Zone 2: Focus on clearing, marking and some stonewall work on Cathedral Road entrance. Also planking some muddy areas.
- Zone 3: Focus on creating new picnic area at edge of Emerson Pond near Podunk, planking muddy areas, clearing, and marking. With team 2 establishing small area with benches at junction of Cathedral Link, Shaw Hill Loop and Podunk loop.

Thank you Steve Maloney, Trustee, for taking on this project and coordinating the efforts of all our volunteers on the trail maintenance for the public's enjoyment!!

Trail Maintenance Wish List

Below are some of the projects that are currently on our wish list:

Western Trail System (From Bell tower between Grassy Pond and Bullet Pond)

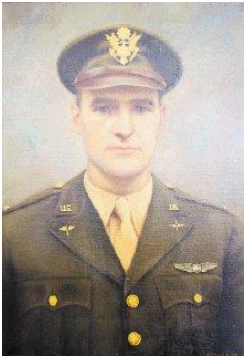
- Project A: Peace Monument: Clean trail from Grassy Pond Trail to Field and trim growth back from monument.
- Project B: Picnic Area 2: Clear area around the 2 picnic tables along the Stearns-Upton Family Trail overlooking Grassy Pond and provide clear views of the pond from the picnic area.
- Project C: Remove broken limbs and brush from area between Cemetery and Altar of the Nation.
- Project D (in planning): Bridge and boardwalk: Relocate bridge and repair boardwalks through marshy area at the start of the Stearns-Upton Trail Loop.
- Project E: Dinosaur Egg: Place bench at the egg.

Eastern Trail System (starting on Hale Hill Road and crossing over Cathedral Road to Emerson Pond)

- Project F: Marking: Continue to replace blue markers with red. We are currently replenishing our supply of red tags.
- Project G: Boardwalks: Utilizing old benches (we cut the legs off) provide boardwalks in marshy areas from the Cathedral Link towards Podunk cottage on Podunk Loop. Benches are heavy and it requires carrying to the marshy parts of the trail so best to do with a few people.
- Project H: (unmarked); Thanks to the efforts of Del Friedman we have connected the Podunk Loop at the top allowing a complete loop without crossing Cathedral Road. This fresh trail cuts across the Podunk cottage driveway and utilizes a well-used snow mobile trail. Ultimately, we will need to name, map and mark this extension but the connection to the Northwest section of the Podunk Loop needs some trail clearing/cleaning as does the section from Emerson Pond (new picnic area) to Cathedral Road.
- Project I: Benches: There are two Emerson Pond overlooks where we might place a bench on both the southwest portion of Podunk Loop near the Pond and on the Southeast section of Podunk Loop on the Pond.
- Project J: Investigate: The Shaw Hill Loop supposedly has a link to Cathedral Road running along the western side of Shaw Hill Road.

75th Anniversary Celebration

In addition to the exciting work on Hilltop House, we have another reason to celebrate! From August 13, 2021 through August 15, 2021, we will be celebrating our 75th 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:

Thursday, August 12 – The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall arrives

Friday, August 13 – Opening Ceremony for the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

- Visitation of the Wall
- Local Veteran's Salute
- Piccola Opera performing Patriotic music
- Lunchtime Round Table Discussion on "Finding Peace in Today's World"
- Cathedral of the Pines Historical Exhibit

Saturday, August 14 – Visitation of the Wall

- 75th Anniversary Celebration Service
- Guest Speaker General Donald Bolduc
- Decatur Creek Concert
- BBQ in the afternoon

Sunday, August 15 – Visitation of the Wall

- Interfaith Service
- David McLellan musical program

Calendar of Events 2021

July

Saturday, 10th

10:00 a.m. “Flags for Forgotten Soldiers” - Military Flag Suicide installation

Sunday, 11th

3:30 p.m. Eastern Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church

Friday, 16th

6:00 p.m. Piccola Youth Opera - “The Wonderful World of Music”, Musical Theatre and Light Opera

Saturday, 17th

12:00 p.m. Annual Service - Oddfellows and Rebekahs

Sunday, 18th

10:00 a.m. Rindge UCC Service

Wednesday, 21st

6:00 p.m. Piccola Opera Outdoor Benefit Concert - Emerging Artists

Saturday, 24th

2:00 p.m. Piccola Emerging Opera – “Purcell to Puccini – Operatastic!”, Opera at its finest!

Sunday, 25th

11:00 a.m. Rolling Thunder POW-MIA Chair Dedication Ceremony

4:00 p.m. NH Pastel Society Paint out

August

Sunday, 1st

6:00 p.m. Fleur de Lis service

Friday, 6th

6:00 p.m. A Midsummer Night’s Dream—performed by Project Shakespeare (rain date August 10th)

Saturday, 7th

10:00 a.m. DAR Annual Service

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Friday, 20th

7:00 p.m.– Congregation Ahavas Achim

Sunday, 22nd

10:00 a.m. - Rindge UCC Service

Thursday, 26th

7:00 pm – Rindge United Congregational - Community Memorial and Service of Lives lost to Covid-19 Remembrance

Sunday, 29th

10:00 a.m. – Ashburnham Apostolic Lutheran Church Service

1:00 p.m. Manchester Motorcycle Club memorial ride

September

Monday, 6th

10:00 a.m. AA Labor Day Meeting

2:00 p.m. Masonic Lodge Service

Saturday, September 11th

8:45 a.m. 9/11 Memorial Service

12:00 p.m. 57th Loyalty Order of Moose

September 12th

10:00 a.m. – United Commercial Travelers Service

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Cathedral of the Pine

June 5th, 2021

The last two fiscal years were exceptionally positive in terms of increasing revenue. *One reason* is the large fundraising effort undertaken to finance the Hilltop House Renovation /Expansion -- and the extraordinary support of our donors. As one of our Incorporators stated: “*The Hilltop House Renovation/Expansion is one of our largest projects in the last 50 years*”. This initiative started in December of 2019. Our contractor was ATA Construction. Owner Andre Aho and his team did an extraordinary job, and the project was completed in June 2020. The final cost of this project was \$737,188, and as of today, we have raised \$599,189.30. This leaves us with a \$137,998.70 to raise.

The other reason has been the very solid fiscal management by our Executive Director, Patricia Vargas, in that we have experienced an ongoing, widening gap between revenues (up) and expenses (down) since she joined us three years ago.

A stunning 12’ granite piece was found at the Cathedral house, moved and installed next to the Hilltop House. Greg Walsh and his wife Kim Mooney paid for this project.

Jim Weidner, new Trustee, donated an installed an exit sign stand, a large railing on the back side of the large granite bench located next to the Hilltop House addition, and railings for the main Altar.

The “In Honor of” designated area for bronze plaques was reset, crushed stone was placed around the plaques and the rest of the area was mulched.

An Electronic Carillon System (with more than 750 selections) was donated by a longtime and very loyal friend of the Cathedral.

We replaced our outdoor sound system and microphones. Plans to replace the damaged speaker are in process.

We installed lighting outside in the parking lot (250-watts/30,000 lumens).

We created two new gardens in the main sanctuary. One garden created by Nancy Clapp in honor of her husband.

We installed new exterior signs (Please Come Again, Exit, and Do not Enter).

We installed a new sound system and security cameras in the Hilltop House.

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The children’s garden and the Little Lending Library are now part of our 236-acre campus.

Volunteerism at the Cathedral: In the last twelve months we recruited 11 new volunteers. Today, we would specifically like to recognize:

- **Greg Walsh, Trustee** who virtually served as Clerk of the Works and oversaw the construction of the new two-story addition to the Hilltop House, as well as the total refurbishment of the original Hilltop House. Among many other items, Greg was also responsible for the new concrete path that extends from the rear to the front of the Altar of the Nation.
- **Joseph Morrissey** for his dedication, and many hours of hard work during and after the construction. Joseph worked with Greg on the total refurbishment of the original Hilltop House. He has become an indispensable volunteer due to his willingness to lend a hand when needed.
- **Susan Emerson** and **Doug Hagstrom** for their continuous help with the gardens during 2020 and for the installation of the much-needed water supply around the main gardens.
- **Susan** also received a large donation of books for the Cathedral. These books are for sale in the gift shop (donation based) and many of the history, military, WW I and II books are displayed in the Hilltop House.
- **Stephen Maloney**, who for over a year has taken the initiative to make improvements in our hiking trails.

New Volunteers in the last two years: Steve Maloney, Hope Pettegrew, Bob Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Lucinda Hirt, James Roy, Patrick Frank, Joseph Morrissey, Del Friedman, Chris Raymond, and Mark Hill.