

We hope you are among the many to enjoy the bloom times in 2016 when the force awakens with its abundance of lush colors to welcome you, our community of Friends, who are the keystone that keeps the Bridge strong!

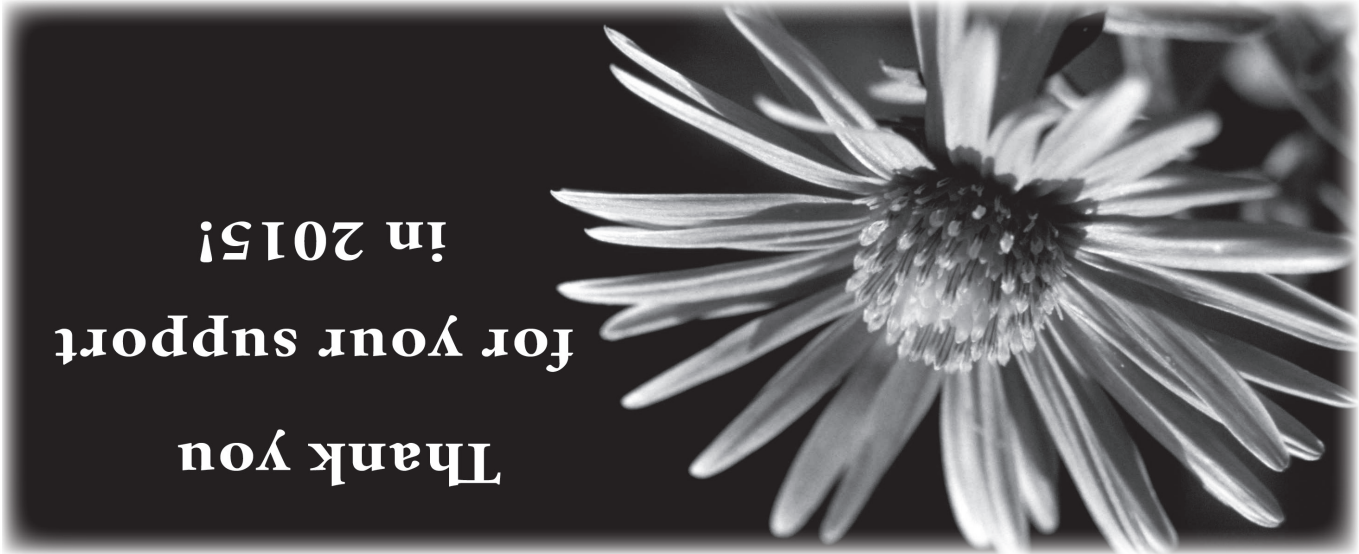
Respectfully Submitted
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2015 was a year rich with reflection and gratitude for what makes the Bridge of Flowers greater than the sum of all that we do here, now. Thousands of visitors from all over the world signed in at the Kiosks and left their notes of pleasure in visiting *this* flower Bridge in the midst of a bustling and friendly little town. And, thanks to your enthusiastic response to our Friends request for help with building a much needed new Garden House, our Friends donations were impressive!

The Bridge of Flowers committee used those funds, coupled with assistance from our Memorial fund, and generous in-kind donations, to complete the building of a new Garden House! Hats off to committee member Maureen ‘Mo’ Moore for coordinating this project from beginning to end! Designed by architect Kim Erslev and built by Mark Landy Design/Build Services, the new Garden House reflects loads of local talent and gets kudos from admiring visitors! Local carpenters and Fitzgerald Fencing created a new work area at the Garden House, using the existing gate and fencing materials. And a beautiful new sign created and installed by Chris Reilley Design enhances the Buckland entrance to the Bridge.

Acts of kindness made it possible to carry on the building and maintenance on the Bridge. At the opening of our season, we were without electricity and water. To keep plants growing and carpenters building, our neighbors—VFW Post 8503, the Hurleys, the Cornishes, the Lawlers, and the Mosers—all gave us these vital utilities.

This was also the year we were greatly saddened by the loss of our assistant gardener, Lisa ‘Tish’ Murphy, who passed away suddenly in March. A Master Gardener, she was instrumental as coordinator for the Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners Association, and later as assistant gardener on the Bridge of Flowers, a job she loved—and we loved her! She formed the collaboration between the Bridge and Master Gardeners to volunteer as docents. Truly our ambassador, Tish took the time to smile and talk with visitors. This year, you will see a small tree at the stone fountain on the Bridge, an Eastern Red Bud with heart-shaped leaves, honoring Tish.

We are grateful to our Head Gardener, Carol DeLorenzo, who celebrates 15 years on the Bridge, coordinating all the design, the plantings, repairs and replenishment of our gardens, all while training a new assistant, Elliston Bingham.



Our volunteer ‘Blossom Brigade’ came out in force throughout the season adding their poetic touches in raking, weeding, and deadheading to keep the gardens beautiful.

Our Plant Sale in May was a resounding success! The enthusiasm of many helping hands from community and school groups who potted up perennials and helped with set-up and sales, created a synergy that made for a huge success! We thank Peter & Marjie Moser for the use of their property for dividing and potting the plants for the plant sale while the Garden House was under construction.

Our outreach welcomed representatives from Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, N.C., and Amsterdam, N.Y.’s Overlook Pedestrian Bridge. It seems our Bridge has inspired others to create public garden bridges. And several interviews and articles about the Bridge appeared in the media. Please visit our newly revamped website, www.bridgeofflowersmass.org to see more.

This year we proudly added a new category of giving in our Friends program, the New England Aster, for donations of \$500 or greater. Friends like you have generously demonstrated your sentiments and trust in our stewardship of the Bridge. Thank You! Our goal over the next several seasons is to improve the path on the Bridge.



Tish

Gifts in Memoriam

- Candae Bath
- Candy Bess
- Ida Mae Blaisdell
- Jane Burnett
- John And Marjorie Burnham
- Eunice A. Chadwick
- Gweny Culbertson
- Adeline Fortier
- Erna C. Herzig
- Frank & Lee Kobrick & Putney
- Lisa “Tish” Murphy
- Helen Bosworth Parsons
- Susan Robbins
- Rita and Arnold Schwedock
- Irene Smith
- Valerie M. Smith
- Karen A. Soles
- Ann Elizabeth Stanford
- Catherine Elizabeth Woodard

Gifts In Honor Of

- Anthony Lawn
- Rory Matthews
- Siggy Renner

New England Aster (gifts of \$500+)

- Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association
- Greenfield Cooperative Bank
- Greenfield Savings Bank
- John & Barbara Hurley
- Shelburne Falls Area Women’s Club
- West End Pub
- Anonymous

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

- Blue Rock Restaurant & Bar
- Cynthia Brown
- Carl’s Four Season Yardscape, LLC
- Clark’s Corvair Parts, Inc.
- Charlie & Lisa Cornish
- Christopher Reilly Design
- Pat Cadam & Cynthia Brown
- Country Aire Campground
- Davenport’s Service Station
- Kate Downes, Esq.
- Cheryl Dukes & Valene Brooks
- Thomas Dame & Denise Duval, ESQ
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- Jonathan F. George Sr., CPA, CFP
- Nancy Heinemann
- Michael C. Herr
- Hillside Nursery
- Janice Boudreau Photography
- Lorraine & Hale Johnson
- Judith & Robert Lawler
- Lanoue Tree & Landscape Service, Inc.
- LaPierre’s Advertising
- Mirick Insurance Agency
- Richard & Judy Nicholas
- Peter & Eva Otten
- Reall, Lucentini, & Lucentini, LLP
- John W. Richardson, Attorney
- Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum
- Shelburne Falls VFW, Post 8503
- Stillwater Porcelain
- Gordon & Marion Taylor
- True North Transit Group
- Ward Plumbing & Heating
- Cliff & Carol Washer
- Brent Young, Mill River Farm
- Anonymous

Silver Trowel (gifts of \$100-249)

- Madeline & Howell Adams, Jr.
- Shannon Allen & Brian O’Neil
- Carol Angus
- Arlington Garden Club
- Lee Armstrong & Mike Lumpkin
- Amy & Craig Barry
- Pamela Boaze
- Bridge of Flowers Business Center
- Myra & Earl Carlow
- Michael Chovonec
- David Close & Gail Chapman Close
- Cohn Financial Services
- Sally L. Cornish
- Kate & Tom DaFonte
- Deborah Daniels
- Ronald & Karen Dobosz
- Constance Emmett & Suzy Groden
- Emily Farnese
- Andrea & Steven Frank
- Lois Gifford
- Joan Greenfield
- J.W. Wagner Trucking
- Keystone Market
- Kathleen & Kenneth Kippenberger
- Kate Lawn
- Pat & Henry Leuchtman
- Peter & Marion London
- Tom and Gail Lucia
- Mariana Luz
- Joan MacIver
- Mildred March
- McCusker’s Market &
- Franklin Community Co-Op
- Karen O. Moore
- Dick & Dianne Muller
- Jessica Murrow
- Nancy L. Dole Books & Ephemera
- Elaine & Richard Parmett
- Barb & Mike Parry
- John & Margaret Payne
- Patricia R. Pratt
- Regina Purinton
- Patricia Ryan
- Shelburne Falls Booksellers
- Randi Stein
- Stump Sprouts
- Steven Thomashow
- Cynthia Tomasini
- Irene Tomasini
- Anne Vogel
- Judee & David Wayne
- Josh & Johanna Weinstein
- Janet & Robert Weissman
- Donald & Marcia Wheeler
- Karen Winkler
- Deborah Woodsome
- Anonymous

Green Thumb Club (gifts of \$25-99)

- David Adie & Deb Hoyle
- Callie, Don & Liza Ahern
- Bill Austin
- Veronica Avery
- Ballet Renverse’
- Harriet Barlow
- The Bellwood Family
- Blackmer Insurance Agency Inc.
- Marlene Borer
- Boswell’s Books
- Buckland Pizza House
- Mac McCoy & Polly Byers
- Constance Clarke
- Nancy Conaway-Raczka
- Davenport’s Service Station
- Anush Dawidjan
- David A. DeSimone
- Karen Fairbrother
- Fred & Lois Feldman
- Robert & Nancy Fischlein
- Larry & Susan Flaccus
- Flanders Law Office
- Dick & Shirley Floyd
- Judy Fogg
- Franklin Land Trust
- Polly French
- Michael Garfield-Wright
- Lucia Gates
- Gail Gaustad
- Sharon Glazer
- Jacqui Goodman & Norman Beebe
- Dr. & Mrs. Gregory Grillone
- Judy Ann Harlow
- George & Carole Hartling
- Nancy Hazen
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- Basil & Barbara Hoffman
- Carol Hooker
- Nancy Parland & Steve Howland
- Doris Hughes
- Jennifer, Brian & Braedon Hydefrost
- J. H. Sherburne Fine Art
- Rita Jaros & Wes Talley
- Sally Judd
- Richard & Sharon Khachadoorian
- Kim Klein
- Antoinette Kuzminski
- Winston & Marie LaBelle
- Lake Lure Flowering Bridge
- Bill & Lynda Leitner
- Brian & Pat Lowell
- Carly Lumsden & Eric Thidemann
- Peggy March
- Tim & Carol March
- Nathalie McCormick & Mark Pichette
- Geraldine Mead
- Memorial Hall Association
- Elizabeth D. Merrill
- Lisa & Ted Merrill
- Bill & Amy Mish
- Wanda Mooney
- Sarah E. Neelon
- David Nims
- Sylvia Orcutt
- Jon & Marilyn Osgood
- Susan Pelis
- The Perry Family
- Julie Petty & David Reading
- Deborah Phillips
- Jim Picardi, Cabinet Maker
- Malcolm & Catherine Porter
- Pothole Pictures
- Elisabeth Radysh
- Bonnie Randall
- Jean and Larry Rankin
- Aidan Tremblay
- Pam Roberts
- Mary Robertson & Stefan Kostka
- Barbara and Bob Ruchames
- Patricia Ryan
- Sue Samoriski
- Tony & Sarah Schoedel
- Ann & Edward Shanahan
- Susan Shearer
- Rev. Marguerite Sheehan & Dorothy Merriam
- Shelburne Fall Arts Co-Op
- Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters, LLC
- Steven Shulda
- Sylvia Smith
- Russ & Cheri Snow
- Gene & Patricia St. Pierre
- Dennis & Susan Stetson
- Shauna Stokes & Joel Chew
- Strawberryfield
- Bill Sweeney
- Carolyn Taylor
- Don & Kathleen Upton
- Wandering Moon
- Ann Wetherbee
- Nancy & Joe Woods
- Anonymous

