

# The Memorial Garden of Greenfield Hill Congregational Church



1045 Old Academy Road  
Fairfield, Connecticut 06824



# The Memorial Garden

A place of devotion and tranquil beauty set aside for meditation, memorial services, interment of ashes, communion services, vespers, baptisms and other services of worship and praise.



“Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”

Matthew: Chapter 11, Verse 28

# History of The Memorial Garden



On the day of the Garden's dedication, June 21, 1998, actor Hume Cronyn recalled his childhood in Canada, tracking the seasons through the changing forms and colors of sugar maples. The peace and beauty of those days, he said, were evoked again in the beauty of this Garden. In that spirit, the Garden was opened as a floral sanctuary for Church family and friends.

It was two years previous that Bob and Anne Bossa had sought a place to plant a dogwood tree at their church in memory of their daughter, Betsy. But where? All property around the Church was town-owned. Yet across the street, the Church owned a 2.2 acre lot bought from the Millbank family just after WWII. Once an apple orchard, the lot had become a brambly dumping ground. With the support of the Board of Trustees and its Chair, Bob Dies, Trustee Cynn timer Goldrick took on the task of creating a new vision in this neglected space.

Many partners came together to create the Garden. Oliver Nurseries worked with Charlie Stebbins to conceive the inspiring horticultural plan. From his upstate farm, Gino Vona donated the granite stones which he used to construct the original circle of memorial walls. The Connecticut Audubon provided support for the choice made to use native plants and trees to attract more birds and wildlife.

Overseen by a church committee, the Garden's ongoing maintenance relies upon member support through the purchase of wall niches, benches, plantings and plaques.

**This brochure explains how to participate in the Garden's ministry through:**

- **Memorial Wall placement purchases**
- **Benefactor Stone donations and plaque recognition**
- **General Memorial gifts of plantings, plaques and/or major gifts**



# Memorial Walls

The focus of the Memorial Garden is the natural New England stone walls for the placement of ashes. Each wall is 3 feet high by 30 inches thick and is topped by removable field stone. Below each stone is a vertical shaft running from top to bottom, divided into 3 or 4 placements to house individual urn interments. A 3 inch by 6 inch plaque of cast bronze, including the name and dates, will mark the placement.



Please note that the purchase of a placement for ashes is limited to members of the Greenfield Hill Congregational Church and immediate family.

Cost of a placement: \$2,000

Interment cost (includes plaque) \$2,000  
*cost as of 2022*

*(If desired, the full \$4,000 for placement and future interment may be paid for at time the placement is purchased. Otherwise, the fee is due from the family at the time of interment, at the rate current at that time)*

Urn size: A flat topped container not to exceed 8 inches in height and 6 inches by 6 inches on the base (maximum).

# Benefactors' Stone and Memorials

Memorial gifts help sustain and enhance the Garden while honoring our loved ones. Gifts can be made through the GHCC Memorial Garden Fund, and for major donations of \$2500 or above, are recognized on the Garden Benefactor Stone as shown below. All gifts and contributions are tax deductible.



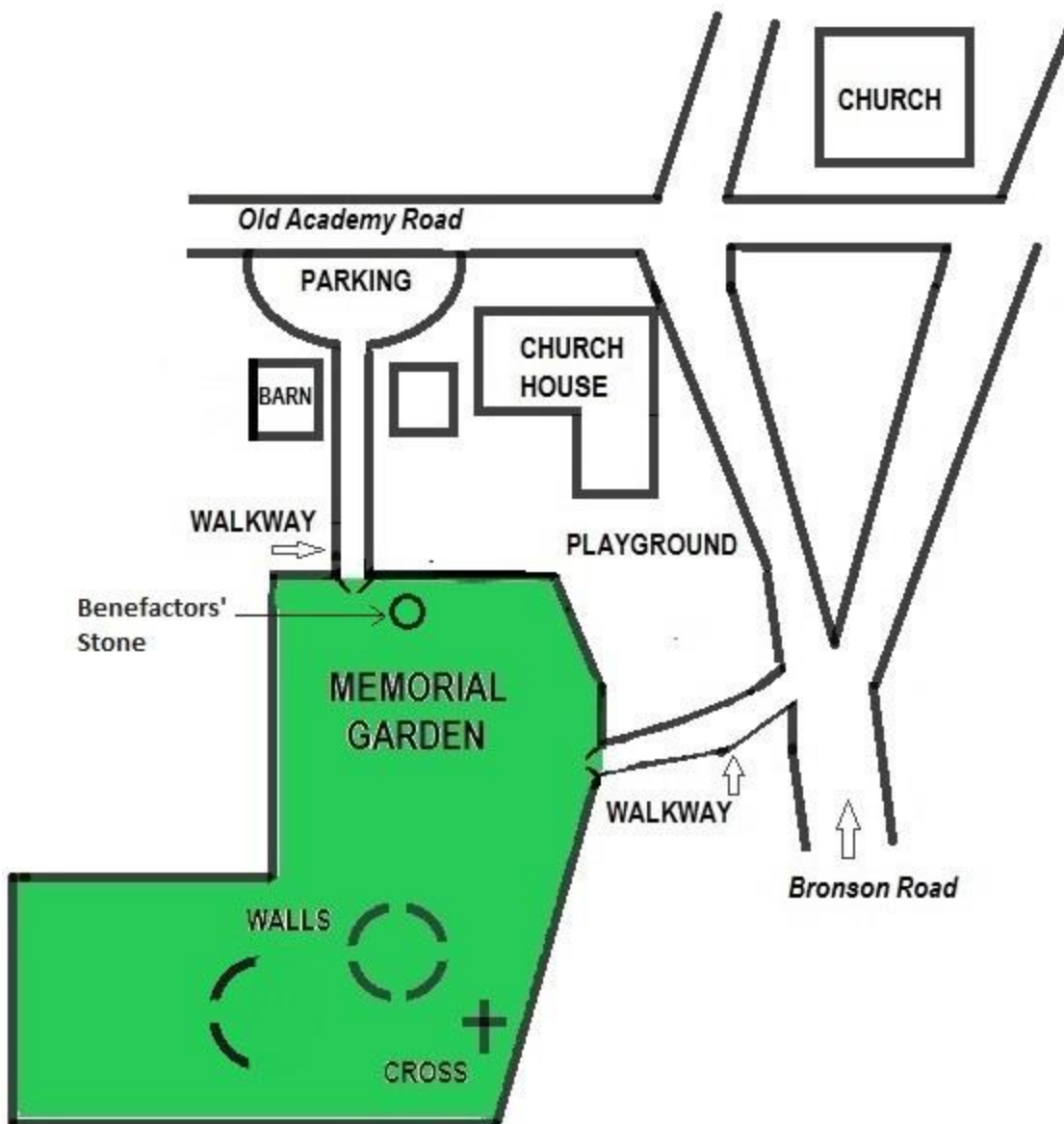
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| \$2,500 or more.... | Name on bronze plaque                 |
| \$3,750 or more.... | Name on bronze plaque with blossom    |
| \$5,000 or more.... | Name on bronze plaque with 2 blossoms |



# Memorial Garden Plot Plan

The Memorial Garden plot plan identifies each plant's precise location and species. Contributors select plants directly from the plot plan and the contributor's name, date and gift intention are duly recorded in the Church Garden registry. Selections of \$500 or more may include marker identification beside the gift for an additional fee, if so desired. Garden designers would be happy to assist you in identifying the appropriate tree or shrub based on blooming season and growth to maturity.

## Memorial Garden Location



# Memorial Garden Order Form

Please complete this order form to purchase a Wall Placement, Memorial Garden gift or contribution to the Benefactor Stone. If appropriate, please specify the exact name(s) to appear on any identifying plaques or markers.

Purchaser's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Town/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number/Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Exact Plaque/Marker Inscription \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Memorial Wall Placements:

\_\_\_\_\_ Placement(s) @ \$2,000 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Interment(s) @ \$2,000 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if you desire to pay in advance)*

## Memorial Gift:

Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

## Benefactor's Stone Contribution:

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Greenfield Hill Church.

Enclose with this order form, and mail to:

GHCC Memorial Garden

1045 Old Academy Road, Fairfield CT 06824

