

PLANT SALE - MAY 18 - SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Bridge of Flowers Plant Sale in Shelburne Falls is a big deal for plant lovers and Friends of the Bridge. This year the sale will be Saturday, May 18, at the corner of Main and Water Streets (the "Baptist Lot" open space across from the Buckland-Shelburne Community Center.)

Plant sales start promptly at 9 a.m. and the sale ends at noon. Many serious plant buyers arrive early to scout out favorites, especially some of the more unusual perennials dug and divided from Bridge plants. Coffee and baked goods will be for sale starting at 8 a.m. for early browsers.

It's a great chance to buy some lovely plants or items from vendor booths and another way to help fund the Bridge.

DON'T MISS IT!



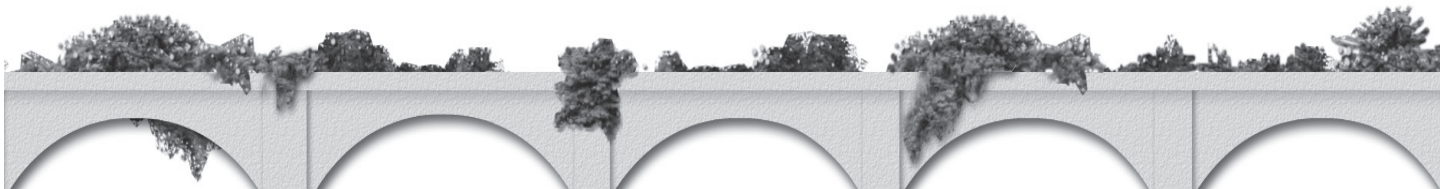
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Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



The year 2018 brought many happy events to the Bridge of Flowers. As it turns 90 in 2019, the Bridge remains solid, cared for and beloved.

The Bridge opened in Spring 2018 with a new stone patio near the Garden House, an attractive and practical addition planned to prevent mud splashing against the structure and to make cleanup easier after potting sessions and other messy flower tending chores. Repairs to metal signs and a new paint job on the donation box were also completed in early spring, with special thanks to students at Franklin Technical School for the paint job.

The year kicked off as it always does, with a round of hectic preparations for the May Plant Sale, a popular event that provides a significant boost to fund raising. Mother Nature was not especially cooperative this year, snowing on several of our potting sessions. But the work went on, aided not only by many Blossom Brigade and other plant potting volunteers, but also by a group of students from the Academy at Charlemont who helped out as part of local community service day. They potted hundreds of dahlia bulbs and bare root native shrubs and lugged big pots. All much appreciated.

Mother Nature was more cooperative for the May plant sale itself, as the downpour forecast for that Saturday held off until after noon, keeping things dry just long enough to get the hundreds and hundreds of perennial plants sold and sent to their new homes with happy purchasers.

This year, our already internationally famous Bridge of Flowers became even more famous in the region, thanks to a series of featured appearances on Springfield based television stations. Channel 22 and Channel 40 both produced feature stories from the Bridge and WGBY (PBS) did a Connecting Point feature (which can still be viewed on WGBY's web site). Just search for Bridge of Flowers in the past Connecting Point episodes. In addition, The (Greenfield) Recorder named the Bridge of Flowers the top tourist attraction in Franklin County.

September brought gorgeous flowers on the Bridge and an opportunity for a new fund raising effort. Noted artist Peter London, who lives part of the year in Shelburne, donated a lovely and large artwork. With generous help from the Salmon Falls Gallery, a silent auction was held with a reception to announce the winner. The painting was purchased by an out of area patron. The auction brought in an extra \$2,500 for the Bridge and a good time was had by all who attended the party.

The Bridge closed to the public at the end of October. It was another successful bloom season, though shortened by mid October frosts. In the months since the gate swung shut, however, work has gone on to ensure that its flowers will be around for generations to come.

The Bridge of Flowers committee (a sub committee of the Shelburne Falls Area Women's Club) is still busy meeting. Happily we keep finding new volunteers to join the group as others need to move away from committee obligations. Members have begun conferring with Bridge of Flowers Preservation Inc. to discuss what structural or other work may need to be done to make sure the Bridge is protected for the future. We will be cooperating with that organization in identifying needs and finding ways to fund them. We are also working on our own plans for replacing some fencing and reconstructing the visitor path. All of that will take a lot of volunteer effort and your donations as well.

We thank all of you who contributed in 2018 and hope we can count on you to do the same this year.

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