

CAMPTON'S GARDEN CLUB

An email from Carol Lenahan July 2020 –

Just came across these, and thought you'd like to be reminded how things used to look (or see things for the first time). The boxes had been on the bridge for two years—hand watered, by lugging either from home, Scilla Whitney's, or dipping into the Pond just behind the retaining wall before the dam! These were taken in 2005 to prepare for the trip to Concord to convince the State to let us change the lights and get them working after many years! The light by the apron had been cleaned off completely by a log truck! None of them worked.

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AFTER THREE YEARS OF PLANNING AND FUND-RAISING, IT'S DONE!!

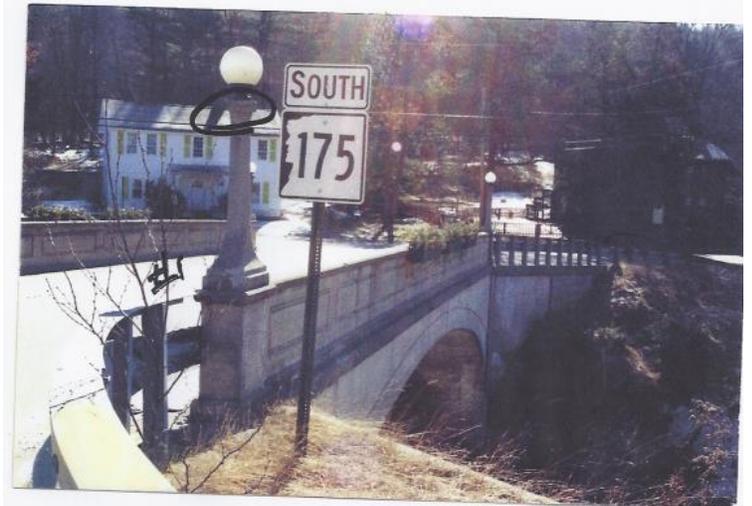
Phase II of the Campton Garden Club's Bridge Beautification Project at the Campton Dam is finally complete! The actual final part of the project is the historical marker to be donated and placed by the Campton Historical Society on Pond Road, part of their extensive historical marker program around Campton, and that will be done later this fall.

The Garden Club would again like to thank the many individuals and businesses from Campton, Thornton, Waterville Estates, and Waterville Valley whose generous monetary contributions made the completion of this project possible.

We thank the following for their approvals and encouragement: US Forest Service (Mr. John Serfass), NH DOT (Mr. Mark Morrill), the Town of Campton Selectboard, the Board and Members of the Campton Village Precinct, abutters Mad River Power Company (Mr. Richard Mauser) and Mr. Dylan Cadwalader.

We would like to thank our landscape designer extraordinaire, M's Jane Hilliard, of Jane Hilliard Landscape Design, Construction, & Fine Gardening of Campton. She is responsible for the project's design; completely supervised the installation, and donated all of the compost! We will be eternally grateful to her for the countless hours of consultation, planning, and just plain hard work she devoted to this effort.

The materials required to make this space amenable to beautiful plantings was considerable! We would like to thank the following individuals/businesses for their very essential and generous contributions: Duane & Wendy Johnston (Dirt Designs) for loam; Brian & Karen Young (Construx) for loam, electrical cords, water hoses; Skip & Carol Evans for their Bobcat loader/operator, stripping the old "soil", spreading the new loam and compost; David & Mary Anne Thompson for their backhoe, used to transport the full-grown crabtrees & shrubs across the bridge from the delivery truck and dig holes for same. Thanks so much to Mort Donahue (Donahue Electric), a regular contributor to our projects(!), who installed the post/photo cell light for the new "Village" sign (beautifully built & installed by Marvel Signs of Thornton);



thanks to Ed Hoyt for consideration on the mulch; thank you to Road Agent Butch Bain and crew who stripped away the built up gravel/sand along the Pond Road masonry wall. Without the tireless assistance on planting day of Paul Avery, Wilbur Coffey, and Ray Wujcik, the over 125 plants/shrubs/trees might not have been installed in a timely manner—we thank you. Much appreciation, too, to Dave Moulton of the local NHDOT garage for the usage of vests, cones, and signage while the work was in progress; many thanks to Tom & Evan Mullen and the Owl's Nest Golf Club for mulch at the Exit 28 lilac plots; special thanks to Ron Landry for the seemingly endless chores required by the Club!

And, last but not least, a huge, heartfelt thank you to the 26 dedicated members of the Campton Garden Club whose three years of hard work and perseverance brought the Bridge Project to fruition: (in alphabetical order) Lise Albert, Pam Avery, Sherrill Babler, Isabel Barach, Pat Barker, Jacquie Dearborn, Nancy Donahue, Priscilla Hay, Linda Irish, Ann Knowles, Cindy Labadie, Judy Landry, Carol Lenahan, Jennifer Morris, Lynda Mower, Terri Qualters, De Robitaille, Alice Savage, Eileen Stachecki, Liane Sutcliffe, Cindy Thomas, Dave & Mary Anne Thompson, Chris Tower, Deb Ward, Priscilla Whitney. Campton now has a new focal point, and you should be justly proud!

The Club extends a final acknowledgment to all of the many local residents and visitors alike who have expressed their appreciation for the new Village 'Welcome Garden'. The response has been incredible.

Carol Lenahan