

# Hope Cemetery & Woods

Winter 2022 Newsletter

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## From The Presidents of the Boards...

This spring, the Friends of Hope Cemetery & Woods Stewardship Committee and volunteers will continue their work to control the spread of exotic invasive plants in Hope Woods. Learn more in the article on page 3.

Within Hope Cemetery efforts are ongoing to stop the invasion of non-native insects that will destroy our hemlocks, ash and possibly oaks. A preventative treatment plan is in place.

If available, hardy evergreen trees will be planted by the Stewardship Committee in the side of the far meadow where historically there was another dense stand of white pine.

The Friends group is already making plans for events later this year. There will be guided walks in Hope Woods beginning in May. On August 3, join us for an "Ice Cream Social" at the Seashore Trolley Museum. For only \$10, you get a ride on the Trolley and an ice cream sundae. What a deal! The Friends group receives \$5 and the Trolley Museum keeps the other \$5. What a fun way to benefit two local treasures.

The Friends group has helped fund significant maintenance improvements in Hope Cemetery. Road repairs will continue in the spring. The trimming and cabling of our sentinel trees is ongoing with the goal of keeping them healthy and safe for another century. Planning for traffic control within the cemetery continues. Expansion of areas for future burials is included in a draft of the Hope Cemetery Long Range Plan developed in part with outside consultants.

We look forward to spring and the beauty of the flowering trees and colors of the new foliage on our ancient copper beech trees.

Stay well, be safe, and enjoy the changing seasons.

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### Hope Cemetery Entrance Work

In addition to the ongoing road and tree maintenance work in the cemetery, the pillars at the entrance to the cemetery were cleaned this past fall. The professionals at Collette Monuments did painstaking work to clean the pillars and in the process discovered some areas that need repair. This work is scheduled to take place in the spring.



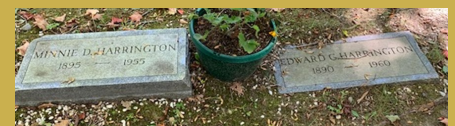
### History of the Entrance Gates

Our current welcoming entrance of granite columns capped with marble balls with an iron fence was installed in 1904, replacing wooden gates. The entrance was donated by Hartley Lord in memory of his wife Julia who died in 1902. Lord was a successful businessman who was born in Kennebunk in 1825 on the day Lafayette visited Kennebunk. He worked in the family's shipping business and after living in the Boston area he and his wife moved back to Kennebunk in 1884. A miniature model of the gates is included in the collections of the Brick Store Museum.

### Did You Know...

The scroll on the top of the tombstone marking the graves of Edward C. Harrington (1890-1960) and wife Minnie Warren Dennett Harrington (1895-1955) is engraved with the letters INRI. INRI comes from the Latin phrase "Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum" meaning "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Latin was the language of the ancient Romans, who ruled over Judea at the time Jesus lived. In Latin "I" was used instead of the English "J", and "V" instead of "U". This was the notice Pontius Pilate nailed over Jesus as he lay dying on the cross. It now signifies that a true Christian lies there.

Source: <https://gravelyspeaking.com/2014/11/17/i-n-r-i/>





## Exotic Invasive Plants in Hope Woods

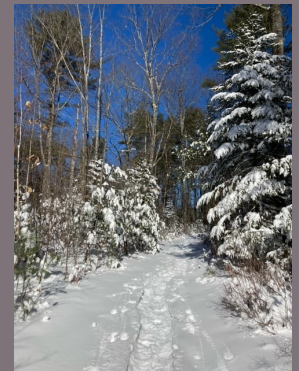
In the fall we began the process of controlling the growth and spread of exotic invasive plants in Hope Woods. The plants are called “exotic” because they are not native to our area, and “invasive” as they displace our native plants. Currently we are concentrating on controlling oriental bittersweet, Norway maple and glossy buckthorn. Others on our list include barberry and winged euonymus. All these invasives spread by producing an extremely large number of fruits and seed. Throughout the Woods you will see pink ribbons placed on members of these species to identify them for purposes of diminishing their numbers in the spring.

## Hope Woods in the Winter



Even though Hope Cemetery (and Hope Woods parking) is closed for the winter, please enjoy the beauty of Hope Woods! The trails are open for walking, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing. Please park on Barnard Lane and explore the cemetery as part of your adventure!

Photos courtesy of our friend Andrea, who is “so grateful to have these trails in my neighborhood!”



## Two Ways to Support Us

### Volunteer

Our Trail Stewards are looking for volunteers to help with invasive species control and general trail maintenance. The Communications Committee needs additional volunteers to help with social media, our website, and creating an e-newsletter.

If you are interested in volunteering with us in either of these roles or in any other way, please email us at [friendsofhcw@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhcw@gmail.com) or call Betsy at 207-985-2627.

### Donate

Friends of Hope Cemetery & Woods continues to seek financial support for ongoing maintenance of Hope Cemetery (such as road repairs, tree maintenance, and entrance pillar repair) and the maintenance of the trails in Hope Woods. We're thankful for your support!

Checks payable to Friends of Hope Cemetery & Woods may be mailed to:

Friends of Hope Cemetery & Woods, PO Box 1550, Kennebunk, ME 04043

Or you may make a credit card donation via the Friends page on our website:  
[hopecemeterykennebunk.com](http://hopecemeterykennebunk.com)

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