

BOOTHE MEMORIAL PARK & MUSEUM

JULY 2023

Movie Night in the Park!

A Movie Night in the Park is coming to Boothe Memorial Park on August 2 at 7 pm! The event will take place in our Visitor's Center, with popcorn and lemonade being served. And all Boothe members are admitted FREE!

This one-of-a-kind affair will feature a screening of a short film made entirely in Stratford, with scenes at Boothe Park and at Sterling House. The writer, Jack Rushen, along with producer, Rod Jovanelly, a member of the Friends of Boothe Board, will both be on hand for questions and discussion after the screening.

This short film, "Testimonial," is the touching story of a professor being forced into retirement due to the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, and his enigmatic encounter with a former student. This film was mentioned in our September online newsletter and has been awarded "Audience Favorite" at East/West PlayFest annual festival of one act plays.

Members of the Boothe Memorial Astronomical Society will be there after the film with their telescopes pointed skyward allowing visitors to see the stars and planets, weather permitting.

Free admission is for members - those individuals who have paid \$15 for this year, or \$25 for a family membership. If you're not a member, you can join right now by clicking the link below or see the next page for other options.

Why not become a member today and enjoy this unique film and a beautiful evening in the park!

<https://boothememorialpark.com>



Scenes from the filming of "Testimonial" shot at Boothe Park and showing on August 2nd.



Stay Connected to Boothe

Please share the following with your friends, neighbors, or relatives who might enjoy this online newsletter. Simply tell them to contact the email address below and request to be added to our distribution list.

The Friends of Boothe News will keep them up to date with all our upcoming events and show off those which took place last season.

Send requests to: friendsofboothepk@gmail.com

Hats Off to Roses Event

The Hats Off to Roses event was big success this spring! Over 100 people attended the wine and cheese event with guided tours of the rose garden. The weather was joyous and perfect for an early evening of roses and camaraderie.



Frank Kecko, Director of the Rose Garden for 26 years, with his two daughters at the Rose Garden event. Thanks to Frank and all his dedicated volunteers for their gardening expertise throughout the year.



Photos courtesy of Rod Jovanelly.



You too can join us as a volunteer!
Email us at: friendsofboothepk@gmail.com
Or stop by on Tuesday or Friday mornings.



In Summer 2023, the Boothe Memorial Park Museum is participating in the 'CT Summer at the Museum' initiative, which is administered by CT Humanities and CT Office of the Arts. Guided tours of the Homestead are limited to 12 individuals per tour. Please allow 30 minutes for the house tour.

Click "Plan Your Visit" on our Website:
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Connecticut Summer at the Museum is made possible through an investment from the federal COVID-19 recovery funding Connecticut is receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act. The program is administered by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development's Office of the Arts in partnership with Connecticut Humanities.

How to Become a Member of Friends of Boothe Memorial Park and Museum

Click here: <https://boothememorialpark.com>

- In the top row click: "Support Us"
- Click on: "Membership"
- Fill out the online form on our secure website.
- Click "Submit" at the bottom of the screen.

Or, if you would prefer to do this by mail, simply print the form on the same Membership page, fill it out and mail it with your check to the Boothe address listed. Please give the US Mail 9 days to deliver.

Become a member today and be eligible to enjoy the initial Member Event on August 2!

All donations are gratefully accepted. Each and every member makes a positive impact on our daily operations throughout the year.

Thank you from the Friends of Boothe!

Opening Day Packed the Park!

It was the third Sunday in May so it must be Boothe Park's Opening Event. And a stellar day it was. The Port Five Veterans packed the open lot with antique cars, and presented the public with an official flag raising ceremony at the entrance to the park.



Visitors came from near and far thanks to our local Channel 12 News that promoted the event. We estimate that over 3,000 people were in attendance based upon the parking of cars in almost every lot on the property, and, on all side streets. Next year we will be working on some mass transit options for parking up the hill at Chapel Street school and Flood Middle School.

Port Five also sold food and beverages all day, including breakfast and lunch options, to keep everyone hydrated and in good spirits.



Note the reflection of the Clock Tower in this instrument.

All Boothe buildings were open with tour guides, and the Milford Community Band provided some upbeat tunes in the afternoon. Our balloon clown presented free joyful balloon art to kids of all ages, and free David Boothe birthday cake was handed out.



Photos courtesy of Rod Jovanelly and the Fairfield Hub

