

GREEN FINGERS CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

CHRONOLOGY OF FERRY BOAT LANDING PROJECTS

1989 June dedication of the first stage- Belle Patton, Civic Chairman

Strip of land bordering the harbor Bev Watling, President.

Belle approached Larry Cooper, Dept. Parks and Trees, about the project around 1987. Frank Keegan had long wanted to do something about the site.

(See photos of dedication with town officials).

1990 June dedication of second phase Janie Galbreath, Civic Chairman

Interlocking pavement, trees and Betsy Phelps, President

Fountain. Greenwich's 350th anniversary*.

Willard Scott, Famous Weatherman on the Today Show, was at the dedication which was televised nationwide. He broadcast the morning weather report from the Ferry Boat Landing. (see photos)

2002 Continuation of paving along Anne McLeod, Civic Chairman

Harbor linking to the Delamar Hotel. Barbara Hotchkiss, GF Member

Creation of retaining/sitting wall. and Landscape Designer

Replanting along hillside. Frankie Hollister, President . Dedication with Larry Cooper (see pictures)

2010 Re-landscaping of hillside Barb Kaytes, Civic Chairman

Replacement of fencing Betsy Mulcare, President

*Refer to the article in the January 1990 Nutmegger- Greenwich's 350th anniversary issue with Penny Whitmore and Betsy Phelps on the cover along with 2 others.

The history is explained there and mentions other civic projects Green Fingers has funded around town.

We acknowledge and thank Kitty Gilbert who took many pictures to record these events and assembled them in our club's historical binders.

Gaby Hall, GF Historian June 10, 2010

DAFFODIL PLANTINGS at FERRY BOAT LANDING

2006 November "Daffodil Blitz" Brainstorm of Barb Kaytes

FiFi Sheridan, Civic Chairman

Gaby Hall, President

GF Volunteers planted 3000 daffodil bulbs in 1 ½ hours with the help of Bill Burgess and the Town Parks and Trees staff who used a small backhoe to make holes large enough to plant 25 bulbs in each. The town donated one red tulip (homage to Renee Anselmo's planting scheme on North Street) to place in the center. We won an award for this project in the following year while Betty Foulk was President.

Green Fingers Receives Award- 2007

Greenwich Green & Clean celebrated its 15th Annual Beautification Awards ceremony with a reception and buffet supper Friday evening, November 2nd. The awards are given to express their appreciation to those who help nurture Greenwich. Green Fingers Garden Club was the proud recipient of the Greenwich Green & Clean Annual Award for Beautification of Public Space for the bulbs planted on the Bruce Museum hillside. FiFi Sheridan, Gaby Hall, Pam Niner and Betty Foulk were thrilled to accept the engraved perpetual trophy (a pewter vase) and the award plaque for Green Fingers. Congratulations to Barb Kaytes, who conceived the idea, and to all the 'green fingers' who planted the 3000 bulbs with the assistance of Bill Burgess and his Parks Department staff who dug the holes.

2007 November "Daffodil Blitz" - 2nd year Betsy Mulcare, Civic Chairman

Gaby Hall, President

We continued planting 1000 daffodils on the Bruce Museum hill

and started a new planting area along the Ferry Boat walkway

starting at Steamboat Road.

2008 Green Fingers members participated in planting daffodils with the Greenwich Daffodil Society in Bruce Park and at the Boys & Girls Club, so we decided to take a year off from the Ferry Boat Landing