

# The Eolian

Newsletter of the Friends of Harkness—September 2020

Unfortunately, due to the Corona Virus pandemic some of our programs have been cancelled. As of this writing the park is open, Governor Lamont's executive orders now allow for larger group recreation— groups of more than 100 are prohibited and all visitors must maintain 6 foot social distancing. Limited picnicking is allowed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Archive Room Taking Shape

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has been hard at work cleaning and organizing the new archives room. FOH will also be using this room as a temporary office space un-





In July, the very hot and humid July, the Garden Volunteers worked 145 hours; our August hours aren't yet tallied. Primarily that work was in the Day Lily Beds 1 to 5. The beds are now all mulched and Beds 1-4 have markers showing the names of the Day Lilies. This was all quite a project for 13 volunteers who have been working in the Day Lilies since the end of April. September will find us in the Rock Garden. The weather will be cooler and we'll have the breeze from the Sound, so please come and join us. We'll return to our regular work hours of 9 am to noon on Wednesdays. And if you can't come to work, come for a walk to enjoy the flowers, the butterflies, the hummingbirds, the breeze off the Sound and our beautifully mulched day lily beds.



## News from the Park



- The Park Manager has reported that park attendance averaged 1000 people per day during the summer.
- DEEP has issued new regulations for out of state visitors to the park– they must go on line to pay for admission and print out a ticket to be posted on their dashboard– more information is available at the DEEP web site.
- FOH Board voted unanimously to adopt the propose 5 year strategic plan which includes future project priority. Projects which FOH can undertake on their own include 1. grapevine enclosure, 2. historic information signboards and 3. design of a new park entrance gate.

## September and October Membership Meetings Cancelled

**Unfortunately, due to COVID –19 concerns, our speaker for the Monarch Migration program originally scheduled for September has cancelled. Presently there is still some concern about using the Mansion interior for events drawing more than 25 participants. At the September 3 meeting, the FOH Board of Directors also voted to postpone our scheduled October presentation by Miles Sax of the Connecticut Arboretum until 2021.**