

Museum pocket garden is flowering focal point

MADISON — Visitors, passers by, butterflies and birds are all enjoying the Griffin Garden this summer.

The colorful raised pocket garden on the ground of The Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, 9 Main St., was designed by Beth Riley of the Potted Garden and supported by many museum friends.

The project was a collaborative effort to restore a pocket garden within a portion of an existing raised bed adjacent to Green Village Road. A focal point within the garden is a terra cotta Griffin, which was originally part of the 1899 James Building, across the street from the museum. It was donated by the Solu family in 1997.

The period appropriate design features a blend of native North American and Victorian era plants. The plantscape uses a softened geometric bedding scheme representative of the garden style used in the latter part of the 19th century and into the 20th century. The arched shape of the plant materials replicates the arches of the historic museum building.

With Beth Riley's donation of time and expertise, the garden was made possible by funding from the Friends of Madison Shade Tree, The Madison Garden Club and the Thursday Morning Club, with in kind donations from J&M Plant and Wicker, Coviello Bros, Woodland Tree, Mike DiLauri and Mike DiLauri, Jr., Judy Mullins and Tom and Ellen Judd.

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GRIFFIN ON GUARD — The Griffin Garden, in a raised bed adjacent to the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts, 9 Main St., Madison, is in full bloom, attracting passers by, museum visitors, butterflies and bees. The Griffin for which this pocket garden has been named, stands guard.

Trades & Crafts invites the public to visit its garden and its exhibits. Regular museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and children ages six and older, and free to children under age six. Family maximum admission is \$13.

Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. admission is free to the public. Call 973-377-2982, ext. 10, or visit www.metc.org.

Museum summer hours are Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Sundays and Mondays.