

# BLUE HILL HERITAGE TRUST

## Honorary & Memorial Program – 2026 Availability

The purpose of the Honorary and Memorial Program is to invite donors to honor a loved one or mark a special moment while offering visitors a place to rest and enjoy a special location.

### Donation Costs

Stone Bench on Blue Hill Mountain	\$20,000
Stone Bench	\$10,000
Wood Bench	\$5,000
Trailside Stone	\$5,000
Native Tree	\$5,000



*Funds support the cost of the bench and stewardship of our preserves and trail systems.*

### Placement

Blue Hill Heritage Trust staff will work with donors to select one of the available locations preselected by the Trust. Please see the attached document.

### Inscription Guidance

We invite donors of our program to submit a proposed inscription for review and approval by Blue Hill Heritage Trust. We ask that proposed inscriptions be either “in honor of” or “in memory of” a person, family, or idea. Given our desire for these to “fit” into the context of a conservation area or nature preserve, our wish is for all inscriptions to be simple, timeless, and free of pop culture, commercial, religious or political references and thus in keeping with the spirit of the conservation area or nature preserve.

- Character limit: 40-60 characters
- Sample Inscriptions:

“For those who seek the peace that this view brings...”

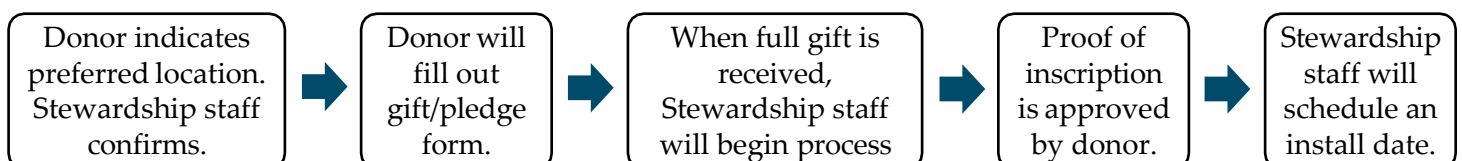
“Wherever a beautiful soul has been there’s a trail of beautiful memories...”

“Be still and let nature come to you. In memory of Joe Buck...”

“Treasure the peace of nature. In honor of Sally Doe...”

### Process

The process of installation may take up to six months based upon the availability of materials and engraving.





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Town	Preserve	Location	Structure
Blue Hill	Blue Hill Mountain	Summit, with Grand Overlook*	Stone Bench
Blue Hill	Blue Hill Mountain	Along the Service Trail*	Stone Bench
Blue Hill	Penny's Preserve	Brookside Trail, Overlooking the Brook	Wooden Bench
Blue Hill	Penny's Preserve	Quarry Loop, Overlooking the Quarry	Stone Bench
Brooklin	Hundred Acre Wood	Many Locations**	Stone Benches
Brooksville	Meadow Brook - Mill Stream Conservation Area	Halfway up the Increased Accessibility Trail	Stone Bench
Brooksville	Snows Natural Area	Along Trail, Overlooking Bagaduce River	Wooden Bench
Brooksville	Walker Pond Property	Many Locations**	Stone Benches
Castine	Hatch Cove	Along Mowed Trails, Overlooking Cove	Stone Bench
Penobscot	Penobscot Community Forest – Wallamatogus	Many Locations**	Stone Benches
Sedgwick	Snows Cove Preserve	Shore Trail, Overlooking Bagaduce River	Wooden Bench
Surry & Ellsworth	Meadowbrook Forest	Many Locations**	Wood & Stone Benches
Surry	Surry Forest	Many Locations**	Wood & Stone Benches
Surry	Surry Forest	Many Locations**	Native Trees
Multiple	Many Locations	Many Locations**	Trailside Stones

\*These bench locations will require a subtle inscription location of any honorary or memorial name mentioned to fit our desire for these benches to “fit” into the landscape. The donor will work with Blue Hill Heritage Trust Staff on options for inscription language and location.

\*\*Specific locations are currently being identified by our Stewardship staff. Please let us know if one of the options at this location is of interest and we will explore those options together.

Additionally, Blue Hill Heritage Trust reserves the right to update the list of available bench locations based on the needs of the Trust and its trail systems.



## Honorary & Memorial Program Form

### Contact Information

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Gift Commitment

I/We will fulfill a commitment totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by making \_\_\_\_\_ payment(s) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(installment amount) made on or before \_\_\_\_\_. Installments: ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ annually.

*Note: Bench engravings and installations will not occur until final payment is received.*

### Bench Details

Preserve Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Engraved Message:

I have read and accept all of the following program policies, and product descriptions. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My pledge/gift is in honor/memorial of: \_\_\_\_\_

My pledge/gift is anonymous. ☐ Yes ☐ No

My pledge/gift can be acknowledged in promotional materials. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please Return Pledge To:

Blue Hill Heritage Trust

157 Hinckley Ridge Rd, Blue Hill, ME 04614 (207) 374-5118



## **Honorary & Memorial Program Policies**

**Stone Bench Guarantee:** Blue Hill Heritage Trust will guarantee these structures and their placement for the life of the stone bench (typically many decades or more).

**Wooden Bench Guarantee:** Blue Hill Heritage Trust will guarantee these structures and their placement for 15 years. Our guarantee covers up to one structure replacement within the 15-year period. Decisions regarding the condition of the bench and time of replacement (if necessary) are at the discretion of Blue Hill Heritage Trust's Stewardship Staff. After 15 years, the wooden honorary or memorial structure would be removed and retired, and the site would go back into the program circulation, unless the original party either renewed for additional years or had previously paid to cover additional years extending our guarantee.

**Renewal of Wooden Benches:** After the 15-year guarantee period, the location is available and will be put into program circulation again. A first right of refusal will be offered to the original party who funded the structure. If the original party chooses not to renew or cannot be contacted, the location will be recirculated into the program as an available location. At the time of original purchase, the donating party may choose to donate more to lengthen the term of the structure. (Example: If Joe Buck purchases a Wooden Bench for \$5,000, which is guaranteed for 15 years, Joe Buck can pay \$10,000 for a 30-year guarantee). In this case, a 30-year guarantee would include up to two structure replacements.

**Native Tree Guarantee:** We will guarantee native trees for 10 years. Blue Hill Heritage Trust Stewardship Staff will be tasked with maintenance, helping provide the tree with a high success rate. Our guarantee covers up to one native tree replacement within 10 years if the tree does not survive. This will be up to the discretion of BHHT's Stewardship Staff. Planting locations are pre-determined and approved by BHHT's Conservation Forester to help provide a high success rate, and to fit with BHHT's forest management of Surry Forest. It's BHHT's goal for program trees to have a long healthy life well after the 10-year guarantee, with planting locations that are chosen with thought and care from the Forester. The donating party must also be aware that program trees fall under the forest management plan for Surry Forest, and may be cut if deemed absolutely necessary by the Forester.

**Gifting Structure:** Blue Hill Heritage Trust reserves the right to have either BHHT Staff or Board vote to gift an Honorary & Memorial Program structure at cost, to an individual or family, as seen fit.

**Maintenance of Structures Pre-2026:** Maintenance of memorial or honorary structures placed before the creation of the Honorary & Memorial Program (2026) will be left to the discretion of BHHT's Stewardship Staff and will not have an associated guarantee period.

**Program Expectations:** It is our expectation that after the installation, the structure and the area around the structure stay natural and free of plantings, memorabilia, trinkets, etc. given our desire for these to "fit" into the context of a conservation area or nature preserve.



## **Honorary & Memorial Program - Product Descriptions**

### **Stone Bench Description**

- Size: Approximately 4 feet long
- Stone: Granite stone sourced from local quarries
- Style: Rough-hewn field stone to give a natural appearance
- Inscription Type: Engraved into the stone

### **Wood Bench Description**

- Size: Approximately 6ft
- Style: Adirondack or Aldo Leopold
- Material: Cedar or Pressure Treated Wood
- Inscription Type: Engraved into the Wood or Metal plaque

### **Trailside Stone Description**

- Size: Approximately 1 cubic ft
- Stone: Stone sourced from local quarries
- Style: Rough-hewn stone to give a natural appearance
- Inscription Type: Engraved into the Stone

### **Native Tree Description**

- Tree will be a nursery tree planted in BHHT's Surry Forest. Tree species allowed can vary depending on area conditions and must meet the approval of the BHHT's Conservation Forester.
- Size: Native trees will be roughly 6-10ft tall
- Acceptable Species Options: Sugar Maple\*, Shagbark Hickory\*, Yellow Birch\*, White Oak\*, Northern Red Oak\*, American Chestnut, Red Spruce, and White Cedar.
- Inscription Type: To preserve the health of the tree, if desired, Native Trees can have a stone (approximately 12in x 12in x 6in) at the base of the tree with inscription engraved into the stone.

\*These tree species are recommended by BHHT's Conservation Forester. These tree species typically establish well, grow quickly, tend to be long-lived tree species, and not to mention look very nice.