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Mary Palmer Garden

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Please use my contribution to the Mary Palmer Garden to buy the following item(s) as a donation from me and/or in memory of

- Bench(es) (Two stone, two wood) \$150 each _____ Archway \$200 _____
- Large planter(s) for patio (Three or four) \$100 each _____ Brick walk \$1000 _____
- Fence(s) (One on each end) \$900 each _____

A bronze plaque will be mounted on the item to designate the donor or the memorial. If someone has already selected the item you list, you will be contacted about an alternative choice.

I would like to make a general donation to be applied where needed.

- \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ Other _____

Names of donors who contribute \$50 or more will be listed on a plaque in the garden.

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____



*Found on Mary Palmer's
Bulletin Board*

"Touching Shoulders"

There's a comforting thought at the close of the day
 When I'm weary, and lonely and sad –
 That sort of grips hold of my crusty old heart,
 And bids it be merry and glad,
 It gets in my soul and it draws out the blues
 And finally thrills through and through –
 It is just a sweet memory that chants the refrain
 "I'm glad I touched shoulders with you."

Did you know you were brave? Did you know you
 were strong?
 Did you know there was one leaning hard?
 Did you know that I waited and listened and prayed,
 And was cheered by your simplest word?
 Did you know that I longed for the smile
 on your face,
 For the the sound of your voice ringing true?
 Did you know I grew stronger and better, because
 I merely touched shoulders with you?

I am glad that I live – that I battle and strive
 For the place which I know I must fill;
 I am thankful for sorrows – I'll meet with a grin
 What fortune may send – good or ill.
 I may not have wealth, and I may not be great,
 But I know I shall always be true,
 For I have in my life that courage you gave,
 When once I touched shoulders with you.

(Author Unknown)



*A Living Tribute
 to the
 Role of Home Economics
 at the
 University of Maine at Farmington*

Mary Palmer Scholars
1936–1991

- 1936 Thelma Gallagher
1937 Florence Titcomb Eaton
1938 Helen Wood Milne
1939 Pauline Emmons Lush
1941 Elizabeth Sturtevant Gorvine
1942 Arline Adams Hamilton
Frances Ward Thomson
1943 Barbara Blackstone Demsey
1944 Pearl Leonard Kinney
1945 Mary Whitney
1946 Harriet Schroeder Lancaster
1948 Flora Manchester Gray
Frances Melvin Hallett
1949 Joyce Adams Murray
Fay Norwood
1950 Jane Reed
1951 Georgia Merriman Hindley
1952 Constance Coutoure
Betty Hogan Doiron
1953 Janis Moore Cross
Marion Minot
1954 Christine Hopper Kane
1955 Dorothy Buzzell Graves
Natalie Lancaster McFalls
1956 Avis Hopkins Meade
Barbara Hunter Penley
1957 Patricia Austin Snell
1958 Janet Sawtelle Smith
1959 Sandra Clark Estes
1960 Gail Treffery Snell
1961 Barbetta Davis Hardy



Mary Palmer, who taught home economics from 1924 to 1929, was remembered by her students for her lovely smile, friendliness, and dedication. As one student recalled, “What a wonderful time she had making our garden.” Another, “Her love of the garden proved her great love of nature and all that was beautiful.”

After her untimely death the garden was dedicated to her memory in 1935.



The recreated Mary Palmer Garden will be located between Ricker and Preble Halls. The garden’s design by Ron Jahoda of Strawberry Fields Nursery will be based upon old photographs. The arch, fence and benches will resemble those in the cover photo. The original sign and sundial will be an integral part of the garden. Planters and a brick walk to make the area handicapped accessible will be new features.

Many opportunities exist for your help with this project. Please study the attached tear sheet and mail it today.

Mary Palmer Scholars
1936–1991

- 1962 Marie Jackson White
1963 Sandra Tilton McGonagle
1964 Lillian Rowe Conant
1965 Dixie Lee Brown Thayer
1966 Judy Bean Foster
1967 Karen Martikainen
1968 Elaine Allard Connell
1969 Delinda Reed Browing
1970 Linda Blethen Smith
1971 Meredith Damone
1972 Catherine Hopper Moore
1973 Joyce Chisholm Southard
Barbara Colello Mathieu
1974 Barbara Sweetser Lovely
1975 Joanne Goldschmidt Parker
1976 Elizabeth Berry
1977 Debra Coffin Hartford
1978 Sharon Aspinwall Chin
1979 Gale Divver
1980 Deborah McAfee
1981 Susan Nason Sharman
1982 Pamela Feeney Smith
1983 Martha Eames LaViolet
1984 Ruth Bourassa Gagne
1985 Jane Richard
1986 Deborah Miller Norton
1987 Ronda Baillargeon Lecompte
1988 Kevin Anthony Michaud
1989 Kathy Wolff Devoe
1990 Tammy Voisine
1991 Kerry Cox

