**WELCOME** to our second update! Summer burst with activity so please read with interest all projects helping to Restore, Rebuild, and Renew Rolling Ridge.

**Beauty Restored**

In 1935, Rolling Ridge won the Hunnewell Award for best Garden from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, acknowledging the genius of landscape architect Fletcher Steele. Of the 700 gardens he did, Rolling Ridge is considered of the top 3. Over the years, parts of his landscape design have deteriorated. This summer, our favorite Italian mason deconstructed and then repaired and renewed the curved seat (exedra). The gentle curve, the warm colored flagstones, the canopy of trees provide an ideal place to sit and contemplate. Today, it invites guests to stop, sit and enjoy.

From the exedra, Mr. Pizzo moved to restore the crumbling walls of the fountain. Water seeping in has loosened the poured concrete from the brick backing. Now each section has been repaired and strengthened, walls rebuild and concrete forms repaired.

This week, Armado Pizzo is recasting stone blocks for the reconstruction of the half circle platform steps outside the Tyson Hall. The steps had cracked and sunk but will be level and smooth soon.

**Exciting Plans**

A coffee bar in the meeting room. A meditation space. Three bedrooms and two bathrooms instead of a dormitory of 15 beds. A handicap lift and accessible bathrooms. Four private bathrooms. This and more is planned for the renovation of the Moses/Carriage House. Iric Rex, principal architect of Davis Square, has been designing a first class Conference Center for small groups. Construction on our first fully air conditioned building is scheduled to begin in late December or early January. Nine bedrooms can be named in memory or honor of a loved one. Each gift helps bring this renovation to completion. Contact Executive Director, Larry Peacock, to learn about the plans or naming opportunities.
Accessibility plans

The Moses/Carriage House currently has no accessible rooms. Upon completion of the renovation, there will be an accessible entrance to the meeting hall and a new accessible bathroom. On the first floor bedroom level, there will be a new lift to the floor, plus an accessible bedroom and bathroom. Outside, new handicapped parking and a new walkway will lead from the meeting room to the courtyard and dining area. We are eager to bring these changes for our guests.

Climate Change—Green Initiatives

We seek to be good stewards of this wonderful creation. We also know there are significant climate changes coming and weather patterns have been more extreme. We seek to care for the earth and care for our guests.

We plan on making the Moses/Carriage House the first building at Rolling Ridge with energy efficient and controllable heating and air conditioning, new insulation, LED lighting, and water conserving toilets will be part of the green initiatives.

We are also working with contractors for providing solar panels at Rolling Ridge for electricity production. Ground mounted and tracking systems are being explored.

Thank You!

- Hundreds of individuals— for your gift!
- Town of North Andover— for purchasing a conservation easement
- Churches— for special gifts
- Foundations— for your grants for program and renewal
  - E. Rhodes & Leona B. Carpenter foundation.
  - United Methodist Foundation of New England
  - Methuen Festival of Trees
  - Smith Purdon Fund
  - West Parish

Thanks for helping us raise over $1Million!

Friends—Our Beloved Donors to the Capital Campaign

Almost every day, another piece of the Capital Campaign slides into place. Meetings with Town officials, civil and mechanical engineers, and conservation consultants move us closer to the renovation and restoration of the Moses/Carriage House. The vision of a rebuilt retreat building is compelling, the progress on the landscape and courtyard is stunning and the hiring of a program staff person for the Center for Spirituality and Leadership is exiting. Buildings landscape and programs. Restore, Rebuild and Renew
Lots of threes and they are all happening at Rolling Ridge.

Let us know if there is someone else you would like to receive these news updates. Spread the joy. We welcome other peoples interest and support!!

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Arches Society

Wise planning helps us plan for future needs and to consider ways our giving can bless others even after our death. Rolling Ridge has created the Arches Society to receive planned gifts, bequests and trust funds. Gifts can be designated for the Capital Campaign.

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The Horace Moses building is the first to receive funds from the Capital Campaign to upgrade the rooms and bedrooms, add accessibility, and transform the dormitory into bedrooms and bathrooms—increasing the number of guests we can serve in private and double occupancy rooms. We will replace hall bathrooms from “camp days” with individual bathrooms of toilet, sink, and shower. We will add a coffee bar area to the Moses meeting room, new lighting and sound system, and a handicap accessible bathroom—no more having to traipse outside to use a bathroom during a meeting.

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Applause, Applause!

They say it takes a community to raise a child. The same can be said of Restore, Rebuild and Renew—the Campaign for Rolling Ridge.

We are so grateful to this wide community of support who have given and pledged over a million dollars. You are amazing! Thank You! We applaud your generosity.

People are giving to the Capital Campaign for many reasons. People who were campers here in the 1950’s. People who did their master’s degrees when Lesley University used Rolling Ridge for their off-site classes. People who found us because of our labyrinths and stayed connected to this holy landscape. People attracted to our inter-faith work and the Peace Conferences. Neighbors who appreciate the historic beauty and the open hospitality. Clergy and Laity who value our spirituality programs, especially our spiritual direction training. People who want to see the fountain work again. What will your reason be? We will need more gifts to do this important work. Will you join in by making a gift or pledge?

We both really appreciate and support the work of Rolling Ridge and its importance is a place of spiritual practice, welcoming Hospitality, justice-minded conversation and outreach, community and beauty.”

- The Proctors

Major Gifts

Major gifts can transform Rolling Ridge. A major gift from Byfield Community United Methodist Church, coupled with smaller gifts at our Downton Abbey Christmas event, funded the new lighting and ceiling restoration of Tyson Hall.

Two major gifts from an individual in Wellesley will contribute to the opening of the original entrance road. We are clearing the way this summer for increased use and entering the Ridge alongside the Lake and coming up a small ridge to see the entrance columns.

Campaign Kickoff

Over 200 people enjoyed dinner, music and speeches at the Gala Kickoff Dinner in April at the Café Escadrille. Over $50,000 in gifts and pledges were made as a result of the enthusiasm for Rolling Ridge. “We’ve had a glorious past at Rolling Ridge but it is nothing compared to our future. This is our moment”, said Executive Director, Larry Peacock.
Grants = Bricks and Programs
Thankfully, Rolling Ridge has received grants to fund particular needs that are part of the Capital Campaign.

United Methodist Foundation of New England
We received several grants from the United Methodist Foundation of New England to bolster our infrastructure and outreach. We purchased new donor/fundraising software to record your gifts, prepared new brochures on the Arches Society and mailed invitations to add Rolling Ridge to your estate plans and become members of the Arches Society (contact Larry for more information).

The Methuen Festival of Trees
The Methuen Festival of Trees uses proceeds of their Christmas Trees Festival to benefit historic preservation. We are fortunate to receive 3 grants to repair and restore the award winning landscape: new columns for the courtyard, stucco patching on the main building, repaired ramp and front steps and new courtyard walls. This summer we are focused on restoring the curved seated area and the fountain walls. Two projects have been completed and the third is underway. These are Matching Grants so we welcome your matching gifts.

E. Rhodes & Leona B. Carpenter Foundation
The Carpenter Foundation of Pennsylvania has given us two grants that provide funding for our new programs from the Center for Spirituality and Leadership. Nearly $50,000 has covered honoraria and scholarships for Drawing Near to God, Gateways Spiritual Direction Training, Sustaining the Soul and Practice of Ministry, three retreats for the LGBTQ community, and funds for a part time staff for the CSL.

The Arches Society
May my gift be used to benefit and beautify Rolling Ridge so that others may experience the serenity and spiritual growth that I have enjoyed since I discovered this amazing oasis.”

-Melissa Sweet

Before and After

Some People have chosen to make or enlarge their gifts through Estate Planning. If you would like to join them and the Arches Society, please contact Larry Peacock, or return the enclosed card.

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Smith Purdon Fund
A grant from the Smith Purdon Fund of West Parish UCC, funds a new fall program: “Integrative Mind Body Program for Women with Breast Cancer who have completed their initial treatment.”

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Our members have very much appreciated the hospitality and congeniality of you and your staff. The facility is a wonderful resource, and its mission fits so comfortably with our own that we wanted to express our gratitude in a concrete way. We realize our gift is small, but we do wish to participate in some way in the development of your capacity to serve the future. “

-ACPE Northeast Region
Patience & Persistence

We wanted to write you early in the new year with news of our construction on the Moses/Carriage House. But, a week’s delay turned into months as we worked with contractors’ bids, revised plans, new bids and analysis of funds available.

We were persistent even as we tried to be patient. So finally, we can send you our third update on the Rolling Ridge Capital Campaign with photos and news of the major renovation of the Moses/Carriage Building and other improvement projects.

A Word of Appreciation

As I complete eleven years as Executive Director at Rolling Ridge, I am grateful for your support, gifts, prayers and trust in the vision to Restore, Rebuild and Renew this grand and holy place. So many of you have believed in our future, added your expertise, given your ideas and time to bring about a transformation of program, buildings and landscape. Thank you!

Though I will not be here to see the final nail or paint color, I will be back to see the beauty sometime. I will be so thankful to see it bright, new and welcoming guests! Amazing, just amazing.

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If you haven’t already planned for the afternoon of honoring Larry Peacock, be certain to get your tickets on line. The day promises to be an event to remember as we say “Goodbye” to Larry as he leaves for retirement in Oregon.

First Major Campaign Project

The sound of hammers and saws rings across the courtyard on this first phase of our Capital Campaign, with designs by Iric Rex of Davis Square Architects. Channel Building Company, an area contractor, has brought their skilled team to transform the Moses/Carriage House into a truly modern retreat center in New England.

Why Moses/Carriage House?

In the 1950s, The Horace Moses Foundation gave a grant to convert the carriage house/garage into several small bedrooms, a dormitory for youth groups and a large meeting room.

As Rolling Ridge shifted to an adult retreat & conference center, the spaces became less attractive to adults and even without the bunk beds, the rooms didn’t serve our guests.

The Capital Campaign has raised over a million dollars and the Board of Directors, with strong encouragement from the staff, chose to put the money to work in transforming the Moses/Carriage House.

What is happening? What is coming?

From the outside it will seem the same but the inside will be totally new! The meeting room will have a new floor and lights plus a coffee bar area, bathroom and accessible bedroom and bath. The second floor will include six bedrooms and four private bathrooms. The dormitory will become three bedrooms and two private bathrooms. All in all—10 bedrooms and 8 bathrooms—double the current arrangement. Plus, new accessibility to the meeting room, new heat and AC, and no clanging radiator pipes.

The space is pretty empty now after demolition— but the new is on the way. We will preserve the charm of the Carriage House, increase the comfort of our guests and make it “greener” to be good stewards of this precious land. Keep checking Rolling Ridge Facebook for updates and pictures.
Capital Campaign Opportunities
Be Part of the Story

The Capital Campaign continues and your three year pledge insures that we can pay our builders and continue to repair and update the Ridge. Contact our Executive Director soon, or Lynda Fairbanks-Atkins our Development Consultant. Each gift or pledge makes a difference to the future.

You may also choose to fund the creation of one of the new rooms. For $25,000, we’ll name the room after you, or your family, your loved ones. The room and furnishings will be a testimony to your care for Rolling Ridge and those who will come after you. Contact Larry Peacock or Lynda Fairbanks Atkins soon at Larry.Peacock@rollingridge.org or thestaff@rollingridge.org

The Fountain

Although the basin has no water in it, and there is no “fountain” yet ready to spout, the benches and fabulous balustrades around the basin have been rebuilt and restored to the original glory. It’s not quite “just add water” yet… Would you be interested in a naming possibility to make this fountain gleam with splendor again?

The Gardens/Courtyard

There is a lot going on OUTSIDE as well. Thanks to a grant, donors, and volunteers from the North Andover Garden Club, the courtyard has received extensive renovations as well. Tired old overgrown “rhodies” have been replaced with beautiful flowers, shrubs, and trees, which will continue to provide beauty for years to come to all who visit the courtyard.

New on the Lower Level

It’s new, it’s fresh, it’s completed, and it’s for all individuals. There are two new bathrooms on the lower level of Rolling Ridge!

What once were the laundry facilities and a dark storage area, are now the home of two beautiful bathrooms.

Warm and Elegant– The New Tyson Hall

The renovation of Tyson Hall, the old estate living room and the Ridge’s main conference room, has been completed with the installation of an elegant centering rug from Belgium. The old oak flooring has been repaired and restored and shines as it provides a contrasting border to the rug.

Thanks to many donors, and elbow grease from Rolling Ridge Maintenance Staff, Tyson has bronzed ceiling tiles, beautiful ceiling fans, recessed LED lighting, stunning chandeliers and matching sconces, and a warm truffle/umber color to create a welcoming and elegant meeting space. Mr. Russell Tyson, the second owner, would be amazed at the transformation.

Thank You Donors, Staff, Design Lighting, Andover Electric, Rug Depot, Iric Rex, Byfield Community Church for your part in making it happen.

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