

Project Description:

The ruins will be pointed in areas with cement mortar, and parged in areas of mud mortar, to remove the flaking stucco. The cap of the springhouse will receive a waterproofing treatment. This Rose Valley Folk have committed to contribute the cost of this portion of the project

A bronze plaque commemorating the service of the members of military branches from Rose Valley will be placed on this face of the ruins to the left of the opening. A telescoping flag pole with a flagstone surround will be installed at the red flag location in the photograph. The flag will be flown on appropriate holidays.



When not in use, the 6' high flagpole base will be wrapped with a wood pole that hold this Arts and Crafts style bird house (with the hole covered so we do not disturb a family of birds on any national holidays.)

The courtyard area of the ruins, located through the opening pictured above, will become a location to memorialize those who loved Rose Valley.



To commemorate Rose Valley's roots as a mill community, a fountain made from an antique granite millstone will be created. Hedgerow Theatre and The Old Mill are the two remaining mills along Vernon Run. Originally Bancroft's Mill and the Cotton Mill were also part of our community.





Two Eagle Scout candidates from Troop 272, Connor McAffin and Noah Pallmeyer, will be undertaking the installation of a plumbing system and electricity needed to run the fountain and low voltage lighting to illuminate the Mercer tile on the garage, the fountain, and the flag when it is being flown. The Boy Scouts will also be installing the flagstone for the project.

A hand-crafted spout will channel water that will be pumped from the interior of the springhouse through the millstone.



Slates that taken from the Piggery House that was razed on the former Saul Estate will line the fountain and be available for engraving.

Seating above the springhouse will be replaced with a cast concrete bench designed to resemble natural timber.





Roses and other perennials will be planted as foundation plantings for the ruins by The Gardeners of Rose Valley.

Invasive plantings will be tagged and removed from Vernon Run on the Gatehouse lot by members of the Rose Valley Environmental Advisory Council.



Margery Howe of Rose Valley is the designer for the project. Andy Detterline is the RVCF Board member acting as project manager.



Designer Margery Howe on-site with project model she crafted and bird house that will be used to cap the flagpole when it is not in use and collapsed to its 6' height.

A dedication of Phase One is planned for November 9, 2014, and would include the presenting of colors by the Boy Scouts, performances by the Valley Voices, and the presentation of historic letters from World War II to Rose Valley Museum and Historical Society that involves a performance by Hedgerow Theatre,

Future phases of the project include repairing the stone wall being the garden, hand-crafted seating for the patio, tree surgery to adjacent trees, the installation of additional flagstone walkways, a river rock passing lane along the Old Mill Lane frontage, the installation and tagging of native plants as a teaching project for the School in Rose Valley, and replenishment of the stone in the parking area for the Garden and Memorial.

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