

## A Garden Means

- Light, hope, and new beginnings
- Delight for all the senses and a place for contemplation
- A space to celebrate life
- Transformation - experiencing the dance of the seasons
- A place to remember those we love



*"Contact with nature gives us a respite from the pace of modern life, which is apt to be breathless.... We fly to nature for inspiration in the sense of drawing in free, full breath."*

*Felix Adler*

## Statement of Purpose

The Ethical Society of St. Louis is a diverse, ethics-centered community of caring people dedicated to deed before creed:

- Bringing out the best in the human spirit,
- Appreciating the uniqueness and worth of every person,
- Treating all with dignity and respect,
- Cultivating a community of people who support each other through the stages of life,
- Raising the quality of all our relationships,
- Acting with reverence and commitment toward the natural world,
- And working to create a more just, loving and sustainable world for all.

We seek members who embrace these ideals, and we actively pursue and welcome a diverse membership.

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## How Do We Celebrate? How Do We Remember?



ETHICAL SOCIETY  
OF ST. LOUIS

*A Welcoming Home  
for Humanists*



*"One growing leaf,  
one single stem  
shooting up out of  
the earth with its  
roots penetrating the  
soil, can give you a  
sense of relationship  
with every form of  
existence."*

*Walter Sheldon*



## The Celebration Garden

## To Love, To Celebrate, To Remember Is To Be Human...



In our hearts joyous and sad feelings often sit side-by-side as we remember. They are a true reflection of what it means to be human. The Celebration and Memory Garden mirrors that duality.

The patio area, to the west of the Society's front entrance, is designed as a gathering place. It is also a location in which individuals and events can be remembered and celebrated through the Engraved Brick Program.

The east side is the more contemplative area. It is intended as a place for quiet reflection and the scattering or interment of ashes. The garden expands the ways in which we can come together as a community both to mourn and to celebrate. Our garden is a way to remember.

Plants invite us to look more closely and appreciate more deeply the nature of our existence. The memory of another's life fills our awareness much the way the fragrance of flowers permeates the air, asking us to take notice.



## Growing The Garden

### Contribution Form for the Celebration Garden Fund

I would like to :

**Donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_** to the **Garden Pathway**

For the following item(s):

\_\_\_\_\_Bench(s) - \$2000 each

\_\_\_\_\_Tree(s) - \$ 500 each

\_\_\_\_\_Shrub(s) - \$ 50 each

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

or

to honor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Stories in Stone**

Engraved brick (approximately 4' x 8")

For \$300 each.

Engraving information - Your message can be up to 3 lines with 13 characters per line, including spaces:

Line 1:

Line 2:

Line 3:

*\*subject to approval by the Ethical Society Board of Trustees*

### DONOR OR PURCHASER INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

For additional information or to arrange interment of ashes, contact the Ethical Society at 314-991-0955.

## Garden Pathway

This category of giving allows individuals to honor family and friends for birthdays, weddings, graduations, and other occasions as well as to donate in someone's memory by giving to the Celebration Garden.

## Stories in Stone

The pathway allows individuals or groups to purchase bricks that will be engraved to honor, remember, or celebrate someone.



## Interment of Ashes

A specific area has been set aside for the scattering of ashes. Remains may be interred in a biodegradable container for a fee of \$300 or may be scattered at no charge.

Records will be maintained by the Society.

## Acknowledgement card

Please send card to (honoree or family of person remembered) at the following address:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

My Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Please make payable to the Ethical Society of St. Louis.

**All donations are tax deductible.**