

# Leaving a Legacy . . .

The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms accepts gifts in many forms. Below are two new gift options available to our supporters. Your gift may also be made to honor a loved one.

## WILLS AND LIVING TRUSTS

One of the simplest ways individuals can leave a legacy is through a bequest in their Will or Living Trust. These gifts are especially meaningful because they provide long-term support so that we can continue to preserve and protect this National Historic Landmark for generations to come.

Bequests come in many forms. Here are a few methods to consider:

### Specific Bequest

A specific bequest provides that the Stickley Museum will receive a specific dollar amount

### Residuary Bequest

A residuary bequest provides that the Stickley Museum will receive all or a stated portion of your estate after all other bequests, debts, taxes and expenses have been distributed.

### Contingent Bequest

A contingent bequest can ensure that if circumstances make it impossible to carry out your primary provisions (such as if your spouse or other heirs do not survive you) your assets will then pass on the Stickley Museum rather than unintended beneficiaries.

## LIFE INSURANCE

The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms can now be supported through gifts of “paid up” life insurance policies. Often individuals own policies that no longer need premium payments and are no longer needed. These types of policies can be transferred to the Stickley Museum. The Museum will cash them in to help build the endowment, which will ensure the future stability of the institution. These very meaningful gifts provide generous tax deductions to donors.

In order for Stickley Museum to accept a gift of life insurance, and for the donor to receive the appropriate tax deduction, the following things are needed:

The ownership of the policy must be transferred to the Craftsman Farms Foundation, Inc.;

The Craftsman Farms Foundation, Inc. must become the sole beneficiary of the policy;

The policy documents must be transferred to our office.

We hope you will consider supporting the legacy of Gustav Stickley and Craftsman Farms through these methods. Whatever form your gifts may take, they are deeply appreciated.

## The Stickley Museum’s VISIONARY CIRCLE

Gustav Stickley had a vision – his Garden of Eden in NJ would be the embodiment of his philosophy/vision – a blueprint for a life of *living in harmony with nature, surrounded by the beauty of simplicity housed in practicality.*

What role can you play in sustaining Gus’ vision? What can you do to ensure that Gus’ vision continues for another century? The preservation of Craftsman Farms for the enjoyment and education of future generations depends upon your generosity and planning now.

Our new Visionary Circle honors those who inform us that they are including the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms in their estate plans.

Informing us of your plans is a good idea for several reasons. It lets you ensure that we understand your wishes so that your gift will be used exactly as you intend. And it lets us honor you and show our appreciation by including you in the roster of members of the Visionary Circle.

To enroll in the Visionary Circle, simply fill out and return the enclosed reply card. Briefly describe your gift plan or attach the relevant pages from your will or other document. All information is kept in the strictest confidence; however we will assume that appropriate staff members can be informed of your planned gift, unless you tell us otherwise.

# The Visionary Circle

*Protecting the fragile beauty of Craftsman Farms and transmitting the vision of Gustav Stickley and the spirit of the Arts & Crafts movement from one generation to the next.*

\_\_\_ YES! I/We confirm that I/we have made a planned gift to the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms.

\_\_\_ I/We give my/our permission to the the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms to publicly recognize my/our membership in the Visionary Circle.

\_\_\_ I/We prefer to remain anonymous

Please print your name(s) as you would like them to appear in our honor roll:

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe or attach the relevant document page(s) describing your planned gift to benefit the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms:

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NOTE: please be advised that these types of gifts are somewhat technical. If you decide to support the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms through either a bequest in your Will or Living Trust, or through a paid up life insurance policy, speak to your own attorney or tax advisor first. They are in the best position to assess your personal situation and provide guidance. Gifts are 501(c)(3) non-profit tax deductions.

Thank you for your on-going generous support and for considering the options outlined herein. For more information, please contact Heather E. Stivison, at 963-540-0311.

*“The best use of life is to invest it in something which will outlast life.”*

— William James

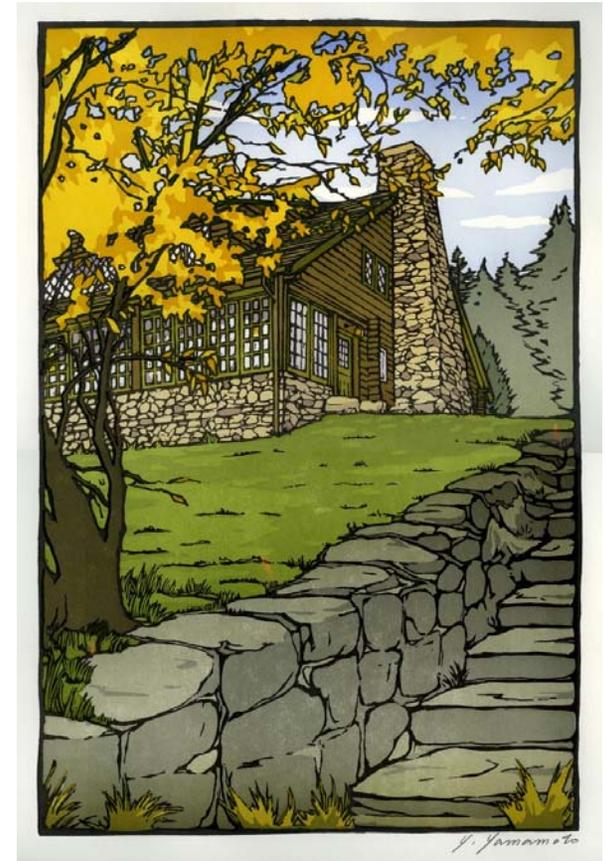


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doing all we can to preserve  
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