



## Beaumont House Gardens – A Lasting Tribute

*Beaumont House is a living history of family love. From a long-ago story of a grandfather and granddaughter's love, to Beaumont now standing tall and beautiful because of a present day father and daughter's love.*

May Foulke Beaumont knew how much her grandfather, Dr. Antrim Foulke, loved his home and the surrounding acres. The property had been in their family for more than 100 years. The Foulke family lived their lives abiding by Quaker principles and values. May and her husband, Charles, who was not a Quaker, lived in the Beaumont house for many years. When May died, Charles remembered her family bonds to their home, the land it occupied, and the Foulke family ties to Quaker Friends Meeting. Charles very kindly and generously, bequeathed the property to Gwynedd Friends Meeting – the Foulke's spiritual home. It was Gwynedd Meeting who created "The Treasure and The Dream" that is now Foulkeways.

Forty-six years later, we have the story of another daughter wishing to pay tribute to her father. The story of a daughter who watched and learned from her father's dedication to his family, his strong work ethic and his faith and compassion no matter what the circumstance. She knew her father was a wise and respected man to his family, friends and professional colleagues. She held those values close and drew on them to set her own path in life. As her years progressed, she sought the advice and counsel of her father, and her love for him undoubtedly continued to grow.

Years passed, her parents retired and moved to Foulkeways. Still, the daughter relied upon the advice and support of her father as she moved forward on her career path. Her children were the delight of her parents. The residents of Foulkeways also respected this kind, generous and humorous man.

In time, health was not kind to him and he moved to Gwynedd House. The family watched as this strong and intelligent man slowly declined. Once again, he showed



*Original metal art created by Cynthia Prediger, Foulkeways Director of Housekeeping, adorn the guest room entrances in Beaumont House.*

his strength by managing his life with dignity and grace. The daughter learned more lessons from her father.

So indelible were her father's lessons that this daughter desired to create a lasting tribute to his memory. She knew the Beaumont House was being renovated and that her mother would often pass by the house. The family's (and especially her mother's) love of gardens made the landscaping around the Beaumont House a fitting tribute to this special man. His legacy would add the finishing touches to this historic and stately house.

Foulkeways is grateful to be the recipient of this daughter's generosity in honor of her father. The landscaping and sitting garden were created as a result of this daughter's gift to Foulkeways. His memory lives on in this beautiful landscape design – not just for his family, but for all Foulkeways families as well.

So when you look at Beaumont House, recall these stories and know its history will forever be tied to the generosity and the love of family members.