



Shirley Girioni

For more than five decades, Shirley Girioni has helped shape Guilford, preserving its character, strengthening its community, and creating a legacy that will endure for future generations.

550

TREES PLANTED
throughout Guilford's
historic borough & Rte. 1

280

HISTORIC
RESOURCES
added to Guilford's
inventory

10 YEARS

OF SERVICE
in town planning

2

SCENIC HIGHWAY

designations to protect Rte. 77
& Rte. 146

\$115,000

RAISED

to create the Guilford Visitor
Information Center and resources

57 Years

VOLUNTEERING

with the Guilford Garden Club



Shirley Girioni's Extensive Contributions to Guilford

**See a need.
Bring people together.
Make it happen.**

Across more than five decades of service, Shirley has helped turn ideas into organizations, policies, programs and traditions that continue to shape Guilford today.



The Shirley Girioni Fund

Established by the Guilford Preservation Alliance, the fund honors Shirley's extraordinary legacy of service to Guilford and ensures that her commitment to strengthening our community continues for generations to come.

Visit GuilfordFoundation.org to make a donation.

Historic Preservation & Guilford Preservation Alliance

As a longtime Board Member and Chair of GPA, Shirley helped:

- Create a loan program to help owners restore and protect historic structures
- Preserve Guilford's historic train station buildings and create a history exhibit at the station
- Facilitate collaboration among Guilford's four historic house museums
- Inventory and document the history of 675 historic structures
- Create an inventory of Guilford's historic barns
- Develop Guilford's Heritage Tourism Initiative
- Create the Visitor Information Center, raising approximately \$115,000 for the kiosk and visitor resources
- Develop walking tours, historic signs, the Visit Guilford website, and other visitor resources
- Bring Witness Stones and the History of Slavery under GPA's umbrella
- Advocate for the preservation of open space and Guilford's historic character

Planning, Protection & Responsible Development

During 10 years in town planning, including service as Chair of Planning and Zoning, Shirley helped advance:

- Restrictions on big-box stores to protect town character
- Commercial signage standards along Route 1
- The Design Review Committee for commercial development
- Cluster zoning to preserve open space
- The Land Acquisition Commission
- Preservation of stone walls
- Crosswalks around the Green
- Requirements for sidewalks, trees, grass, and other amenities with new development on Route 1 East
- Stronger standards and greater transparency in town planning
- Guilford's Scenic Roads program, including designations for Route 77 and Route 146
- The Tree Advisory Committee and Tree Ordinance

Trees, Landscape & Beautification

Work that shapes Guilford's physical landscape:

- Led GPA's effort to plant 550 trees across the 23 streets of Guilford's historic borough
- Initiated the Route 1 tree planting master plan that resulted in 100 additional trees
- Helped establish protections to sustain Guilford's tree canopy
- Served as a member of the Guilford Garden Club for 57 years
- Organized flower shows, including nationally recognized shows
- Helped create the Broad Street Christmas Walk

Organizations, Programs & Community Traditions

Shirley helped found, co-found, shape, or support:

- Women and Family Life Center
- Guilford Food Bank
- Guilford Garden Club
- Guilford Land Trust
- The Guilford Foundation during its formative years
- Guilford Preservation Alliance
- Nurturing Guilford Days for children
- Guilford's 375th Anniversary Committee
- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting gathering on the Green
- Candelaria on the Green and the Broad Street Christmas Walk