

Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation

Memorial Donation Policy

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Purpose

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation (TRMF) provides the opportunity to donate memorials in select locations on TRMF properties. In order to allow for a coordinated and consistent program for soliciting and recognizing contributions, we have established the following guidelines.

Scope

TRMF memorial donation guidelines allow for several types of memorial opportunities. We encourage prospective givers to contact the TRMF Development Team to discuss ideas for locations of memorials. However, final memorial locations will be dependent on the needs of TRMF and planning processes already underway.

Donations to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation may be tax deductible. Please see your tax advisor for information.

Memorials will be accepted in the following categories:

- Memorial Tree Donations
- Memorial Bench Donations
- Named Seats at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre

Memorial Tree Donations

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora foundation will designate existing trees as memorials or plant new trees as memorials for \$500 per tree. Planting will take place on approved locations on properties owned or managed by TRMF. The following guidelines apply:

- TRMF will work with the donor to identify a suitable location and tree species.
- TRMF will handle the planting of the tree.
- Plaques will be included as part of the memorial tree donation, with design, placement, and language to be approved in advance by TRMF. TRMF will cover the price of the plaque.
- In instances where trees do not survive, replacement trees may or may not be of the same species as the original donation.
- Individuals can make memorial requests any time of the year. New trees are typically ordered early in the year and planted in the spring.

Memorial Bench Donations

Dedicating benches in memory of others enhances the beauty and utility of TRMF properties in Medora. A memorial bench costs \$2,500. The following guidelines apply:

- TRMF will consider all personal suggestions for a particular location. However, the placement of benches on properties owned or managed by TRMF must meet the plan and requirements of the property. TRMF will determine final decisions as to location.
- Staff will consider requests in conjunction with construction and renovation plans for TRMF properties. If no site is requested, TRMF will identify potential areas for benches or existing benches on TRMF properties that would be appropriate.
- Plaques will be included as part of the memorial bench donation, with design, placement, and language to be approved in advance by TRMF. TRMF will cover the cost of the plaque.

Named Seats at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre

Dedicating a seat at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre is a way to honor a loved one who is or was fond of the Medora Musical. A named seat at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre costs \$500, or \$5,000 for a row of seats. The following guidelines apply:

- TRMF will work with you to determine which seats are eligible for naming.
- Plaques will meet the existing design, placement, and language standards to match existing named seats.
- Existing named seat locations cannot be moved.
- The seat will be named for a duration of 25 years.

Please contact the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation to begin the memorial donation process or to discuss other donation considerations.

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The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation is a public non-profit organization that was formed in 1986 by a multi-million-dollar gift from Harold Schafer and his family – most famously known as the founders of the Gold Seal Company, the maker of Mr. Bubble, Glass Wax and other nationally-known household products.

For Harold, the beauty and history of Medora and the Badlands was just too much to let disappear with the sands of time – so he made it his life’s work to save it for generations to come. He began his labor of love in 1962, revitalized what we know today as the Medora Musical in 1965. Harold continued giving to the historic cow town frequented by Theodore Roosevelt, the Marquis de Mores, and many-a rough-and-tumble westerner until his passing in 2001.

Today, we at TRMF strive to accomplish its mission to preserve, present, and serve all that Harold loved about Medora by operating history, education, entertainment businesses that allow the traveling public to fully enjoy the beautiful North Dakota Badlands.

Through the contributions and teamwork of a board of directors, a full-time staff of more than 70, 300 seasonal employees, over 600 seasonal volunteers, and financial backing from generous supporters, TRMF connects people to Medora for positive, life-changing experiences.