

SPRIGS & TWIGS AND MYSTIC SEAPORT – A GROWING PARTNERSHIP

Mystic Seaport recently entered into a unique partnership that will enhance the beauty of its 19-acre campus. The Museum has named Sprigs & Twigs, Inc., of Gales Ferry, CT, as the official landscape company of Mystic Seaport.

This partnership, which began in 2009, is a great opportunity for both organizations.

“We believe this partnership is a match of our abilities and the needs of the Museum,” said Bill Lillie, who co-owns Sprigs & Twigs with his wife, Linda. “In addition to an intellectual and philosophical match, we augment the Museum staff and bring extra capabilities to the relationship. This is unique for us.”

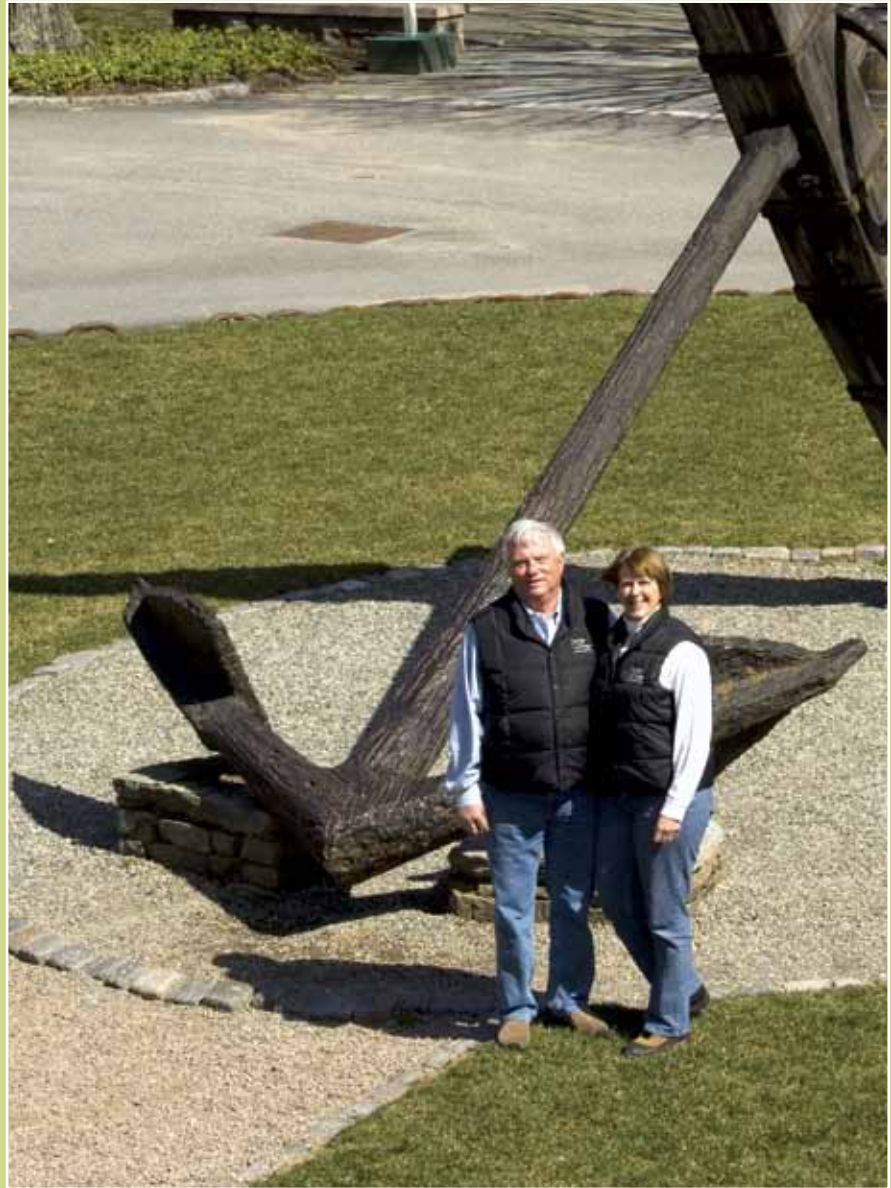
Bill Parent, the Museum’s vice president of facilities, echoed Lillie’s statement.

“The Sprigs & Twigs team has become part of the Museum team, working well with our staff, which is led by Kara Lally and Steve Sisk,” he said. “We work well together to plan and implement projects. Bill and Linda are professional, thorough, honest and hard-working. They helped us immensely last year, and we are thrilled that the partnership has grown into a second year.”

This year, the work of Sprigs & Twigs will be focused on the Village Green, as well as the entrances to the Museum’s new restaurant, Latitude 41°.

Last year, the company, which was established in 1997, was involved with the Museum in a variety of ways. In addition to being the lead sponsor of both Lantern Light Tours and the new Garden Days event (a role it will continue again this year), Sprigs & Twigs completed a new garden installation at the entrance of the P. R. Mallory Wing and sodded Anchor Circle—immediately improving two key areas of the Museum’s north end.

Sprigs & Twigs is known for its stewardship of the environment and its ability to offer the highest quality products and services. Four members of its team, Bill and Linda Lillie included, were recently named Accredited Organic Land



BILL AND LINDA LILLIE, OWNERS OF SPRIGS & TWIGS, THE OFFICIAL LANDSCAPE COMPANY OF MYSTIC SEAPORT. BILL AND LINDA WERE PHOTOGRAPHED ON THE MUSEUM’S ANCHOR CIRCLE, RESODDED LAST YEAR BY SPRIGS & TWIGS.

Care Professionals by the Northeast Organic Farming Association. In 2007, *Total Landscape Care* magazine named Sprigs & Twigs as a National Finalist for 2008 Landscaper of the Year. The company was selected as one of 12 finalists from across the country representing the industry’s best.

A unique aspect Sprigs & Twigs brings to the relationship is its willingness to share knowledge and educate Museum visitors and members. Linda Lillie was a featured presenter during

Garden Days and the company shared information with visitors throughout the Mallory garden installation.

“We view ourselves as teachers of the type of work that we do, and we work hard to maintain a visible profile in our community,” said Bill Lillie. “The opportunity to do similar things for Mystic Seaport visitors and members is perfectly consistent with what we do, and we’re excited for the chance to do more.”