

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION
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NEWSLETTER

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Year's End Donations Encouraged!

New Blood and New Ideas Solicited!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fairview has been put to bed for the winter. It looks pretty good after a final mowing and trimming with hoses rolled up and stored and irrigation systems turned off to prevent freezing and breaking. Maintenance for the winter months will primarily consist of trying to keep the grounds clear of the abundant trash which blows into the cemetery. Eleven of our 150-plus new trees were replaced this summer by the landscapers--7 of them on the now-expired maintenance contract--and we'll find out in the Spring how they survived what is forecasted to be a very dry winter in Santa Fe.

But, a committee of board members Rhonda Paynter, David Mason, John Barker, Jean Eddy, and Erik Mason has been appointed to develop and prioritize both short term and long term goals for Fairview. Considerations include but are not limited to ascertaining ways to water the new trees during the winter, improvement of the irrigation wells of the trees, plastering the information kiosk and installing a sign on it, completion of the area for cremains so that it can be advertised with the mortuaries, an effective (and possibly very expensive) plan for prairie dog control, leveling/raising headstones, and planting the cemetery, section by section, with a native grass such as blue gramma which does not need water once established. We have received, just a few days ago, a significant donation from an Association member in Texas for grass seed.

Fairview's prairie dog situation hit the front page headlines of *The New Mexican* in June, followed by a flurry of letters, often quite funny, to the editor with both "protectionist" and "pesky rodent" opinions. The problem has only increased, even after we paid \$10,000 several years ago to have them relocated, an expense we most definitely cannot continue to afford. One of our board members tripped in a hole just this past week!

Our Annual Workday/Annual Meeting in May was a success, and board members and officers were elected as shown at the end of this newsletter. Contact any of them if you have any ideas or suggestions for the cemetery. Both at this meeting and at subsequent board meetings, we have discussed the need for diversification and "new blood" on the board. Most of us are in the "Social Security" era of our lives—some have been in this status for many years!—and we need more young people to bring fresh ideas to the table and to insure the preservation of Fairview for years to come. We, in effect, need your children! Our Nominating Committee consists of Stephen Hughes, David Mason, Ron & Jean Ball, and Joanne Legits, all of whose telephone numbers are listed on this newsletter. They would be glad to hear from anyone who has suggestions for board

members (three of whose 3-year terms expire next May) and officers. We particularly need a new treasurer, because Joanne's health does not permit her to continue the invaluable contribution she has made to Fairview over many years. And our president is most definitely slowing down.

May 14th has been selected for next year's Annual Workday/Annual Meeting. Put the date on you new 2011 calendars now!

And, as always...

Although maintenance costs decrease during the winter, we definitely need to build up our maintenance account to enable new initiatives in the Spring! Please consider year-end donations!

Our members have two ways to contribute financially to Fairview. (1) We continue to need your donations to our **maintenance** efforts and checks may be sent to our PO Box above, made out to "Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association," or (2) Add to our **endowment** by sending checks written to the Santa Fe Community Foundation annotated "Fairview Cemetery Endowment," and send to:

Santa Fe Community Foundation
PO Box 1827
Santa Fe NM 87504.

Stocks and securities may also be sent to our endowment at the Community Foundation.

Fairview's "residents" 100 years ago, from the *New Mexican*

February 9, 1905. *The death at Las Animas, Colo., on January 20 of John MacGillivray moves the Estancia Herald to tell the story of the five MacGillivray brothers, Finlay, Angus [dc 1917 at age 51], Duncan, John and Allan [dc 1922 at age 42], who came, all except Finlay, to the Estancia Valley from Inverness, Scotland, years ago. The MacGillivray family is represented on the Fairview Board by descendent Lucy Dix.*

A recent article in *The New Mexican* about our fiestas and our 400th anniversary highlighted two residents of Fairview:

Lawyer, legislator, writer and mayor **Amado Chaves Sr.**, who died in 1930 at age 70, was described as a "live wire" in his obituary. His descendent and past Board member of Fairview, Amado Summers, still keeps us on our toes.

Dr. Marion Hotopp, who died in 1976 at age 75, took on a 1946 *Time* magazine article denigrating New Mexico's infant mortality rate and spent more than two decades working to improve the mortality rate of infants in rural areas.

And **Marian and Abe Silver, Jr.** were yet again recognized for their numerous services to our community when they were presented with the Governor's 2010 Award for Excellence in the Arts. Among their many works have been the Opera, the Museum Foundation, St Vincent's Hospital, and the Boys & Girls Club. Truly Living Treasurers!

Recent Burials.

At the request of his mother, **Richard Craig Hanson**, who died in 1958 at the age of five, was disinterred in June to be interred with his parents at the National Cemetery.

Longtime Santafean **Kitty Jones Nesbit** died on 7 Aug 2010 at age 95 and was buried with her husband Gordon Jones and her two daughters Pat & Jeri. Kitty was secretary of St John's United Methodist Church for over three decades. She is survived by her granddaughter Lori Jameson of Albuquerque and grandson Richard Owens of Austin TX.

UNMARKED GRAVE? Approximately 1,500 of the 3,500 graves at Fairview remain unmarked! We will coordinate marking graves with flat granite headstones with a text including name, dates of birth and death, and a short sentiment of 2-3 words. Albuquerque Monument has recently almost doubled the prices for these headstones, and the standard size of 12" x 24" now costs us \$500, including installation, which is still considerably below the retail price. Call Erik Mason (505) 982-1258 to make arrangements for these stones. And remember, Fairview now again permits installation of upright headstones, one of the great visual delights of the cemetery.

Contributions to the Fairview Endowment Fund at the Santa Fe Community Foundation (1st, 2nd, 3rd Qtr 2010)

Maria Naranjo
Thomas B. Catron
Mary Wahl
Albert H. Clancy

Contributions to Fairview's Maintenance Fund (Apr 2010--Nov 2010)

M/M Thomas B. Catron III	In memory of Stephen Ellis Catron
Carl S. Myers	In memory of Ella Comstock
Peggy L. Schafranka	In memory of Robert & Josephine Schafranka
Oliver E. Houston	In memory of Ira Gray
Roman Latimer	In memory of grandparents Roman L. & Fannie C. Baca
Mary Holden	In memory of Vera Littleton Miller
George Donoho Bayless	In memory of Marian Meyer
M/M Henry Wooten Jr.	In memory of Vera Littleton Miller
Nancy Hyer	In memory of Sally H. Kristin
Jean Chambers	To make prairie dogs only a memory
Karen/Rup Hilgenkamp	For Erik Mason's birthday
Erik & Lisa Hilgenkamp	For Uncle Erik's birthday

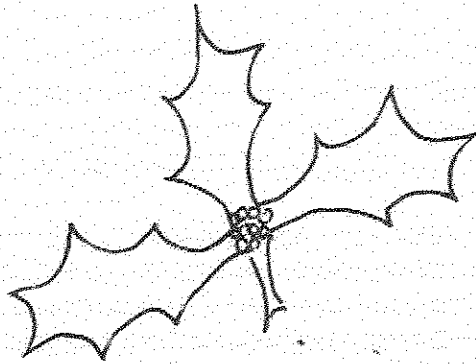
Cerrillos Lodge #19 A.F.&A.M.	Jean Seth	William Kersting
Venus Stafford	Marcia Muth & Jody Ellis	Maria Naranjo (2)
Conchita Lopez	Theo Keros & Kay Hertz	Tom Wiley
M/M Ron Ball		

Many, many thanks to all of the above!

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