

Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association

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Spring

2015



SATURDAY MAY 9
Annual spring clean-up
9 a.m. to noon
Followed by pot luck lunch &
annual meeting. New board
members and officers will be
elected. ALL WELCOME!

Message from FCPA President David Mason

There have been several successful accomplishments this past year. By converting the newly refurbished caretaker's house (now referred to as The Cottage—with wonderful renters) into income-producing property, we have eliminated the cost of an "in-house" caretaker. The board decided to use the net increase in income to hire a professional landscape firm for general maintenance of the cemetery grounds...mowing, trimming, tree pruning, irrigation maintenance, etc. Although it is too early to determine how effective this decision has been, this spring and summer should answer any concerns we may have. All the dead trees along the roadways have been removed and the irrigation system is stubbed out to the old tree wells in preparation for new plantings.

Our fund-raising drive for new trees was successful enough to plant 10 trees that come with a one-year guarantee from our landscaping company. They will be placed along the roadways where the irrigation is installed. Unfortunately, we are unable to plant trees among gravesites because of the difficulty of getting water to them. Donations to the tree fund are still gladly accepted.

It appears the prairie dog barrier wall is doing its job. Immediately after completion of the wall, a few more of the critters needed to be relocated, but so far, so good. We still need to attend to some of the old holes that currently are being occupied by ground squirrels.

Although not a major source of income for the FCPA, we still are an active cemetery and have sold several grave sites this past year. As is true for the majority of cemeteries in this country, most sites are sold for cremains. It's still on my wish list to develop a major cremains area within the old carriage lane north of the Catron mausoleum.

We have received several accolades regarding the improvements of Fairview over the last several years. They are greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, we also have received comments about the "...complete neglect..." of the cemetery. I fully understand the comments by someone who visits the cemetery in its current condition and compares it to the park-like beauty of earlier days before drought and cost forced us to stop watering five acres of grass. The reality is we are an Association made up entirely of "aging" volunteers with limited resources. Unless we recruit more "worker bees" who are willing to **actively** serve, the future of the FCPA may indeed be very bleak. **Please keep this in mind as you make plans to attend the annual work day and meeting on May 9.**

Not wanting to end this message on a sour note, there are two exciting events on the drawing board for the coming months. The first is the creative ideas of Evelyn McClure, a new Santa Fe resident who would like to be involved in producing "playlets" to promote the cemetery. (See Page 3 for more details)

Additionally, we have been approached by the New Mexico School for the Deaf, our neighbors to the north, requesting permission to landscape our border with them as part of their multi-million dollar improvement program. This would greatly improve the appearance of our northern boundary with a new stucco wall along the Cottage property line, and a new landscaping fence along the remainder of our common boundary.

Once again, I look forward to seeing everyone at the May 9th annual workday and general membership meeting. We will be electing new board members and officers. **Please consider donating your time and effort to preserve Fairview's historical contribution to Santa Fe and the state of New Mexico**

Donations

Contributions to the FCPA endowment at the Santa Fe Community Foundation:

Erik Mason

Donations to Fairview's Building and Maintenance Fund Nov. 2014 through Mar. 2015

In memory of John Erwin Family

Moeita Bauer

In memory of the Comstock Family

Helen C. Myers

In memory of George & Frances Cross

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Dolona Roberts (In memory of Clarence (Supreme Court Justice) & Eliza Roberts



Some of the FCPA board members at last year's annual meeting. Clockwise from lower left: David Mason, Leonard Duran, Charles Hughes, Leveo Sanchez and Bruce Kohl. Nominations for new board members and officers will be received during the annual general membership meeting following the workday on Saturday, May 9. The general public is invited and encouraged to attend.

History at Fairview

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

Mar. 23, 1915: "Gentleman, I regard this as a miscarriage of justice and do not understand how honest men can arrive at such a verdict." In these words, **District Judge E.C. Abbott*** addressed the jurors in the case of the state vs. Romulo Lopez, on reading their sealed verdict of "not guilty"...after two boys had gone on the stand in the trial and sworn that they bought liquor at the defendant's saloon.

***Judge Abbott**, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in 1939, but several family members, including his parents and two young sons, are buried at Fairview. (See adjacent Fairview Factoid)

March 16, 1915: Following persistent reports that the Old Palace is in danger of flood waters turning its rooms into duck ponds at the next heavy rain, **State Engineer James A. French** [dc. 1926 at age 60], who is in general charge of the construction of the pavement in front of the famous old building, made a statement today declaring he feels there is no cause for alarm.

Feb. 6, 1915: The Literature Study class of the Santa Fe Woman's Club (which managed Fairview Cemetery from 1930 to 1978) will meet Tuesday for a study of Shakespeare, the world poet. **Mrs. R.F. (Anna) Ormsbee** [dc. 1982 at age 85] will review "Shakespeare's Woman."

March 26, 1915: The mutterings of protest among Santa Fe citizens against the proposed appointment by **Mayor W.G. Sargent** [dc. 1936 at age 68] of Ricardo Alarid as city marshal, with the accompanying privilege of carrying a gun, presage a storm which will burst with considerable violence if the mayor is so foolish as to persist in the appointment. Most notable is the fact that leading Republicans condemned the proposed action unsparingly as dangerous to the cause of law and order. **Levi A. Hughes** [dc. 1975 at age 67], in an interview published herewith, intimates his willingness to leave the party when such policies prevail and the conservative attorney general, **Frank W. Clancy** [dc. 1928 at age 76] declares such an appointment "injudicious."

Recent Burials

- ◆ **Martin Spelich**: Died Aug. 31, 2014, at the age of 71. Ashes interred March 20, 2015, in plot purchased by his daughter, Jamie Chavez of Santa Fe. Mr. Spelich was a more than 30-year Santa Fe resident and began driving a taxi after retirement from an equipment rental company.

FAIRVIEW FACTOID

Abijah Judson Abbott is the first name on Fairview Cemetery's roster of almost 4,000 names. According to his 1929 obituary, he died of the "infirmities of old age" (86) at his home on Federal Place in Santa Fe. The obituary says he practiced law in several Kansas towns and in Trinidad CO before moving to Santa Fe in 1901 to join in law partnership with his son, Clarence (also known as Judge E.C. Abbott). Also in the Abbott family plot at Fairview are Abijah's first wife, Ruth, who died in 1903, his second wife, Ida, who died in 1932, and two grandsons, E.C. Abbot Jr. and Paul Abbott, both of whom died in February 1904 at ages 2 and less than 1 year old, respectively.

Exciting New Project

Thanks to a Santa Fe newcomer, a new collaboration is forming between the Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association and the Santa Fe Women's Club. Evelyn McClure recently relocated from Sonoma County, CA, to be close to family, and has wasted no time becoming involved in the community. It wasn't long after joining the Women's Club that she discovered the historical association between Fairview and the Women's Club, which managed the cemetery for 48 years between 1930 and 1978. Borrowing on her experience of conducting cemetery walks through the historical society in her former hometown, Mrs. McClure is proposing a similar program in an attempt to raise needed funds for both groups. In addition to cemetery tours, the proposed project would include a soup and salad dinner with a program of 10-minute vignettes with actors portraying the lives of some of Fairview's "residents" who helped settle Santa Fe in the late 19th century. This event is still in its early planning stages so please leave a message on the cemetery's voice mail — 505-989-1623 — if you are interested in getting involved.



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Remember Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association in your giving plan. The FCPA is a 501(c)(3) organization run by an all-volunteer board that is dedicated to maintaining and preserving the cemetery as an important and accessible historical resource at the local, state and national level.

To contribute to the Building/Maintenance Fund mail checks to PO Box 5958, Santa Fe, NM, 87502, made out to "Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association."

An account has been established at the **Santa Fe Community Foundation**, which can accept both checks and securities. Income from the fund helps pay for routine maintenance. Checks made to the "**Santa Fe Community Foundation**" should be annotated "Fairview Cemetery Endowment" and mailed to:

Santa Fe Community Foundation
PO Box 1827
Santa Fe NM 87504

To contribute securities to the endowment fund at the Santa Fe Community Foundation, contact: Christa Coggins, Vice President for Community Philanthropy, at 505-988-9715, ext. 7002

Securities may also be sent to our investment account at Raymond James and Associates. Contact John Adams at 505-982-1904 for 1-800-233-4108 for details.