

Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association

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Fairview Cemetery Celebrates Milestone Anniversary

130-year history the focus of May 3 work day and annual general membership meeting.

Much of Santa Fe's history is written on the tombstones of Fairview Cemetery. From the earliest Jewish merchants who arrived on the Santa Fe Trail to the great granddaughter of one of New Mexico's earliest governors, the estimated 3,500 graves on the 5-acre site have many stories to tell.

New stories frequently are discovered. One recent caller wanted to locate the graves of his great grandparents who migrated from Texas to ranch in Mora County and eventually settled in Santa Fe early last century. The caller from Missouri learned of the burials during a genealogical search.

The visual impact of the mausoleums and upright markers in Fairview has attracted the attention of film class students at the Santa Fe University of Art and Design. Several have sought permission to shoot scenes in the cemetery while agreeing to be respectful of our "residents" and not film any names on the markers.

None of this would happen without the Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association's volunteers who work to preserve the historic landmark for all of Santa Fe. **More help is desperately needed.** Please bring garden tools and join us for the annual spring clean-up day on Saturday, May 3, from 9-12. Bring some food to share and learn more about Fairview's history during a potluck and annual meeting, **open to the public**, at the adjacent Oddfellows Hall, from noon to approximately 2 p.m. New board members and officers will be elected at that time.

FAIRVIEW FACTOID

If the date of Fairview's founding is May 7, 1884, why is the earliest headstone dated 1862? That's because the grave of Catherine E. Gorman, wife of Baptist Missionary Rev. S. Gorman, was among those moved over a period of eight years from the old Masonic-Oddfellows Cemetery, which was located in downtown Santa Fe where the Scottish Rite Cathedral (Temple) now stands.

Thumbnail history of Fairview

- ◆ May 7, 1884: Certificate of Incorporation as the Fairview Cemetery Company.
- ◆ 1890: New shareholders take over and cemetery replatted to existing sections
- ◆ 1898: Women's Board of Trade (WBT) donates \$500 to improve/beautify the grounds and, while not owning cemetery, has complete control for next 30 years.
- ◆ 1901: WBT buys small adobe house on property that eventually becomes caretaker's cottage.
- ◆ 1922: Rules passed to forbid fences, tailings or copings around lots or graves.
- ◆ 1930: WBT and Women's Club merge and become owners and establish trust fund.
- ◆ 1978: WBT gives Fairview Cemetery to Santa Fe County with trust fund to run it.
- ◆ 1982: Local historian Marian Meyer forms Preservation Association to assist county with operation of Fairview.
- ◆ 1998: FCPA, as a non-profit corporation, assumes full ownership of Fairview Cemetery.
- ◆ 2002: After negotiating a \$35,000 water bill, the FCPA stopped watering Kentucky Blue Grass to concentrate water on new trees and bushes.



More Accidents—More Fence Damage

City installs large reflector signs in attempt to caution drivers

In the words of FCPA board president David Mason: “This could be humorous if it weren’t so pathetic.” He reported to board members in a March 4 email that another car accident—the third in less than four months—had taken out 4 to 5 sections of the wrought iron fence that separates the historic Fairview Cemetery from Cerrillos Road. The police report on the accident indicated a 67-year-man with a history of epileptic seizures struck the curb, continued through the fence, entered the cemetery and came to a complete stop against the back wall of the cemetery.

The March 4 accident occurred near the south end of the cemetery. The previous two accidents, on Nov. 30 and Dec. 11, damaged sections of the fence on either side of the main gate into the cemetery. The middle picture on the right shows damage also to the main water valves connecting city water to the cemetery’s irrigation system. Thankfully, all three accidents were covered by the drivers’ insurance companies.



Mr. Mason presented the City of Santa Fe’s traffic division with evidence that most of the six accidents since 2007 were due to cars speeding through the intersection of Cerrillos Road and Cordova Road. After a review, the city agreed to install three large reflector signs facing drivers on Cordova Road as they approach the intersection. It is hoped the reflectors will encourage drivers to slow down before making the left hand turn onto Cerrillos.



March 4, 2014



Dec. 11, 2013



Nov. 30, 2013

History at Fairview

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

Jan. 12, 1914: A letter from **U.S. Sen. T.B. Catron** [died 1921 at age 80] with encouraging news about Santa Fe's new Post Office. An inspector will be looking over sites to see what is the most favorable location for Santa Fe's \$295,000 federal building.

Recent Burials

- ◆ **Adrienne Diamond:** died April 11, 2013. Ashes interred Dec. 19, 2013, above the casket of her grandfather, Otis Seligman, and near the remains of her mother, Joan Seligman Diamond.
- ◆ **Vicentita Romero:** died April 1, 2014. Casket interred April 4, 2014, next to the casket of her husband, Jose E. Romero, who died in 2004.
- ◆ **Carla Rodman Oschwald:** Died Feb. 5, 2014, Ashes interred April 18, 2014, in a plot purchased by her husband, David Oschwald.
- ◆ Arrangements are pending for the burial in Fairview of former **State Rep. Max Coll** of Santa Fe, who died March 27 at age 82 after suffering a stroke. Coll served a total of 32 years in the state House of Representatives, first as a Republican from Roswell before taking time out to get a law degree. After moving to Santa Fe, he was elected to the District 47 House seat as a Republican, but switched to the Democratic Party after only one term. He was the long-time chairman of the Legislative Finance Committee at the time of his retirement in 2004. He was memorialized in the Rotunda of the State Capitol on April 7. Coll and his wife, Catherine Joyce Coll, purchased plots in Fairview in 2008.



Donations to Fairview's Building and Maintenance Fund Dec. 2013 through March 2014

(Thank you for your generous response to the year-end appeal for contributions in the last newsletter.)

In memory of Katharine Adam

Eleanor & Gary Gossen

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In Memory of Gus Porter Watson

Ryan Klinefelter

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William Kersting

Conchita Lopez

David Mason

Erik Mason

Martha Maxwell

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Leveo V. Sanchez

Cynthia S. Tice

Karen Mason Hilgenkamp

Louann C. Jordan

Karen Klinefelter

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Betty Fletcher Mast

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Alice Bullick

Herbert Davidson

Lynn W. Miller

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Our thanks to Fletcher Catron, who recently resigned as a FCPS board member after serving for almost three years.

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:

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