

Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association

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Some happenings at Fairview Cemetery

Fairview Benefits from Stonemasons' Workshop

Several broken headstones in Santa Fe's historic Fairview Cemetery were repaired this fall during a national gathering of The Stone Foundation. The group spent several days working on special projects in and around Santa Fe. One day was set aside for a workshop at Fairview led by gravestone preservation specialist Jonathan Appell of West Hartford, CT. (In straw hat at right.) Markers repaired included two large uprights that had toppled from their base and one in the family plot of M.A. Gold, one of the earliest Jewish merchants to settle in Santa Fe.



A driver who lost control of a car turning left from Cordova Road onto Cerrillos Road heavily damaged Fairview's historic wrought iron fence and at least two trees on Nov 30. Adjusters have not finalized a damage estimate, but it will be in the thousands of dollars..

New Policy on Memorials

Signs are posted notifying the public of Fairview's new policy regarding placement of memorials such as flowers, stones, toys and other mementos on graves. They now will be removed from gravesites during the last week of each month. For holidays that fall near the end of the month, the memorials will be removed during the last week of the following month.

Burial Procedures and Costs

We get many questions about arranging for burials at Fairview. Start by calling our voice mail at 505-989-1623. Leave a detailed message with a contact name and phone number. We will confirm ownership if a plot already exists or arrange for the purchase of a gravesite. A full plot is \$2,000 and a cremains site is \$500. The cost for opening and closing a burial site is \$250 for ashes and \$650 for a casket. Families must make their own arrangements for purchase and setting of a permanent marker, which now is required for all burials at Fairview but which does not have to be done at the time of burial. We can make suggestions as to where to buy markers but we have no special arrangements with any company.

Thank you Jo & John Bloom



Long-time Fairview enthusiasts and supporters Jo and John Bloom submitted their resignations as board members this fall. Despite declining health and commuting from their home in Las Cruces, they faithfully attended board meetings and cemetery clean-up days and Jo served as board secretary. John has three generations of family members buried at Fairview, including his father, Lansing Bloom, a Presbyterian missionary turned noted historian. Thank you Jo and John. You will be missed.



It's that time of the year again...time to show your support for Fairview Cemetery by making a generous donation for its continued maintenance. See the last page of this newsletter for giving options. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Following are some comments from recent contributors:

- * "It is wonderful that so many of you volunteer to see that the cemetery remains an important part of the history of Santa Fe."
- * "The wall (prairie dog barrier) looks good! A good use of our donations."
- * "Thank you for your work preserving the Fairview Cemetery. My family is there and my plot is waiting."
- * From a man who visited the grave of his grandmother: "I was moved to see how cared for and groomed Fairview is."
- * "It is really wonderful what all the volunteers do to preserve the cemetery."
- * "Sometimes a note of appreciation is appreciated. This is for....including my admiration for all your works."
- * From Cerrillos Masonic Lodge: "Finally, we would like to let you know that we support your work, and we appreciate your efforts to address care for the cemetery where many of our brothers are buried."

FAIRVIEW FACTOID

A pending burial led us to review the history of **Arthur Seligman** who, with his wife **Franc** [dc 1937 at age 69], is buried in one of historic Fairview's several large vaults. Seligman was elected New Mexico governor in 1931, becoming the first native-born, non-Hispanic governor of Jewish ancestry. He was re-elected two years later but died in September 1933 at age 62 only hours after giving a speech. Plans are underway for the burial of his great-granddaughter, Adrienne Diamond, near her mother, **Joan Scott Diamond** [dc. 1996], in the Seligman family plot. (See next page for more Arthur Seligman history.)

History at Fairview

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

April 18, 1913: That the "junta" composed of **Sylvanus G. Morley** [dc 1948 at age 65], Jesse Nusbaum of Santa Fe, and General Guia Luiz of Yucatan, "to visit, pacify and explore" the island of Cozumel has a bellicose program to meet became known here following the reports printed of the trip in the *New Mexican* Tuesday. Other letters received by Santa Feans indicated that **Mrs. (Frances Rhodes) Morley** [dc 1955 at age 50], wife of the Harvard scientist, is prostrated with worry over the fate of her husband in view of reports that no white man in recent years has visited Cozumel Island and lived to tell the tale of his journey. Two English explorers recently braved the hostile Indians of Cozumel, it is said, and were never seen again. It is believed that they were eaten by cannibals.

June 27, 1913: U.S. **Sen. T.B. Catron** [dc 1921 at age 80] favored the Santa Fe Institute with his presence and made an address. He said he believed an eight-week institute program would be a good thing, doubling the work. Sen. Catron said the people of the east were very ignorant concerning the west and particularly so regarding New Mexico. It is, therefore, the responsibility of our people to educate the eastern people as well as educating our own.

June 30, 1913: **O.C. Emblem** [dc 1938 at age 59] took a party to San Juan Pueblo last Tuesday to witness the annual dance of that community of Indians. The day was an ideal one, the big Stanley steamer leaving here at 6:30 in the morning and returning at about the same time

Aug. 31, 1913: Chairman **Arthur Seligman** [dc 1933 at age 62] of the Santa Fe County road board made a trip by motor yesterday with a party to look over the work being done on roads leading to the Rito de los Frijoles canyon, home of the cliff apartment houses belonging to the ancient people.

Nov. 5, 1913: "Pay your \$3 road tax or face a suit costing \$12 to \$15." Such is the ultimatum which the county road board sends out today... **Mr. Seligman** [see above] waxed sarcastic about the excuses given the tax collector. "I think an investigation should be made by many of the reports handed in showing 'infirmities.'"

Oct. 5, 1913: The third annual convention of the New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Santa Fe Oct. 7-10. The formal opening of the session will be made with a series of speeches from Gov. McDonald, President **Mrs. A.B (Marietta) Renehan** [dc 1963 at age 87], Mrs. Arthur (Franc) Seligman [dc 1937 at age 69], (and others).

Donations to Fairview's Building & Maintenance Fund (April through November 2013)

In memory of **Jean MacGillivray Seth**

Nancy Hyer

Loren Kieve

In memory of **Mary Brownlee Cook**

Tark Cook

In memory of the **Chaves & Summers families**

M/M Amado Chaves Summers

In memory of **Katherine Zook & Betty Flanagan**

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Dorothy Street (applied to barrier wall)

Montezuma Lodge #1 AF & AM

James R. Moore

Contributions to the FCPA's endowment at the Santa Fe Community Foundation.

Jim Mayer

Thomas B. Catron

Martha G. Clarke

Ann M. Hartman

Recent Burials

- ◆ Michael Jack Ballew: died June 18, 2012. Ashes interred June 5, 2013, above the casket of his mother.
- ◆ Pauline Krissman: Died Aug. 21, 2013. Ashes interred above the casket of her uncle, Jose Martinez.
- ◆ Marion Currier McBreen: Died Nov. 15, 2013. Casket interred Nov. 19, 2013, in the Currier family plot.
- ◆ Susan McCormick Mayer: Died Aug. 18, 2013. Ashes interred Aug. 23 in her husband's Hurt/Van Stone family plot.



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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 endowment 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
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