

# *Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association*

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## **A Season of Change for Fairview Cemetery**



*—Board members have a special work day to repair the wrought iron fence along Cerrillos Road.*

The annual spring workday and general meeting ushered in a season of change for the Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association. Thanks to good publicity in both the *New Mexican* and *Santa Fe North* newspapers, workday attendance improved and five new members were elected to the board of directors (see biographies on Page 2).

The change started from the top. Erik Mason cited health problems in his decision to step down after seven years as board president. However, he will remain a board member until May 2012. The new president is David Mason, while Cynthia Kohl agreed to serve as treasurer following the death of long-time board member Joanne Legits.

New committees were formed to review current procedures and investigate possible changes in direction for the association. They include a Building & Grounds Maintenance Committee, a Finance Committee, and a new Communications Committee that will focus on reformatting the newsletter and possibly developing a website.

The Board also reviewed the mission of Fairview and approved the following for use in possible grant applications: “The mission of Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association, a nonprofit organization located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is to operate and maintain Fairview Cemetery and to preserve the cemetery as an important and accessible historical resource for the local, state, and national communities.”

We are aware that in recent years Fairview has been, to some extent, stuck in a rut, reacting to problems as they surfaced rather than innovatively looking to the future. Some problems are recurring—prairie dogs and irrigation systems, for example, remain huge problems—but progress is being made to establish both short-term and long-term goals for Fairview and keep the cemetery a viable asset to the community.

## *Introducing New Fairview Board Members*

**Rev. Raymond Kersting** is a native of Santa Fe and a retired Presbyterian minister who previously served on the board. He has grandparents, aunts and an uncle at Fairview. His wife Betty maintains the mailing list database for the association.

**Forrest Thomas**, born and raised in Santa Fe, is an electrical engineer by education. He returned to Santa Fe in 1993 and runs the real estate management and investment company Thomas Properties. His father—a former Fairview board president—his grandparents and his great-grandparents are buried at Fairview.

**Fletcher R. Catron** is a life-long resident of Santa Fe. A graduate of Santa Fe High School, Stanford University, and the UNM School of Law, Fletcher practices in the law firm established by his great-grandfather, concentrating on estate planning, trusts and probate. He is an avid backpacker and bicyclist. The Catron monument is one of the most prominent in Fairview.

**Leveo Sanchez**, the current chairman of New Mexico Highlands University's Board of Regents, is a successful businessman and entrepreneur with expertise in international economic and social development activity. He was born in Lamy but has lived in numerous foreign countries. His father, grandmother and at least two uncles are buried at Fairview.

**Cynthia Cooper Kohl**, also a Santa Fe native, has three branches of family at Fairview. As the new treasurer of the Preservation Association, she says she became involved because Fairview "is a piece of Santa Fe History we can't afford to lose."

## Recent Burials

**Katharine "Patty" Lucas Adam** died on 3 June 2011 at age 93. Her casket was buried in her plot in Section A.

**Robert L. Grant** died on 23 July 2011 at age 86 and his ashes were placed with his brother and son in Section D. He was a World War II veteran and is survived by his wife Carolyn.

**John Ray Gutierrez** died 11 November 2010 at age 82. His ashes were interred a year later alongside his wife Josephine, who died in 1972. Arrangements were made by their son, Patrick.

### *And a special remembrance:*

**Joanne Hobart Legits**, our beloved Treasurer of the Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association for seven years, died 7 June 2011 at age 79 and was buried in a new family plot purchased by her sons. Joanne had warned us in December that she had incurable cancer but that she hoped to be able to attend the annual meeting in May. It was not to be. Her contributions to Fairview were immeasurable and she will be greatly missed.



*The association continues to battle an ongoing problem with prairie dogs, which made news all the way to NPR and Paul Harvey News in 2004.*

**Contributions to the Fairview Endowment  
Fund through 2nd Quarter 2001**

David W. Matthews  
Thomas B. Catron

Maria E. Naranjo

**Contributions to Fairview's Maintenance  
Fund (April-Sept. 2011)**

***In memory of Joanne Hobart Legits:***

John Adams  
Myron Joe Beard  
Anita W. Thomas  
Faith Brommer  
Erik Mason  
Della E. Barry

***In memory of Grace and E.P. Moore***

Betty Fletcher Mast

***In gratitude to brother David***

Erik Mason

***In memory of Polly Berardinelli***

Carmen Layden

***In memory of Judge Abijah J. Abbott***

Carolyn Smith

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

Shelley Brigid Stoeckert Trust

***In memory of the Walter family***

Rachel Michaelsen

***Others***

Estate of Marybelle D. Foster  
Marcia Muth and Jody Ellis  
Maria Naranjo  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Ball  
Conchita Lopez  
James W. Mayer  
Joseph J. Petranto  
Martha Stump  
Thomas R. Wiley

**Remember Fairview  
in Year-End Giving**

There are two ways to contribute financially to Fairview.

—First, we continue to need your donations to our maintenance efforts. Checks may be sent to PO Box 5958, made out to “Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association.”

—Donations also may be made to our endowment by sending checks written to the “Santa Fe Community Foundation” annotated “Fairview Cemetery Endowment” and mailed 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.

Interest from the endowment also helps to fund maintenance expenses when necessary.

**Unmarked Graves**

Approximately 1,500 of the 3,500 graves at Fairview remain unmarked. Through Albuquerque Monument, 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. The cost for a standard size headstone of 12” to 24” is \$500, including installation, which is considerably below the retail price. Call Erik Mason at 505-982-1258 to make arrangements for these stones. Fairview now permits installation of upright headstones, one of the great visual delight of the cemetery.



## Help us go green!!

While we still are willing to send a hard copy of the newsletter to those who specifically ask for it, we want to transition many of our faithful supporters to the internet. Therefore, each newsletter will now be available in electronic format. We hope also to soon have a website that will provide other valuable information about Fairview.

**If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please send your email address to: [kcmason@q.com](mailto:kcmason@q.com).** Otherwise, you will continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter via snail mail.

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