

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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ANNUAL WORKDAY SATURDAY MAY 21ST

FAIRVIEW NOW ON THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL REGISTER

MARIAN MEYER SUFFERS STROKE

**DONATIONS TOTAL \$10,440 Dec-Mar
not including \$1,620 for NEW TREES. *Thank you!!***

NO INTERMENTS SINCE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

May 21st will be our 24th Annual Spring Cleanup!

It's that time of year again, and we hope you can join us on **Saturday, May 21st, at 9:00 a.m.** for the cemetery's annual cleanup day by the members. Bring your yard tools--rakes, leaf rakes, shovels, pruners--with your name on them. Trash bags will be provided, and we have a lot to put in them! If you aren't up to the hard labor, we hope you'll come anyway to fellowship with us and "encourage" the others. At noon we'll have a potluck lunch at the Odd Fellows Hall on Cerrillos, adjacent to and just south of Fairview, followed by the Annual Meeting.

Our Luncheon Chairperson again this year is Board Member and Treasurer Joanne Legits, who will be at the Odd Fellows Hall at 9:00 a.m. to receive your potluck offerings, hot or cold, salad, main dish or dessert. Soft drinks, paper plates and eating utensils will be provided.

Message from the President

We have the very good news, and the very bad news:

Fairview's beloved guide, caretaker, mentor, historian, institutional memory and spokesperson for more than a quarter century, Marian Meyer, suffered a stroke in March and was in the hospital until April 11th. Her rehabilitation is progressing well, but the use of her hands is limited. Whatever is Fairview going to do without those hands?!! Hard to predict at this point, but other caretakers are going to have to step up to the plate to help fill a very huge void.

Not in the same catastrophic category as Marian's stroke, but bad news nevertheless, the plague of prairie dogs continues to haunt us and has spread to almost all areas of the cemetery. We are working with a relocater, now that the dogs' winter hibernation is over, but the season of "babies" is fast approaching, which by law will delay further relocation until mid June.

There is some good news, however!

We've gone national! In addition to being accepted into New Mexico's list of historical sites last fall, Fairview Cemetery's application for inclusion unto the National Register of Historical Places has also been approved! We are very grateful to Corrine Sze for her hard work on the very extensive application, which sailed through both the State and Federal review boards.

The contract has been signed with a landscaping firm to repair last winter's flood damage in the northwest sector of the cemetery when a city water main broke and flooded parts of two sections for eight hours until the city workers figured out where to turn it off. The city's insurance is paying for about \$16,000 of repair work, which includes leveling sunken areas, straightening and lifting toppled headstones, and repair of the roads in the area.

As of this writing, it's too soon to tell whether all of our 23 new trees made it through the winter. If not, they're "insured" and will be replaced. Very good news is that we've received sufficient donations for 8 1/2 more trees, so we've ordered ten more in the hope that your generous donations for new trees will continue and cover the cost of the additional ones. The young trees are bright spots in an otherwise generally dismal picture of the cemetery.

Please! Be sure to put our Annual Workday on your calendars! **Saturday, May 21st.** We'll begin at nine and labor until noon, then eat our potluck at the Oddfellows Hall and hold our Annual Meeting. Bring all the tools you think you might be able to use. If you can't work yourself, come anyway to shout encouragement to those who can! With shovels and rakes I hope to be able to fill and level all of the hundreds of prairie dog holes so that we can better ascertain which are still active.

And, of course, we continue to need all the help we can get from you the members--both your hands and your donations. There is so much that needs to be done, particularly with our higher visibility as a National Historical Site! Unfortunately, most of the work requires money. It would be wonderful, for example, to be able to afford the approximately \$7,000 necessary to remove the visual blight of the remaining dead trees not yet cut down, and to repair the roads. The donations during the last four months since the last newsletter were absolutely wonderful in December, but have fallen far below even regular operating costs Jan-Mar of this year.

See you on **May 21st!!**

Erik

Tombstones rise out of "Lake Fairview" during the flood of a broken 8" water main belonging to the city. Photo by David Mason.



Fairview Cemetery Now a National Historical Landmark

A dream of many years came true this winter when The Fairview Cemetery of Santa Fe, New Mexico, was added to the National Register of Historic Places, the only New Mexico cemetery listed individually in the National Register. Fairview was deemed eligible because of its important role in New Mexico's territorial and early statehood history. Buried here are three governors, ten mayors, and most of the infamous Santa Fe Ring which controlled the territory in the 19th century.

We are grateful to Corrine Sze who worked so diligently to prepare and submit the very extensive application which gained us inclusion on both the State and Federal rosters of historical sites. We will be ordering official plaques, commemorating these designations, to hang in our kiosk.

Time to Order a Headstone for that Old (or New) Grave

Every summer we offer to mark graves with flat headstones at a price close to cost. The headstones we will coordinate for you are of plain gray granite with a text including name, dates of birth and death, and a short

sentiment of 2-3 words. The larger standard size of 12" x 24" costs \$350; the smaller 8" x 16" stone costs \$250. These costs include installation and a mileage fee from Albuquerque. 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. You should make arrangements yourself with a monument company for an upright stone. For out-of-towners, we recommend Albuquerque Monument Company, (505) 242-7478 or 1-800-815-7548. We will coordinate installation for you if you cannot be here.

Locator Book in Kiosk Needs to Be Redone

A complete and accurate Locator Book is of great assistance to visitors to the cemetery, and we built an expensive kiosk just to house it, but, while researching the areas damaged by the watermain flood, it was discovered that over 500 burials in Sections E and F are not listed in the Locator Book in the kiosk. We thought it would be a relatively easy project to add these names, make necessary corrections, and add the names of new burials to the Book. No such luck, and the project has become a nightmare. Noone seems to be able to work the present computer program and, instead, all of the 3,700 plus names and information need to be reentered into a new, usable, and easily changed program. Iana Mason has worked the proverbial long hours to develop a program similar to the present program. Anyone care to work with her on data entry?

Contributions Since December Newsletter

Roman Latimer in memory of Grandparents R.L. and Fannie Clark Baca
Joyce W. Brolley in memory of her parents I.R.L and Wava Hicks
Marybelle Duncan Foster for new trees in memory of the (Tesuque) Duncan Family
Ann Middleton Hartmen, Val & Mickey Middleton in memory of their parents Max & Ageda Middleton
Henry & Peggy Pick in memory of Henry Pick Sr. and Baby Pick
George B. Broome in memory of Tom K. & Edith B. Broome
Alice Bullick in memory of the Marsh Family
Burton H. and Betty Ann Kahn in memory of Benedict Kahn
James & Nene A. Koch for the New Tree Fund
Emille Payne, Lynn & Judy Payne, Patsy & Bennie Dry, Phyllis & Russ Hayes in memory of Ethel VanderSys
Rosemary Prowell in memory of grandfather Arthur McClintock and stepgrandmother Elizabeth McClintock
Brigid & Jack Stoeckel in memory of Katherine M. Zook & Elizabeth Zook Flanagan
Ann Thornburg in memory of Sam Thornburg & Cynthia (Thornburg) Johnson
Mary Jo Fritsch in memory of Ethel VanderSys
Betty Fletcher Mast in memory of E.P. & Grace Moore
Elizabeth Payne & Family for the New Tree Fund in memory of Ethel VanderSys
Jeanie & Dave Smith in memory of Ethel VanderSys
James Stumpff in memory of Ethel VanderSys
John J. & Shirley F. Adams in memory of Ethel VanderSys

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| Martha F. Maxwell | Ann L. Mossman | Loren Kieve |
| M.H. McCrary | Julie A. Kaune | James & Nene A. Koch |
| Kitty P. Nesbit | Peter & Elinor M. Bickley | Dorothy Gilbert |
| Victor R. Ortega | Taylor & June McConnell | Joseph Petranto |
| Dorothy B. Strawn | John Brinckerhoff | Janet Guarini |
| Laughlin Barker | Robert W. Lawrence | Conchita L. Lopez |
| Ardath Blawoelt | John Dendahl | Marce E. & Juana Naranjo |
| Thomas B. Catron III | 1st Presbyterian Church | John K.S. Walter |
| Virginia Jordan | Ike & Suzanne Kalangis | |

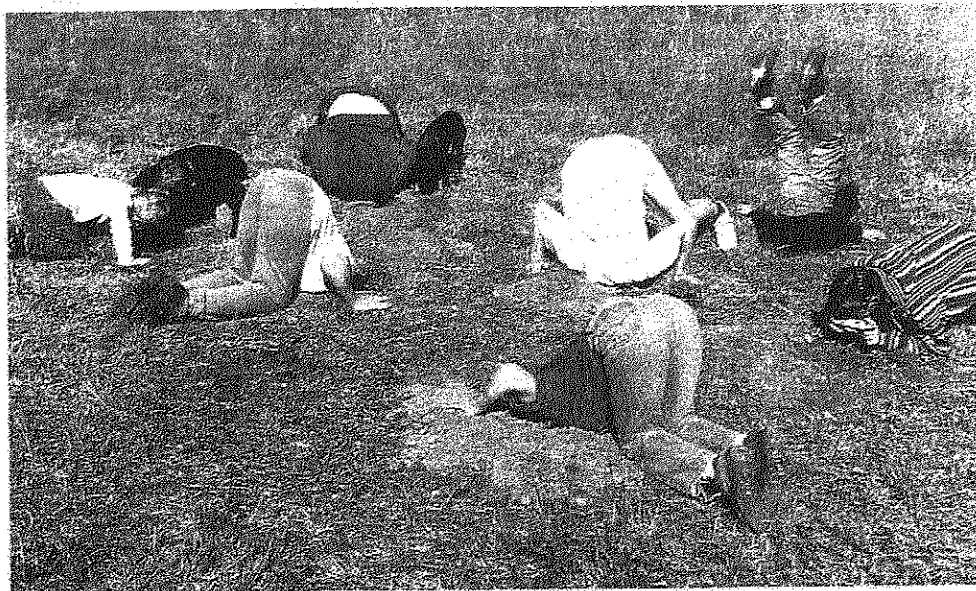
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Prairie Dog Watching at Fairview—Santa Fe's Newest Tourist Activity

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