

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

April 2009

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Annual Workday and Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 a.m

Please Join Us!

New Caretaker(s) Pete & Mary Lopez

Caretaker House Renovated

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Saturday, May 9th, has been set for 2009's **Annual Spring Cleanup and Annual Meeting**. Please, put this date on your calendar now! We'll begin at 9:00 a.m. Bring your yard tools—rakes, leaf rakes, shovels, pruners—with your name on them. Trash bags will be provided. Help us make the cemetery beautiful for Mother's Day! Even if you are not physically able to do the yard work, we want you there for the fellowship, the potluck luncheon, and the Annual Meeting!

There will be a lot to discuss, and new board members and officers to be elected, at the **Annual Meeting** following the potluck luncheon at the Odd Fellows Hall on Cerrillos, adjacent to and just south of Fairview. There will be Association members there 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.

When you're next at the cemetery, stop by to meet our new caretakers, Pete & Mary Lopez. As many of you are well aware, there had been problems with the previous caretaker, and the required maintenance work on the cemetery was not being accomplished. Board members interviewed a number of very promising candidates, checked references, and settled on Pete and Mary, who have both mechanical and landscaping skills and experience. The Board is extremely hopeful that the cemetery will look much better this spring and summer.

Because of a lack of tender loving care—to say the least!—on the caretaker's house by the previous three caretakers, some major renovations had to be accomplished before the Lopez' moved in. Two dumpsters worth of trash was removed from the house and yard before beginning to clean and paint all the walls and woodwork, outside and inside, renovating the wood floors, repairing and replacing screens, repairing electrical and plumbing problems, replacing the linoleum in the kitchen and bath, and repairing the roof which required complete replacement of the roofs on the portals. We had to spend \$13,000 to make the house livable, but it was money well spent and very, very necessary.

The postcard we enclosed in the last newsletter was not a total success, mainly because, despite our taping all three sides of the newsletter, many fell out and were returned blank. About 150 were returned, however, and we were able to delete 19 names

on our mailing list. I apologize to the several of you who, despite continued interest in the cemetery, asked to be deleted because you were not able to donate. I did not mean to indicate that we wanted only donors on the mailing list! I personally understand the money crunch!

The downturn in the stock market has hit everybody, including our trust funds, but our members continue to have two ways to contribute financially to Fairview. (1) We continue to need your donations to our **maintenance** efforts—particularly after the renovation of the caretaker house—and checks may be sent to our PO Box above, made out to “Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association,” or (2) Add to our **endowment** by sending checks written to the Santa Fe Community Foundation, annotated “Fairview Cemetery Endowment,” and send to:

Santa Fe Community Foundation
PO Box 1827
Santa Fe NM 87504

Our goal is to build up our endowment funds sufficiently so as to pay for all of the necessary maintenance at the cemetery and, perhaps, finance more improvements. We have a way to go!

Recent Burials.

Kathy Maxine Crane died an accidental death at age 53 and her ashes were interred in December with her mother, Florence Crane, in the family plot of James W. Johnson.

Nelson Yarrow Foss died in December at age 63 and his ashes were interred during a Masonic graveside service following a Rose Croix ceremony at the Scottish Rite Temple.

Seth Grant died at age 49 on 22 January 2009 and his ashes were interred in March above his uncle Edward Grant.

Alice Ruth Goad Smith died in February 2009 at age 78 and was buried in the Goad family plot.

We were notified of the death of **Col (ret) William R. Prince** on 20 May 2008 at age 96. His ashes were scattered in the Brazos River. He is survived by his wife Elaine, a daughter, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We were saddened to learn of the death on December 29, 2008, of our beloved **Marian Valdes Karlson**, a previous Board member and longtime supporter of Fairview. Marian and her husband Ernest had moved to McKinney, Texas, to be nearer their children. Numerous donations were made to Fairview in her memory by persons who remembered her fondly.

UNMARKED GRAVE? Approximately 1,500 of the 3,500 graves at Fairview remain unmarked! 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 larger standard size of 12" x 24" costs \$350; the smaller 8" x 16" stone costs \$250, including installation. Call Erik Mason (505) 982-1258 to make arrangements for these stones. Although Albuquerque Monument has increased the cost of their stones several times the last few years, we will continue to coordinate the placing of the flat headstones for the same prices quoted above. And remember, Fairview now again permits installation of upright headstones, one of the great visual delights of the cemetery.

Contributions to the Fairview Endowment Fund at the Santa Fe Community Foundation We have not yet received the statement for the first quarter of 2009, but there were no contributions during the last quarter of 2008.

Contributions to Fairview's Maintenance Fund (Nov 2008 – Mar 2009)

Tark Cook	In memory of his mother, Mary Brownlee Cook
Victor R. Ortega	In memory of George & Frances Cross
Alice M. Bullick	In memory of the Marsh family
Roman Latimer	In memory of his grandparents Ramon L. & Fannie Clarke Baca
Helen C. Myers	In memory of the Comstock family
Mia Prieskorn	In memory of Gunnar, Olive and Delia Swanson
George Broome	In memory of his parents Tom Keith & Edith Barnette Broome
Carolyn Street Austin	In memory of parents Gordon F. Street and Gladys Street Doll
Jean Eddy	In memory of John N. Eddy
Debi M. Edwards	In memory of Martha Barnes Morgan
Burton H. Kahn	In memory of Benedict Kahn
Nancy Miegel	In memory of Arthur C. Wahl
David M. Parry	In memory of Rev. Alfred B. Jennie & Masterman Parry
Jean R. Padilla	In memory of Alice Mares
Christine Simpson	In memory of her parents, James & Mattie Simpson
Janice Del Castillo & Kay Strawn Lewis	In memory of parents Enos James & Dorothy Bates Strawn
David & Iana Mason	In honor of Erik, Erin & Cameron Mason and in memory of Bill & Esther Mason

In Memory of Marian Karlson:

June Marshall, Marilyn Straw, George & Grace Sutton, Joel F. Bennet, Erik Mason, Max & Catherine Coll, Sally J. Marsh & Therese L. Foget, John & Martha Stump, Margaret & Laura Ruede, Dr. Gershon & Jeannie Weiner, Robert D. & Doris Krause

Jean & Ron Ball	Barbara Fix	Thee Keros & Kay Hertz
Martha Maxwell	James & LaVerta Moore	Peter S. Bickley
Tom Burch	Nancy Zusi	Janet Guarini
Ernest & Marian Karlson	Taylor & June McConnell	Jeane Thornburg
William H. Kersting	James & Nene Koch	Leona Livingston
Laughlin & Rene Barker	Conchita Lopez	Steve Wassner
Wilmer F. Easley	Joseph Petranto	
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