

# FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER

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### **Annual Workday & Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

**Please Join Us!**

**And bring your ideas for the cemetery!**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**, has been set for 2010's **Annual Spring Cleanup and Annual Meeting**. Please, put this date on your calendar now! We'll begin at 9 a.m. Bring your yard tools—rakes, leaf rakes, shovels, pruners—with your name on them. Trash bags will be provided. Even if you're not physically able to do the yard work, we want you there for the fellowship, the potluck luncheon, and the Annual Meeting, at the Odd Fellows Hall on Cerrillos, adjacent to and just south of Fairview, at which we'll elect new officers and board members. There will be Association members there at 9 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.

The Board would very much like to hear any ideas you might have for improvement of the cemetery. We are also very interested in hearing if you might be willing to lend your hands to assisting with some of the maintenance tasks at Fairview, which become so important particularly during the summer. We recognize that the cemetery will never again be as beautiful as it was when we were watering 5 acres of Kentucky Blue Grass, so keeping the weeds down, straightening stones, filling depressions, and watering the numerous new trees we've planted become even more important in making our cemetery looking as good as possible.

Santa Fe's Living Treasures keep popping up from amongst the Association's members. After the last newsletter, Kathryn Joyce called to remind me that her husband, Max Coll, is also one of our Living Treasures. I knew that! Max and Kathryn purchased burial plots at Fairview two years ago.

#### **And, as always...**

Our members have two ways to contribute financially to Fairview. (1) We continue to need your donations to our **maintenance** efforts 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.

Stocks and securities may also be sent to our endowment at the Community Foundation.

**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. Albuquerque Monument has recently almost doubled the prices for these headstones, and the standard size of 12" x 24" now costs us \$500, including installation, which is still considerably below the retail price. 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.

**Contributions to the Fairview Endowment Fund at the Santa Fe Community Foundation (4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2010)**

Howard E. Groff	Martin F. Nolan
Marcia Muth Miller	John F. Brinckerhoff
Albert H. Clancy	Laughlin and Rene Barker Family Fund
Abe & Marian Silver	George B. Broome

**Contributions to Fairview's Maintenance Fund (Dec 2009 – Mar 2010)**

George Donoho Bayless	In memory of Marian Meyer
Corrine Sze	In memory of Marian Meyer
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Tark Cook	In memory of Mary Brownlee Cook
Robert & Sharon Fritz	In memory of Vera Littleton Miller
Delenni O'Connor	In memory of Vera Littleton Miller
Helen Sowell	In memory of Vera Littleton Miller
Amado Chaves Summers	In memory of Don Amado Chaves & O.B. Summers
Alice Bullick	In memory of the Marsh family
Virginia Zander	In memory of A.B. and Dorothy Gnagey
Liz and Ron Keeshan	In memory of Harry & Betty Bigbee
Frances Lockle	In memory of Laura Brooks Marsh
Jean Eddy	In memory of John N. Eddy
Burton H. Kahn	In memory of Benedict Kahn
Marilyn Levine	In memory of Gold and Rinaldo families
David W. Matthews	In memory of Bill Brock
Carl Myers	In memory of grandmother Ella Comstock
Stephen R. Wassner	In memory of Sam Pawley
Betty Fletcher Mast	In memory of Grace & E.P. Moore
Janet Guarini	In memory of grandparents Edna & John Walter and great grandparents Clara and Paul Walter
Kathryn Mason	In memory of William & Esther Mason and William W. Mason II

Dorothy A. Brylinski	Joseph Petranto	Nancy Miégel
Jim & Laverta Moore	Martha L. Maxwell	Leona Livingston
David & Iana Mason	Fred Bentley	LouAnn C. Jordan
Conchita Lopez	Virginia Thomas Nydes	

**Many, many thanks to all of the above!**

## Fairview's "residents" 100 years ago, from the *New Mexican*

December 19, 1908. *Beatrice Seligman recited "The Kitten's Christmas" in the fourth grade Christmas exercises at the Second Ward School this afternoon. [Beatrice died at 1920 at age 21]*

March 9, 1909. *Another rail car of automobiles has arrived for O. W. Alexander [Oliver W. Alexander dc 1924 at age 70], who will open up a salesroom and repair shop. The Lowitzky Stables have been engaged as a temporary location. [Soloman Lowitzki dc 1903 at age 55 or David Lowitzki dc 1916 at age 49]*

August 25, 1909. *Santa Fe [RR] agent H.S. Lutz [Harvey S. Lutz dc 1958 at age 93] is today moving from the old frame depot into the new concrete mission style depot and will do business in it Sunday. The new depot, while not very large, is a beauty from the architectural standpoint and is modern and convenient in every respect.*

## Recent Burials.

Two recent burials of descendents of prominent Santa Fe families are indicative of the wealth of history represented at Fairview:

**Letitia Evans Frank** died December 27, 2009 at age 83 and her ashes were interred in January in the Henderson family plot with her sisters Nancy Evans Janes ('52) and Natalie Evans Mauldin ('71), her mother Alice Henderson Evans Rossin Colquitt (('88) and her grandparents Alice Corbin Henderson ('49) and William P. Henderson ('43). Letitia's grandmother, poet and writer Alice Corbin Henderson, arrived in Santa Fe in 1916 for the tuberculosis "cure" at Sunmount and, with her husband, became prominent in the burgeoning Santa Fe and Canyon Road art colony. Grandfather William Penhallow Henderson was a painter and architect, instrumental in Santa Fe's Spanish-Pueblo architectural revival, who also designed the Wheelwright Museum where his wife was curator.

**John Emra Robinson** died March 17, 2010 at age 66 and his casket, shipped from Chicago, was interred in the Robinson family plot. The plot was purchased in 1918 by John's grandmother, Marie T. Robinson and her son-in-law, Dr. Frank Mera, who in 1906 had purchased the failing Sunmount Tent City and turned it into the upscale Sunmount Sanitarium, which housed prominent "lungers" such as John Gaw Meem, Alice Corbin Henderson [see above] and Clinton P. Anderson. Dr. Mera's brother Harry won the 1923 contest for the design of our Zia state flag. The huge "Robinson" granite block at the northwest corner of Section B was shipped from Massachusetts, a "leftover" from one of the monumental buildings built by the Robinson family back east. Three generations of Robinsons are interred at Fairview, including Edna Mera and her husband Frank Mera.

**IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION:**

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