

May 2000

Editor: Marian Meyer

**19TH SPRING CLEAN-UP – MAY 20, 9:30 A.M.
ANNUAL MEETING AND POT LUCK LUNCHEON**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM JOHN ADAMS
"HEAR A FOREST PRAYING"**

APPRECIATION PLAQUE TO CATHERINE THAYER FOR 19 YEARS SERVICE

**\$10,000.00 GIFT
OF STOCK TO
FAIRVIEW
FROM MRS.
ESTHER
NUSBAUM**

ANNUAL HEADSTONE INSTALLATION AT NEARLY COST

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SENUTOVICH**

**NEW LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR
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GREAT TOTAL OF \$ 8935.00 IN DONATIONS--THANK YOU

**19th SPRING CLEAN-UP--ALEX KOLKMEYER IS NEW
LUNCHEON CHAIRPERSON**

Please come to our Spring Clean-up on May 20 at 9:30 a.m., and potluck luncheon at noon. If you are physically able to work, bring your garden tools. Trash bags will be provided. If you are past the worker age, be a watcher/kibitzer at the clean-up, then come for lunch. Bring a hot or cold dish—salad, main dish (KFC chicken is always popular) or dessert, to the Odd Fellows Hall adjacent to Fairview.

New lot owners at Fairview are Alex and John Kolkmeier. Upon learning that our former potluck chair, Kathy Roberts, had moved to Albuquerque, Alex quickly volunteered. She will see that the hall is

ready and that we have soft drinks, paper plates, eating utensils and everything else needed. Alex says if you have questions—what food to bring or anything else, call her, 471-7511. Assisting her will be veteran helpers June McConnell, Margaret Brunk and Marian Karlson. **EVERYONE PLEASE COME!**

The Annual Meeting will be held after lunch, including the election of officers and board of directors. The

new slate will be introduced and if anyone has questions or ideas about Fairview, they will be welcome to speak. We will display old placards first used in the 1984 Centennial celebration on display for those of you who haven't seen them. Marian will also have books for sale that connect to Fairview in some way.

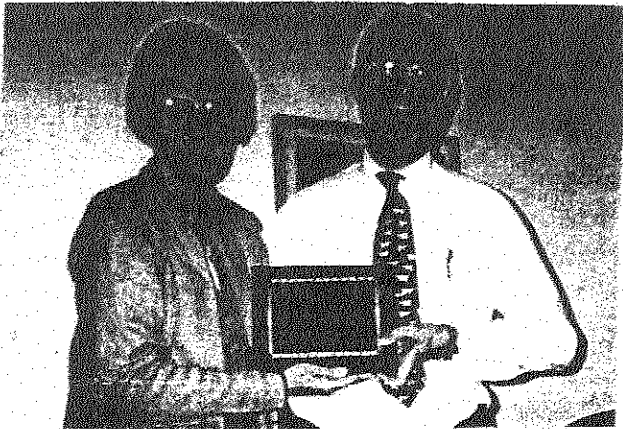
Esther Nusbaum photo courtesy Janice Matthews



ESTHER NUSBAUM IS DONOR OF \$10,000.00 IN STOCK TO OUR ASSOCIATION

This bountiful gift came as a total surprise to the Board of Directors and we are profoundly grateful. Mrs. Nusbaum, of Albuquerque, has been a supporter of our Association since its inception and has reached the venerable age of 97. She is the mother of Janice Matthews, our former president and long-time director on the Board. Mrs. Nusbaum is the widow of John Nusbaum, who is buried at Fairview in the Nusbaum plot with his parents, Dora and Simon, and his sister, Nell Nusbaum Healy. The Finance Committee will oversee the gift of stock and will ultimately determine if this new resource will become part of our perpetual care or will be used in other ways. We sincerely thank Mrs. Nusbaum for her generosity.

CATHERINE THAYER SAYS 19 YEARS IS ENOUGH— IS PRESENTED PLAQUE



President John Adams presenting plaque of thanks to Catherine Thayer. Photo by Marian Meyer

In 1980 when we were in the first throes of organizing, our biggest problem was finding a secretary to record the minutes. The late Justine Thomas hired someone, but she cost quite a few dollars an hour. Marian had become acquainted with Catherine (then Sherry Smith) while doing research at the History Library where Sherry was librarian. Even then she liked cemeteries and Marian talked her into being our secretary. We've never had any other. The job grew—we began sending acknowledgements to all donors, as well as other duties which she cheerfully did for all of those 19 years. She changed jobs—became a paralegal for law firms, married Doug Thayer, changed her last name as well as her first and went to work at the Lab at Los Alamos. Her interest in art grew and as her work began to be accepted in juried art shows, she knew she wanted more time to devote to it. She finally made the break this year

when she declined a 20th year as secretary. The Board presented a plaque to her in appreciation of her 19 years. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

"I Heard a Forest Praying" was the title of a song I was asked to sing at the funeral of a dear friend many years ago. How appropriate this memory is now as we face the next big challenge for our association.

Our cemetery trees have stood as sentinels at Fairview for many years. At the time they were planted, some perhaps a century ago, the few varieties used were very popular, but it was inevitable that after so many years they would deteriorate. We have maintained an annual program of dormant oil spray and pest control that has helped. Thanks to Thomas Reiland at Roy's Pest Control & Tree Service we have been able to do this at a reasonable cost. However, it has been several years since any tree trimming was done. (Tom does not do trimming). As many of you are aware, storms have downed some large branches and we have lost some entire trees.

It was fortunate that I met George Duda, Urban Forester with the State Forestry Department at a recent Rotary meeting. In chatting with him, I became aware of the need for us to have an evaluation of our situation done by a professional. Jim Freeman, a consulting arborist with great credentials, lives here in Santa Fe and agreed to look things over to give us a proposal.

Without going into all the details, I was struck with the need for prompt action by several of his observations. While he called the cemetery "a wonderful place of respite and rest" he also said, "I have never seen so many hazardous trees located in such a small area in my entire career working as a consulting arborist."

First we need to develop a plan. Then we need to take care of trimming and pruning necessary for safety. Many of the hazardous tree problems are the result of improper pruning techniques used in the past, so guidelines must be developed and used to prevent new hazards from being created. We need to control the "volunteer" trees, some of which have developed into major problems at the fence line. On an ongoing basis we need to work toward diversifying the tree species and replace the trees we have lost.

Anyone who has dealt with these kinds of issues knows that we are talking about some major expenditures of money. We could try to get by on the cheap but I think that will cost us more in the long run. Therefore, I intend to ask the Board to approve several programs to deal with this problem.

First, we should apply for a grant from NM ReLeaf to fund the preparation on a long-term tree management plan for Fairview. The total cost would run about \$6000. If we can get \$3000 in a grant, do you think we would be able to match it with \$3000 in special donations from the friends and supporters of the Association?

INTERMENTS

Only two interments were made since our December newsletter. The ashes of Dorothea Koch Dunakin were placed in the Koch family plot. Dorothea, near her 100th birthday, was the second oldest living graduate of Santa Fe High School. The graveside service was conducted by her nephew, the Reverend Christian Koch, who returned to live near Santa Fe not long ago. The second interment was Irene Senutovich, who has been interested in Fairview since we organized. Marian has always thought of her as Ms. Republican, because of her dedication and devotion to her party. Irene directed that memorials be sent to our Association in her memory and we thank her family.

ANN ESPE DIETZ DIES

A long time supporter of Fairview died in Albuquerque in January. She gave us \$1000 one year, came to our clean-up with her daughter and even though she had macular degeneration, we walked her back to her parent's graves to show her the new flowering cherry tree and lilac planted in their memory. She felt the leaves and blossoms and was pleased.

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PINK CRABAPPLE TREE ON THE THORNTON LOT AT THE HEIGHT OF ITS GLORIOUS BLOOM IN APRIL.

Photo by Marian Meyer

SUMMER OFFER ON HEADSTONES

We are again offering markers of plain gray granite for old graves at near cost. The small size 8x10 is \$225; standard size 12x24 is \$350. Price includes text, installation and mileage from Albuquerque. Call Marian Meyer, 982-5635.

TREE HISTORY REVISITED by Marian Meyer

The splendid tree message from the president awakens memories of efforts made in bygone years. A 1984 edition of our newsletter notes that we spent \$1000 to remove five large dead trees and the County removed seven a few months later. The newsletter says, "This improved the appearance of the cemetery, but it also left a void." It was suggested that members might wish to replace one of the trees with a small flowering tree as a memorial. Each tree cost \$60 which included planting. A number of people paid for new trees. The picture above is one of those first planted and is the largest of them all. This is because Ernest and Marian Karlson gave it so much water and Tender Loving Care. They carried buckets in the winter! Other trees are beautiful but not as large.

A 1993 issue of the newsletter tells of Ruth Summers initiating an "Adopt a Tree" program when her husband Amado was president. For several summers they got people to help plant trees and during at least two dry winters Ruth and Amado personally saved the young saplings by taking water to them. As I recall, they used a barrel with a spigot, made earlier by Gil Fincke and mounted on a truck for driving around the cemetery. So John's message will reactivate a dormant project and add to it. I hope everyone who approves of the idea will offer to help, either with brawn or brainy ways to implement it.

The last major tree trimming was done in 1995 when \$2000 was spent to cut down 6 dead trees, trim 20 and remove elm tree seedlings growing up along the fences. So you can see this is an ongoing problem. Nevertheless, having an accredited arborist say that we have more hazardous trees in our small cemetery than anywhere he's ever seen is enough to get anyone's adrenaline pumping. Let's plan, somehow, to come up with the \$3000 necessary if we are to get the ReLeaf grant.

If you are planning to give a contribution to Fairview, you may wish to consider earmarking it for "Trees." Of course, we are assuming we will get the grant. It is hard to imagine that a more deserving tree project could be found. Stay tuned.

PLOTS FOR SALE

As we have reported before, we have a goodly number of full size burial plots for sale, but because there is a limited number, the Board set the price at \$2000.00 each. We understand prices have risen at other cemeteries, so we are not out of line. We still do not have the section fully mapped for the ashes section. We hope to accomplish that this coming year. We already have names of a few people who want one or more. Call Marian Meyer, 982-5635.

Second, I hope that we can work out a way to take joint action with our neighbors to take care of trees on our boundary lines. PNM and the NM School for the Deaf may be as interested in this problem as we are.

Third, I want to establish a special task force to put an "Adopt a Tree" program together. Older trees can be adopted to provide for their pruning. Where we have new trees going in they will need watering and fertilizer. I know that many of you have been doing this informally when you have planted trees as memorials. What I would like to see is a way in which we can arrange to continue this work across the generations.

Bringing our trees up to a safe and healthy standard is not something we can accomplish within our present resources. But I have faith that we can make this special project work. Just like we did when we repaired the fence and when we installed the sprinkler systems, this is a project that can be successful. Please contact me or any member of the board with your ideas. We welcome your support either financially or by volunteering to help put the program together.

Let us all work together so that future generations can *Hear a Forest Praying*.

John Adams, President

MORE FROM THE PRESIDENT, ASIDE FROM TREES

1. Since Guy Gray has had to move to California we have been searching for a new landscape maintenance contractor. We should have arrangements worked out by the Annual Meeting. We have delayed watering for two reasons. First we discovered a break in the system that had to be repaired. Second we are trying to conserve our water expenditures.
2. We have been negotiating more specific contracts for services that reflect what we have learned in the first full year of operation. This should help us better focus on priorities.
3. Having heard no complaints about the modest advertising in the newsletter so far we would like to encourage others to join in so that we can afford to improve our communications with you. See the note of advertising rates elsewhere in the newsletter.
4. Congratulations to Bob Lawrence on his feature in New Mexico Magazine. Bob is stepping down from the Board this year, but has agreed to share his experience including two great years as president of the association with your current president. Thank you, Bob and Tina for your continued support.

IGNACIO GARCIA SUPERVISING BURIALS

With our "Jack of all Trades" Guy Gray gone, we now have Ignacio Garcia taking care of burials. He worked for National Cemetery for 30 years, so he has the expertise. Welcome, Ignacio.

CONTRIBUTIONS WERE \$8935.00—THANK YOU

Since the December newsletter, 47 checks ranged from \$10 to \$3000. We appreciate your gift, no matter what the size. This was one of our largest totals ever. Donations were as follows:

Adams, John*	Kegel, W. R.*
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**MEMORIALS*

From Josephine Antink to Isabel Hulton Granito; from Liz Bigbee Keeshan to her father and mother, Betty & Harry Bigbee, also her grandparents, Dade & Allene Bigbee; from Victor Ortega to Betty & Harry Bigbee; from George Broome to Tom Keith & Edith Barrett Broome; from Alice Bullick to the Marsh Family. Gifts given in memory of Irene Senutovich were from June and Tom Catron, Diane and Fletcher Catron and Marian Meyer.

From John Adams a special gift of \$225 made it possible for our Association to become a member of the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce. This will undoubtedly give Fairview Cemetery a good deal of visibility in the business community and will no doubt create goodwill as well the possibility of new donors.

A very special gift of \$3000 came from Ann Thornburg in memory of her husband Sam Thornburg. We thank her for her generosity. A gift of \$1000 comes to us approximately every year from Ardath Blauvelt. Her mother, Noni Bingham, is buried at Fairview, along with the personal effects of Noni's first husband, Rutherford Bingham. His plane was lost over the English Channel during World War II. Another \$1000 gift was from Liz Bigbee Keeshan, to honor her family. We thank all of you.

BOOKS FOR SALE AT LUNCHEON

We will try to have copies of the Fairview and IOOF Tombstones book on hand, if the NM Genealogical Society in Albuquerque has had more printed. Of the more than 3600 people buried at Fairview Cemetery, only about 2300 have headstones, and only those are inventoried in the book. It is \$13.00.

John Sherman gave 20 copies of his Taos Pictorial History to our Association. All of the money goes to us. We have several copies left at \$20.00 each.

Marian will have copies of the Centennial History of Santa Fe High at \$20.00, as well as her centennial history of the NM School for the Deaf. Both have many people in them who are buried at Fairview.

Bits of Santa Fe History:

As far as is known, only one stagecoach driver from the days before the railroad came, is buried at Fairview. His name is Charlie Strong.

There are "Baby Rows," mostly unmarked, in many areas of Fairview. Many died during the Depression, but the highrate continued until antibiotics became available after WWII.

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