

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION  
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NEWSLETTER

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**FUNDING CAMPAIGN FOR CEMETERY RENOVATION  
PROJECT WELL UNDERWAY BUT NOT COMPLETED  
\$25,000 STILL NEEDED IN DONATIONS**

Through generous donations from many of our Association's members, we have raised approximately two-thirds of the \$75,000 we need to raise to pay for our Restoration Project. In faith, and counting upon your continued donations, we have signed the landscaping contract, which will include planting 127 Linden, Horsechestnut, Honeylocust, Golden Rain, Purple Ash and Chaste trees, along both sides of all of the roadbeds, and other landscaping including over 200 Lilacs, Butterfly Bushes, Blue Mist Spirea, Russian Sages, and Mugo Pines. All to be watered on a drip-irrigation system.

Construction will begin this month. We have already completed--and paid for--another extensive pruning of dead wood and trees this summer, and for grinding out 160 unsightly tree stumps of the dead trees which had been cut down over the last century or so. The cemetery already looks so much better! We also have had another 41 prairie dogs removed and relocated, a project which will continue in April when they again become active.

We took these actions because we had faith that we could count on you, the 450 members of the Association, for the financial assistance we need. You can contribute to the Restoration Fund by sending checks written to the **Santa Fe Community Foundation**, annotated "**Fairview Cemetery Restoration Fund**." The address is

Santa Fe Community Foundation  
PO Box 1827  
Santa Fe NM 87504.

We know that Fairview Cemetery is important to the heritage of Santa Fe and New Mexico, and we know how important our beloved Fairview is to the memories of our loved ones and ancestors buried there. But we also know that the many years of drought played havoc with what was once known as "God's Beautiful Green Acre." We need your financial assistance in these efforts, which we began several years ago with the planting of 33 new trees, to restore Fairview to the beauty it deserves. There will be other phases to this renovation in the future, including improvement to the roads and leveling/raising of headstones. We have plans and will work hard to realize them--but we need your help to transform our plans into realities.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The wonderful summer rains resulted in the most beautiful display of wildflowers I have ever seen, transforming the bare ground of the cemetery into a solid carpet of yellow sunflowers and purple asters—and weeds. Some persons complained, however, very rightfully, that they couldn't find their family's headstones among the flowers, which were so thick they defeated our mowers.

We had to purchase a heavy-duty weed whacker on wheels to initiate the mowing process. Then, of course, we received complaints that we were cutting down the beautiful flowers. One of the realities of being a Board member is that *anything* we do is wrong with *someone*. But we can handle it!

The three plaques, ordered so long ago, have now been mounted at the cemetery. Two of them acknowledge the recognition of Fairview as State and National historical sites and have been mounted next to the plaque installed by the City of Santa Fe. The third, mounted inside the information kiosk, acknowledges the 25 years of devoted work by Marian Meyer to protect and maintain Fairview.

A genealogical query from Karen Miller, asking whether her great-grandmother was buried at Fairview, has resulted in the very generous donation of two grave sites to the Association! Karen's ancestor, Eloise Ege Vaughan, was indeed buried here at age 39 in 1929. At the time, Eloise's husband Russell Vaughan, associated with the U.S. Indian School, purchased three plots in Section A, two of which have now been donated to Fairview by their daughter, Katherine Vaughan Biggs of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

And three plots have been generously donated by Anita Jaffa Rozzi of Albuquerque. She and her husband Harold Jaffa purchased four lots in Section D in 1950 when their baby tragically died. The remaining three lots have now been donated to Fairview.

We are indeed grateful to the Vaughan descendants and to Anita Jaffa Rozzi, for their generous donations which, upon resale, will greatly aid in our maintenance efforts.

Several newcomers have joined the Fairview Association by buying plots for future use. Welcome to Dr. Raphiel & Mrs. Benjamin, Mary Wahl, and Katharine Adam, all of Santa Fe.

**Our plea for donations to the Restoration Project does not negate the necessity for continued donations to the regular maintenance of the cemetery. We still have those monthly bills to pay, and the donations for October, for example, covered only 1/10<sup>th</sup> of our very basic monthly maintenance costs, severely cutting into our maintenance account. Please! Do not forget this vital need, and send donations made out to Fairview Cemetery to the Post Office box on the letterhead.**

### **Recent Burials.**

Tina Lawrence, wife of former Board President Bob Lawrence, held a family ceremony on October 16<sup>th</sup> to inter the ashes of her father, **Ernest Wiley Roberts**, next to her mother who died in 1997. Tina has four generations of ancestors buried at Fairview, in the Slaughter family plot purchased in 1891. Her father was a native Santa Fean, a graduate of Santa Fe High School who worked at La Fonda in the 1930s and 40s then went to work for the railroad. Tina's grandmother, Valdera Slaughter Roberts, was a 1902 graduate of Santa Fe High School.

**Arthur Charles Wahl**, 1917-2006, was interred on October 31 by his wife Mary McCauley Wahl. He was one of the early scientists at Los Alamos, arriving in 1943. He later taught at Washington University in St. Louis, and then he and Mary returned to New Mexico for their retirement. Mary McCauley was a 1940 grad of Santa Fe High School.

**Contributions thus far to the Renovation Fund** (thru October)(I'm out of room and will include donors to the Endowment Fund in the next newsletter):

Joanne Legits	Stephen G. Hughes	Ron & Jean Ball	Abe Silver
David & Iana Mason	Laughlin Barker	Maria E. Naranjo	Henry Pick
Barbara de Castro	James Milligan	David W. Matthews	Lucy Dix
Ernest & Marian Karlson	John A. Beacham	Tim G. Jelinek	Ike Kalangis
Ronald Paynter	Charles D. Batts	John W. Broome	Erik Mason
Alexander Constantaras	The Ragle Family		

**Contributions Since July Newsletter (thru October 2006)**

Mrs. Peggy Schafranka	In memory of Althea Josephine Schafranka	
Lucy Dix	In memory of Angus MacGillivray	
Mrs. Jack (Lois) Brown	In memory of Dr. & Mrs. W.H. Livingston	
Irene Maxwell	In memory of Lynette Dean Maxwell	
Virginia M. Zander	In memory of Dorothy Gnagey	
Ron & Jean Ball	In memory of Lee Meyer	
John E. Bass	In memory of Ernst Roberts	
Richard & Jean Littleton, and Vera Littleton Miller	In memory of infants Robert & Linda Littleton	
Albert Clancey	Mrs. William G.T. Hyer	C.B. Romero
Ernest A. & Marian V. Karlson	Stephen E. Watkins	Marguerite & Gale Fairchild
James D. Hall	Dr. James W. Mayer	David & Iana Mason
Venus Stafford	Maria E. Naranjo	Ann Chapman

The following additional donations should have been acknowledged in the July newsletter:

Ike Kalangis	In memory of Maxine Milligan (sorry Jim)	
France Mudd	In memory of Miss Irene Senutovitch	
Dorothy Gilbert	In memory of Edwin Whited and William A. Sawtell	
Tark & June Cook	In memory of Mary Brownlee Cook	
Dwight & Beatrice Brown	In memory of Dwight Allen Brown Jr.	
Dr. Althea J. Horner	Rachel Michaelson	Mrs. James Richardson
John & Jo Bloom	Roman L. Latimer	W.H. Kersting
	Harold Gans	

**UNMARKED GRAVE?** 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. And remember, Fairview now again permits installation of upright headstones, one of the great visual delights of the cemetery. Although Albuquerque Monument has twice increased the cost of their stones for 2006, we will continue to coordinate the placing of the flat headstones for the same prices quoted above.

**IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION:**

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