

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION  
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NEWSLETTER

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**Historical Fence Damaged Yet Again!  
Please! Fill Out and Return the Enclosed Postcard!  
Consider Becoming a Member of the Board of Directors!**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Annual Workday turned out to be a beautiful day in May, and a great deal of work was accomplished. The Kersting Family showed up in force with three generations and straightened the Moore ancestral headstones, filled in low spots in the family plot, and planted buffalo grass plugs. The Annual Meeting, following the workday morning and the potluck luncheon, was attended by 35 members. All four of the current board officers, as listed on the back of this newsletter, agreed to serve another year and were re-elected. None of the terms of office for the current board members has expired, and no new board members were elected. Anyone interested in joining the board next year? Contact the president.

In August our historical wrought-iron fence was damaged yet again, this time by a truck, loaded with tires, which failed to make the turn from Cordova unto Cerrillos. It plowed through a telephone pole and a section of the fence, damaging it on both sides of the main entrance and breaking off several large branches on the beautiful crabapple tree there. Mesa Steel again did an excellent job on the repairs, and the tire company's insurance paid the repair bill.

Although we currently are in fair shape in our maintenance funds, primarily because we have not expended much money this year toward capital improvements, it was noted during the annual meeting that donations and the number of donors continue to drop. In 2006 we had 85 donors who donated \$20,000; in 2007 we had 55 donors who donated \$13,000. A few very generous donors are keeping us afloat, but it would be wonderful to expand the pool of donors.

In accordance with the warranty agreement with our landscape contractor, 10 trees and 14 shrubs which did not survive the winter were replaced in May. Because of frequent problems with the irrigation system, many of the new trees showed stress this fall. Water has now been turned off for the winter, and it will be interesting to ascertain in the spring how they fared.

The *Santa Fe New Mexican's* "The Past 100 Years" feature often has interesting tidbits concerning individuals buried at Fairview. Such as:

*"July 14, 1908. Attorney A.B. Renehan has joined the ranks of the automobile enthusiast by investing in a handsome four-cylinder Ford Model S Roadster. The machine arrived this week from Denver and Mr. Renehan is now getting next to its intricate workings under the tutelage of a professional chauffeur and local agent for Ford. Mr. Renehan will now be able to travel to and from his beautiful suburban home 'The Willows' much more conveniently."*

*"July 18, 1908. Harry C. Kinsell, who is now in the cattle-raising business near Stanley and who was formerly sheriff of this county, was registered at the Claire today."*

*"July 8, 1908. Territorial Sec. Nathan Jaffa, Supt. Clinton J. Crandall of the U.S. Training School, and Solomon Spitz, who is past master of the Montezuma Lodge No. 1, AF&AM, left this forenoon via the D&RG for Taos where they will officiate at the dedication of services of the plot in which the body of the late Brig. Gen. Christopher C. Carson, 'Kit Carson,' is buried in Taos."*

The enclosed postcard is an effort to clean up our mailing list. We are sure that, over the years and decades, names have been added as a result of, for example, donating to the cemetery in memory of a particular friend. Please print your name, check yes or no, and stick in the mail. Postage is already paid, so mailing them back is easy. Each of these newsletters cost almost \$1, so we need to delete persons who aren't really interested in the cemetery. If you don't have a postcard in your newsletter, it's because I cleaned out the town's postoffices and was still 40 short, so I extracted the first 40 names on the mailing labels that I recognized, by their work or by their donations, as having a sincere interest. Please mail back the postcards! Thank you!

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—send checks 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.**

**John Newton Eddy** died at age 83 on 15 December 2007 and his ashes interred near the other family burials. He is survived by his wife Jean Carr Eddy.

**Will-Ann Walker Lamsens** died at age 82 on 28 April 2006 and her ashes interred with her mother Claribel Fischer Walker. She is survived by her son John Lamsens.

**Barbara D. Stevenson Johnson** died at age 78 on 8 April 2008 and was buried with her husband Walter G. Johnson. She is survived by her daughter Barbara Park and her son Millard Holliday.

**Headstones:** A headstone was placed by Kermit Hill on the grave of Baby Girl Hill who lived for a day in September 1972.

**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 (Jan-Sep 2008)**

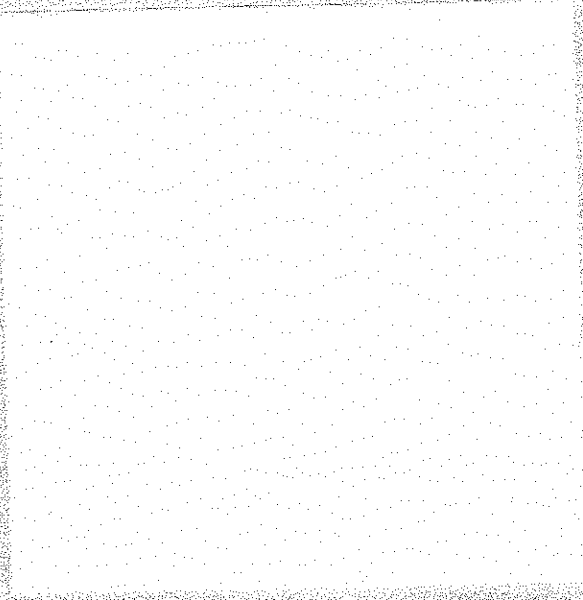
Howard E. Groff	Maria E. Naranjo
James Smith	NM Community Foundation
David Howard	Laughlin & Rene Barker
Paula Odor	

### **Contributions to Fairview's Maintenance Fund (Apr 2008 – Oct 2008)**

Carl S. Myers	In memory of the Comstock Family
Steven R. Wassner	In memory of Samuel Pauley
M/M Amado Chaves Summers	In memory of the Chaves & Summers Families
Marybelle Duncan Foster	In memory of Joseph & Lillian Duncan
Liz and Ron Keeshan	In memory of her parents Harry & Betty Bigbee
Betty Jo Mast	In memory of her parents E.P. & Grace Moore
C.B. Romero	In memory of his parents Emelecio & Anita Romero
Richard & Judi Littleton	In memory of Vera Littleton Miller
George Donoho Bayless	In honor of Marian Meyer
Nellie Mason	In memory of her daughter Evelyn Faye Mason
John & Brigid Stoeckel	In memory of Katherine & Betty Zook
Jean Seth	In memory of Mary Garvin
Sherron & Brodie Garnett	In memory of Charles Brodie Garnett
Thomas B. Catron III	In memory of Stephen Ellis Catron
Kurt Hill	In honor of the Mason Family's contribution to Fairview
Jean Caliss	In memory of her mother Mary Perdue Dreyer
Lois Brown	In memory of Dr. & Mrs. W.H. Livingston
Josie Lerona	In memory of her mother, Eusebra Baca
Karen Mason Hilgenkamp	In honor of her brother Erik's contribution to Fairview
Susan Torres	In memory of her mother & sister, Helen Cannon & Judy Cannon

Morford H. McCrary	Dan K. Sadler	John R. Lamsens	Dorothy A. Brylinski
John K. S. Walter Jr.	Blair G. Cooper	Conchita Lopez	Marie E. Naranjo
Loren Kieve	A.H. Clancy	Mary Wahl	Barbara Park
Sam Pick	Tom & June Wiley	Maria Naranjo	Martha Maxwell

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