

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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NEW PRESIDENT ERIC MASON: ENERGETIC, IMAGINATIVE & TAKE CHARGE!

**UNPRECEDENTED DECISION FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AFTER 60 YEARS YOU CAN AGAIN INSTALL UPRIGHT HEADSTONES!**

**TOTAL OF TWENTY-THREE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG TREES PLANTED
20 "FRIENDS OF LANCE CARLSON" ORDER 3 FOR SPRING**

INTERMENTS: BATTS, SWOPE, SITTER, MARGOLIS, ROMERO, RAGLE

**FOUR NEW HEADSTONES SET FOR OLD/NEW GRAVES: MACGILLIVRAY,
SANDOVAL, WELTI, BICKLEY**

THANKS FOR A TOTAL OF \$4335.00-DONATIONS \$1910, TREES \$2425

NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Editors note: This writer is a trifle prejudiced, but she thinks our new president is a dream come true, plus, he has an exquisite sense of humor. Without skipping a beat, he has already taken on several tasks I have always been stuck with. He tackles every problem head on, making decisions I would agonize over. Go, Erik! and good luck. Marian

We always introduce our new board members in the September newsletter. If I used all the information I have on new president Erik Mason, no one else would get a word. A native New Mexican, he attended Wood Gormley, Harrington and SF High, but because of a family move, graduated in Las Vegas, from Robertson High. He was the first student from NM to attend Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, graduating with a double major in History and Political Science. Uncle Sam called in 1962 and Erik spent 21 years in the army, retiring with the rank of Lt. Col. in 1983. He served in Germany, Bolivia and there were 2 tours in Vietnam that he distinctly remembers forgetting about.

His nurturing side included 15 years of caring for family members, including his mother during her final years. A second career was as a professional editor for

James Michener for his last ten books. He has yet to decide what he wants to do when he grows up. Many good works, his gardens and Fairview keep him busier than he would like to be.

Our new treasurer, Joanne Legits, is "a treasure." She is an experienced accountant so our books are in competent hands. Turning over the PO box key was emotional for Marian—she had picked up the mail for 23 years and even recognized the handwriting of many of our donors. But that is another task she is relieved to have in other hands. Age tells.

David Mason, Erik's brother and new board member is planning to map our new Cremains Section, parallel to the north side of the Catron Mausoleum and extending to the center of the cemetery where all four roads meet. Only ashes and small flat headstones will be permitted.

Lucy MacGillivray Dix was "ambushed" onto the board. She stopped by when the Payne's truck full of new trees was there and ended up buying a tree, ordering a headstone for a family member and arranging to have a cornerstone moved to a new corner. She had purchased two of the Safford lots

arranging to have a cornerstone moved to a new corner. She had purchased two of the Safford lots several years ago. In the meantime, Marian and Erik convinced her she was needed by the Board of Directors. She is a member of the MacGillivray clan that came over from Scotland early in the 1900s and settled in the Estancia Valley.

Ron and Jean Ball are only half new to the board. Ron served before and now Jean is joining him. Jean's parents and grandparents, all Egenhofers, are interred at Fairview. Welcome to all.

We also have our carry-over officers: Bob Clifford and Marian Meyer, both VP's, and Blair Cooper, Secretary. Continuing to serve as board members are John and Jo Bloom and Stephen G. Hughes,

We wish to thank the two members who are no longer on the board. VP Gene Valdes capably took over as Acting President when Brad Thomas died. After several terms as treasurer, Joan Stotts moved to a new job, commuting to Albuquerque. We appreciate their service.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your new Board of Directors is making progress toward the improvement of our cemetery, but the task is indeed daunting. When we recall the beauty of the shaded green park of the past, it is saddening to see it now in its present condition. Despite the expenditure of many thousands of dollars during the previous few years to remove dead trees, the remaining ones cast a doleful pallor over the dead lawns and give the impression of neglect.

There is so much to do! But we've made a start. An extensive job description has been developed for the caretaker and approved by the board. A draft budget has been developed to try to obtain a better picture of what monies can be expended for projects such as removal of dead trees and for watering. (We are grateful to Joanne Legits, an experienced accountant, for bravely, albeit with a gulp, taking the

difficult job of Treasurer!). Our plea for donations for trees has resulted in planting 23 new trees this year, and all are doing well—even the one that initially said, "I'm not happy here" and the one we had to move because we inadvertently planted it within the confines of a vacant gravesite. We've even made a good start toward receiving donations for the ten additional trees we'd like to plant next spring (that's a hint, folks). The Board has approved new rules, now posted in the kiosk, and we can again install upright headstones to add beauty and interest to the cemetery. Tom Catron is donating his legal services to quiet the title of over twenty gravesites, researched by Marian. Each is 70 to 110 years old which, when approved by the court, can then be sold. We're experimenting with ways to alleviate the wanton destruction being caused by the pernicious prairie dogs.

Of great importance, the very extensive application for "historical" status for the cemetery has now been submitted, and the states Cultural Properties Review Committee will review it at their next meeting in Truth or Consequences in October. Several of us plan to attend.

So, we've made a start. The limitation to our efforts is, of course, money. Our priority to remove dead trees, to plant new trees, to water, and even to eradicate prairie dogs are limited by money. Your generous response to this years pleas for donations to pay our horrendous water bill and to plant new trees was stupendous and gratifying, but your continued financial support is vital to our efforts.

ERIK

The trees given by the Mason "siblings" in the May newsletter now have names. In addition to Erik and David, they were Kathy Mason and Sharon Vandersys Mason.

UPRIGHT HEADSTONES AND OTHER NEW RULES FROM THE BOARD

Sometime in the 1940s the Cemetery Committee of the Santa Fe Woman's Club decided that mausoleums and upright headstones would no longer be permitted. Ostensibly this was to make it easier to mow the grass, but of the hundreds of "flat" headstones installed after that, hardly any were at ground level so that a mower could roll over them. Most were installed 3 to 7 inches above ground level and many were slanted from the back to the front. Recognizing this, at its first meeting, our new Board made the momentous and unanimous decision to again permit upright headstones. Many of us feel that the marvelous old stones are part of what gives Fairview its character. You must notify the Association if you plan to order a headstone. Upright headstones are permitted on full-sized plots, provided that they are placed on a ground level cement base to facilitate mowing without damaging the headstone.

PLANNED CREMATION SECTION: Only flat headstones will be permitted on the new cremains-sized plots. No interment, including cremated ashes, is to be made without first obtaining permission from the Association. You may do this through your mortuary, or call Fairview Message Service, 989-1623.

BENCHES: Permanent and durable meditation benches may be placed at locations approved by the President or Vice President of the Association. As with the headstones, benches must be placed in a cement base that extends 4" beyond the base of the bench.

PLANTINGS other than trees: Planting of shrubs and flowers on graves may be done with the approval of the President or Vice President, at locations which will not interfere with mowing. The Association, however, will not be responsible for watering plantings done at individual gravesites.

NOT PERMITTED ON GRAVES: Because they interfere with mowing and are subject to vandalism or theft, the following are not permitted on graves: statuary, vigil lights, wooden plaques in lieu of headstones, commemorative items, crosses, glass vases, breakable objects of any type. No fences, bricks, or rocks may be used to border graves. Carpet is not allowed on graves.

FLOWERS, fresh or artificial, placed on graves will be removed periodically as they fade. Flowers placed on graves at Christmas, Memorial Day or other holidays will be allowed to remain several weeks before they are removed.

We are pleased to have you visit. Please do not litter or disturb plants and help us to keep the cemetery clean and beautiful.

FOUR NEW HEADSTONES ON OLD/NEW GRAVES

Marc Louis Welti, 4 month-old baby, 1961
Alexander Peter Bickley (grandson to Peter Bickley)
Eduardo Sandoval
Angus MacGillivray

DONATIONS OF \$1910 IN AMOUNTS RANGING FROM \$20 TO \$500 ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Adams, John	Marquez, Maria
Baikie, Carrie Summers*	Michaelsen, Rachel
Butler, Jim & Mary Ellen (Boots)	Miller, Vera (Littleton)
Catron, June and Tom*	Naranjo, Maria (2)
Chavez, Carol J.*	Nydes, Virginia*
Fletcher, Betty	Petranto, Joseph J.
Kristin, Richard Z.	Smith, Ted A.*
Kieve, Loren	

*Memorials

Carrie Baikie to the Summers & Chaves Families; From Tom & June Catron to Stephen Catron, and to honor Marian Meyer; Carol J. Chavez to Lynn Yashvin and Frank Smithwick; Virginia Nydes to Bradley M. Thomas; Ted A. Smith to Ethel Bonnell.

TREE DONATIONS OF \$2425.00

These trees were the last 10 planted for the summer, making a total of 23. It will be quite a chore to keep them watered during the winter, but this is a top priority.

Antink, Josephine - Memorial to Isabel Granito
Butler, Jim and Mary Ellen (Boots)
To Roy and Clara Butler, Helen and Baby Boy Johnstone
Dix, Donald and Lucy MacGillivray
Hagerman, Katherine K. - To Elizabeth Margolis
Hendryson, Peter New, Elizabeth New Weld
Holmes, Ruth (Toward a tree)
McConnell, Taylor and June

20 FRIENDS OF LANCE CARLSON AND 3 TREES

When Lance Carlson died two years ago, his good friend Richard Torre was the first one to call about arrangements to have him buried in the plot of his great-great grandfather, Antonio Joseph, our NM Congressional Delegate and owner of Ojo Caliente Springs. Since then Torre has organized 20 friends of Carlson and purchased three \$300 trees in his memory. President Erik e-mailed him that we had concluded planting for the summer and they will be planted in the spring. What a wonderful group and a bonus to us. We thank each of you.

Allen, Donna F.	Kalb, Christine
Anderson, Steve	Monaghan, Kevin
Cutler, Kenneth	Rhodes, Buddy
Fitzsimmons, Peter	Stollenwerck, Deborah H.
Forgette, Terry	Stornaiuolo, Vincent A.
Gately, Robert W.	Summerville, Scott E.
Grenon, Mary-Martha	Tierney, Robert
Hardenbrook, Christopher G.	Torre, Richard J.
Hill, John C.	Varner, Mick
Hulme, Diane	Woodward, Warren D.

Note from Marian: NELL BATTS died before the May newsletter was finished. That day my computer locked up and I had to have the newsletter printed elsewhere, so I penned in her name and said we would have it the next newsletter. She died unexpectedly in her sleep. She was a dear friend and a longtime supporter of our Association.

INTERMENTS

MARY SITTER'S ashes were brought to Fairview from Littleton, Colorado by her son Lester Sitter and interred in the Sitter plot in Section F.

ELIZABETH MARGOLIS HENDRYSON was a woman of great talent and accomplishment. She and her husband Dr. Aaron Margulis moved to Santa Fe in 1947. He was the first pathologist between Denver, Dallas and Phoenix. She left a legacy of good works in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, before moving to San Francisco.

FREDERIKA SWOPE'S ashes were brought to Fairview from Florida by her husband, Wesley and placed in the Swope plot in Section F. He warns not to bring a metal urn of ashes by air. The officials made him put them in a cardboard box and in Santa Fe he transferred them back to the urn.

JOSE ROMERO of Espanola was buried next to his wife Vicentia in Section F. The family has ordered a double upright headstone, the first one under our new rules.

ELIDA CLOSE CARPENTER RAGLE—Interred with her husband Paul Ragle in Section D. Came to Santa Fe in the 1930s, met and married Paul. She was in business with him in Santa Fe until his death in 1992.

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