

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION
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NEWSLETTER

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We lose Marian Meyer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. The day after mailing our previous newsletter we learned of the death of our beloved **Marian Meyer** on April 23d. Marian was the "Founding Father" of the Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association and the bedrock of the organization for over a quarter of a century. She performed yeoman's service protecting and supervising the cemetery during the two decades after the Santa Fe Woman's Club turned it over to Santa Fe County, and she oversaw the transition when the County turned it over to the Association. The list of her accomplishments is long and lasting, among them the building of the kiosk, the refurbishment of the historical wrought iron fence, construction of the beautiful entry gates, and documentation of Fairview's history. Several years ago a bronze plaque was installed in the kiosk, naming it the "Marian Meyer Information Kiosk" in honor of her 25 years of devoted service. She is greatly, greatly missed.

In the last newsletter we reported the sad death of former Board member Marian Valdes Karlson in Texas, where she and husband Ernest had moved to be close to children. In July we learned that Ernest had also died. Memorial services for both were held here in Santa Fe, and numerous donations have been made to Fairview in their honor.

The Annual Workday & Annual Meeting in May was yet again a fun time for all who attended. The current Board officers all agreed to be re-elected for yet another year, and **Jean Carr Eddy** was elected as a new member of the Board.

Association members have been making the news! **Laughlin Barker, Thomas B. Catron, Jean (Mrs. Oliver) Seth, Marcia Muth** and **Jody Ellis** have all been designated as Santa Fe Living Treasures for their innumerable contributions to our community. Laughlin, Tom and Jean have long been supporters of Fairview, and Marcia and Jody purchased plots in February. Well earned congratulations to them all!

The Board, relying on our donors and acting on faith, contracted for another \$8,500 worth of removal of dead trees and dead wood in the cemetery. Particularly unsightly was the dead wood hanging dangerously over Cerrillos Road. One of the huge old elm trees was destroying the adobe walls of the garage and, regrettably, had to be removed. Because of the generosity of our donors, we have previously been able to return, for re-investment, the quarterly dividends earned from our endowment at the Santa Fe Community Foundation, but the 3d Qtr dividends will probably need to be deposited to the maintenance fund unless *oh!-so!-necessary!* donations from our members replenish the checking account.

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—particularly after removal of more dead trees and limbs—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.

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!

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

- Nov 22, 1908. **Bradley M. Thomas** [dc 1956 at age 73] deputy forest ranger, today left for Cuba, Sandoval County, where he will *exterminate prairie dogs*. [Italics added]

- Nov 22, 1908. **James P. McNulty** [dc 1933 at age 83], superintendent of the turquoise mines of the American Turquoise Mining Co. near Turquesa, was in town yesterday.

- Sep 23, 1909. An automobile coming down Palace Avenue almost ran down a carriage in which **Mrs. Thomas P. Gable** [dc 1911 at age 55] and her daughter, **Mrs. A.J. Fischer** [A.J. Fischer was interred in 1941 at age 74, but there is no record of her burial at Fairview] were sitting. The automobile grazed the horse which went back on its haunches but fortunately did not run away. The accident is another warning to the city authorities to enforce the speed ordinance.

- Jan 22, 1909. Hon. **Roman L. Baca** [dc 1935 at age 71] will not introduce the Anti-Saloon League's local option bill in the House as had been hoped by friends of the Prohibition movement. He will study it thoroughly before committing himself.

- Jan 14, 1909. The fixtures and bakery of the Cartwright-Davis Co., who are selling out, have been purchased by **Frank Andrews** [dc 1937 at age 69] who will open a grocery store which he will conduct along modern lines. Andrews' ability is so evident that the success of the venture is already assured.

Recent Burials.

Jeane Ann Thornburg died on July 9th at age 81 and her ashes were interred with those of her husband Samuel Clark Thornburg in Section B-Front. Ann was a faithful and very generous supporter of Fairview over many years, contributing greatly to our maintenance efforts and to the improvements we have been able to accomplish.

Jose T. Pincheira was interred earlier this month by his wife Olivia, who purchased a plot in Section A. He was 78 when he died, and his funeral arrangements were assisted by John Adams, a fellow Mason.

Erleyne Hardy Bradley, age 85, and her husband **William Daniel Bradley** were interred in May in the Hardy family plot in Section C, purchased by Erleyne's grandfather in 1910. We had not heard from this family since the last of the four previous family burials in 1934! A headstone was also placed on the grave of Erleyne's uncle Everett Hardy, who died in 1910 at age one.

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 (thru 2d Qtr)

Stephen B. Catron John R. Lamsens Maria E. Naranjo

Contributions to Fairview's Maintenance Fund (Apr 2009 – Aug 2009)

In honor of	George Donaho Bayless	Louann C. Jordan	Betty R. Ela
Marian Meyer:	Robert D. Krause	Christine Simpson	Mary Finney
	S. Peter Bickley	Brad & Karen Finch	Joann Legits
	Marilyn Harenberg	Mrs. Carolyn Haas	Ron & Jean Ball
	Margaret McIntosh	Diane Tuska	Jean Padilla
	Ingrid Vollnhofer	Stephen E. Watkins	Isabel Ziegler
	Margaret Brunk	Erik Mason	
	Virginia & Oscar Jordan	Virginia & Maurice Lierz	
	David & Janice Matthews	Dave & Jennie Austin	
	Roman & Esperanza Latimer		

In honor of	Jane A. Daly	Else Folsom
Ernest &	James & Marilyn Straw	Sally Marsh & Therese Faget
Marian Karlson:	Joel F. Bennet	Adelina Ortiz de Hill
	Juanita A. Macy	Esther Valdes Hall
	June Marshall	Robert & Doris Krause
	George & Grace Sutton	Mr & Mrs Stephen Borland
	Mrs. Marcia Wright	

Mr/Mrs Amado C Summers	In memory of the Chaves and Summers families	
Venus A. Stafford	In memory of Nellie Legits	
John & Briged Stoeckel	In memory of Katherine Kook & Betty Flanagan	
Betty & Boyd Mast	In memory of Grace Moore	
Venus Stafford	In memory of John P. Legits	
Mr & Mrs Thomas Catron III	In memory of their son Stephen Ellis Catron	
John C. Harvey	In memory of James & Gladys Harvey	
Ernestine (Tina) Lawrence	In memory Slaughter family and Karolyn & Ernest Roberts	
Fred M. Valdes	In memory of his mother May Valdes & grandmother Nancy Thornton	
James & Nene Koch	Ronald Dean Simmons	Henry & Peggy Pick
Jean Seth	Carl & Margaret Walter	Montezuma Lodge #1 AF&AM

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