

Lee Mission Cemetery Newsletter

January 2022



From the President

First, I want to acknowledge that once again we have been the recipient of service this past year from volunteers who have contributed their time and assistance towards the upkeep of the cemetery. We are very appreciative of the efforts they have provided. Thank you to each everyone who has contributed their time to help in the maintenance of this historic cemetery.

As we move into a new year some of our old challenges still exist; 1. Security at the cemetery – we recently discovered four or five large holes cut in the chain link fence surrounding the cemetery which allow access into and out of the cemetery when the gates are locked. We will need to have a fencing company come and repair the impacted sections of fence, which will be an unexpected expense. 2. Dogs in the cemetery – even with all the added signage and posting of new rules we continue to have people continue to walk/run their dogs in the cemetery, although it seems to have lessened in the past six months. 3. Maintaining the cemetery – working with the landscaping company so they can do their job with the least amount of impedance from grave decorations.

We are looking forward to further improving the cemetery this year with repairs to a variety of items needing tending; section marker posts, Diamond Square fencing, cleaning around graves, and moving live plants from gravesites to an area specifically dedicated as a “memorial garden” where families can have a living memorial to their loved ones.

The cemetery has remained active since the mid 1800’s and sales of plots and burials this past year were good. We had a total of 19 plot sales and 21 burials in 2021. Because we are a not-for-profit organization staffed by a volunteer board of directors, we can continue operating as one of the least expensive cemeteries within the metropolitan Salem/Keizer area.

~~Michael Staten, Cemetery Board President

LEE MISSION CEMETERY YEAR END REPORT 2021

INCOME:

Plot Sales	\$ 22,850.00	
Donations	4,725.00	
		\$ 27,575.00

EXPENSES:

Liability Insurance	698.00	
Corporation Tax	50.00	
Cemetery Liability Insurance	500.00	
Stamps	33.00	
Newsletter [printing & postage] Jan	459.85	
Newsletter [printing & postage] Jul	456.00	
Elwood's Tree Service Co.	1,725.00	
R & R Tree Service	4,880.00	
Outdoor Fence Co. (Replace Gate)	3,366.15	
PO Box Rental [1 yr]	204.00	
FastSigns	1,279.71	
Supplies [brochures + broom]	46.97	
Tracfone	128.13	
Website (3 years)	553.62	
Donation to Rick Hilts	50.00	
		\$ 14,430.43

MONTHLY:

Republic Sanitation [\$81.55]	978.60	
Security [\$501.]	6,012.00	
City of Salem – Water	1,049.07	
Arne Jensen Landscaping [\$2,000]	24,000.00	
		<u>\$ 32,039.67</u>
		\$ 18,895.10

WANTED: Articles regarding your family members buried in Lee Mission Cemetery. Each article should be about one family member and no longer than 500 words. The board reserves the right to shorten your article to fit the space available in the newsletter which is published twice a year (Jan and July). We would prefer that the article be typed; however, all articles will be accepted. Deadlines for articles are June 15 and December 15. Submit articles to Lee Mission Cemetery, PO Box 2011, Salem, OR 97308-2011.

LEE MISSION CEMETERY DONATIONS

July 2021 - December 2021

Thank you to our donors!

Friend: \$1-\$49

- Karen Ro Heuberger - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Roe Betterton
- Mary J. Brock - In memory of Margaret Hadley Irvine
- Kathryn A Karr - In memory of Bert & Ada Karr
- Tamara Goesch

Supporter: \$50-\$99

- Colleen D. Spurgeon - In honor of The Leabo Family
- Ken L. Betterton
- William & Mary Mainwaring

Sponsor: \$100-\$249

- Ginger Anderson - In memory of Dylan Anderson
- Thomas and Patricia Glass
- Albert & Virginia Furtwangler
- George Swanson - In memory of Juanita J. Swanson
- Lucinda & Ron Jackson
- Ted & Mimi Stang - In honor of Jim Momyer
- Sharon Karr - In memory of Bert & Ada Karr

Preservation \$250-\$499

- City View Cemetery
- Cora Hallauer
- Conrad P. Mueller

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the Cemetery is on Kalapuya Illihi, the traditional indigenous homeland of Kalapuya peoples who were forcibly removed to what are now the Grand Ronde and Siletz reservations.

Special Thank You...

to Rick Hilts for his assistance with the sale and recording of plots, Tom Bowers for his weekly garbage pickup and other maintenance duties, and Mr. Jim Green for repairing one of the flower vases boxes which was broken and falling down.

Anna Maria Pittman Lee (1803 – 1838)

Anna Maria Pittman grew up in New York and traveled to the Oregon Country on the ship Diana with other missionaries in May of 1837. The Methodist Missionary Society had suggested that she would be a good wife for Jason Lee and indeed, they were married on July 16 of 1837. She assisted Lee at his school for Native children – probably cooking, sewing and teaching.

Jason Lee traveled to New York in the spring of 1838 to try to get more support and people to the Willamette Valley. Anna Maria was 6 months pregnant and so stayed home. Unfortunately, she had a very hard labor and delivered a boy on June 23 who died a few days later and Anna Maria died soon after at the age of 35. They were buried at the Methodist mission in a homemade casket supplied by the mission carpenter. They were reinterred in the Lee Mission Cemetery in the early 1840's near Jason Lee's second wife, Lucy Thompson, who also died in childbirth and was buried at Lee Mission in 1842. Both graves are located in **Diamond Square**.



Donations

Lee Mission Cemetery is a 501(c)13 not-for-profit corporation. All donations are tax deductible. 100% of donations made to the Cemetery go toward improvement and maintenance. Officers and board members volunteer their time and receive no compensation.

Board of Directors

- Michael Staten, President
- Sherrill Hochspeier, Secretary-Treasurer
- Martin Hernandez Barrera
- Tom Bowers
- Phyllis Gillis
- Page Merrill
- Dave Smedema
- Julie Staten
- Lucinda Jackson

Contact Information

Lee Mission Cemetery: 503-851-1803
P.O. Box 2011, Salem, OR 97308
Lot Sales (Rick): 503-559-2242

Web Site: www.leemissioncemetery.com

Send comments, additions and corrections regarding website or newsletter to admin@leemissioncemetery.com

Lee Mission Cemetery is licensed through
the Oregon State Mortuary Board
Phone: 971-673-1500

Important Reminder Regarding Grave Decorations

We want to remind everyone they need to closely adhere to the rules for grave decorations. Unfortunately, if the Cemetery Board finds graves that are not compliant, there is a strong likelihood items will be removed and/or moved to put the gravesites into compliance. The reason for this rule is that we all want to have the cemetery well groomed for everyone's loved ones and so our maintenance contractor can mow and trim over and around the graves.

Below is an excerpt from the Rules and Regulations for Lee Mission Cemetery which specifically addresses this subject. The full rules and regulations can be found at the following link.

<http://leemissioncemetery.com/LMCemeteryRulesHome.html>

Rules for Headstones and Around Graves

LEE MISSION CEMETERY IS NOT
RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE OR MISSING ITEMS
TO HEADSTONES OR ITEMS PLACED ON GRAVES

- A. Artificial flowers are not allowed April – September. Fresh flowers are allowed year-round.
- B. The following items are prohibited:
 - breakables including glass or ceramic vases and candles,
 - rocks, tiles, and marbles,
 - fencing or other structures.
- C. No plants, flowers, or decorations may be placed more than 12 inches away from headstone.
- D. Trees, shrubs, or flowers may not be planted on the plot.
- E. The cemetery board maintains the right to remove any article, keepsake or planting which is not consistent with the historical, natural and maintenance needs of the cemetery.

Reglas para Lápidas

EL CEMENTERIO LEE MISSION NO ES RESPONSABLE DE CUALQUIER DAÑO O
ARTÍCULOS FALTANTES A LAPIDAS O ARTICULOS COLOCADOS SOBRE TUMBAS

- A. No se permiten flores artificiales de abril a septiembre. Se permiten flores frescas durante todo el año.
- B. Los siguientes artículos están prohibidos:
 - Objetos que se pueden romper como,
 - rocas, tejas y canicas,
 - cercas o otras estructuras.
- C. No se pueden colocar plantas, flores o decoraciones a más de 12 pulgadas de distancia de la lápida.
- D. No se pueden plantar árboles, arbustos o flores en la parcela.
- E. Los encargados del cementerio se reserva el derecho de retirar cualquier artículo, tales como recuerdos o plantas que no sea compatible con las necesidades históricas, naturales y de mantenimiento.



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