

Lee Mission Cemetery Newsletter

January 2024



From the President

Last year was a good year for the cemetery. With the help of many volunteers, our landscape management company, and other contractors working together, the cemetery grounds improved greatly. We received many compliments about how nice the grounds looked.

For the best time to see the cemetery in all its glory, come visit during Memorial Day weekend. The grounds are at their very best maintenance. In addition, there are hundreds of veterans and clergy flags placed on appropriate graves representing the individuals placed at rest there. We invite you all to come and visit during that time. If you are interested in helping to place the flags of the veterans and clergy, please let us know and we will let you know the day and time when we will be doing so. Historically, they are placed sometime during the week leading into Memorial Day weekend. We have replaced all of the clergy flags as most of them were in poor condition. In addition to Memorial Weekend, feel free to visit anytime. We have many people visit throughout the year just to have a quiet and peaceful place to visit, walk around, and contemplate.

In 2024, we intend to continue working with our volunteers, landscape management company, and other contractors to continue upgrading the cemetery grounds. We will also be applying for a grant which will allow us to work with a new contractor to repair and reset many of our older gravestones that have been damaged and/or fallen over. We are excited to be able to do this.

Thank you so much for your donations, small and large. The board will continue to use these for maintenance and improvements for the cemetery.

If you are interested in attending a meeting of the board or perhaps becoming a member, please reach out by calling the cemetery phone number.

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Lee Mission Cemetery Newsletter Reminder

*If you are interested
in a Spanish version
of our Newsletter,
please let us know.
We will add you to
our distribution list
and also post it on
our website.*

Lee Mission Cemetery Donations July—December 2023

Friend: \$1-\$49

Karen Ro Heuberger
*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Roe
Betterton*
Mary J. Brock
*In memory of Margaret Had-
ley Irvine*
George C. Swanson
*In memory of Juanita Swan-
son*

Supporter: \$50-\$99

Benito Sierra Granados
*In memory of Jesus Sierra
Huerta*
Ken L. Betterton
William & Mary Mainwaring

Sponsor: \$100-\$249

Maria Hernandez
*In honor of Luis Daniel
Hernandez*
Andrea & David Turner
*In honor of George Wesley &
Mary Margaret (Beard)
Turner and Mary Pratt Beard*

Preservation: \$250-\$499

Cora A. Hallauer
In memory of Robert Hallauer
Lucinda D Jackson

Historian: \$500-\$2,499

Diane Newport
Conrad Mueller

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.

Lee Mission Cemetery, P.O. Box 2011, Salem, OR 97308

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DID YOU KNOW?

You can lower your tax bill by donating part or all of your required minimum distribution [RMD] directly to Lee Mission Cemetery or a qualified charitable organization.

For more information see [IRS.gov/qualified charitable contributions](https://www.irs.gov/qualified-charitable-contributions).

Lee Mission Cemetery Year End Report 2023

INCOME:

Plot Sales	\$ 36,300.00	
Donations	5,474.54	\$ 41,774.54

EXPENSES:

Liability Insurance	698.00	
Cemetery Liability Insurance	575.00	
Corporation Tax	50.00	
Newsletter [printing & postage] Feb	429.04	
Newsletter [printing & postage] Jul	541.54	
PO Box rental [year]	248.00	
Valley Green Spraying	640.00	
FastSigns	302.17	
Stamps	38.40	
Tracfone	121.64	
Wheelbarrow tire	49.98	
Clergy Flags	154.75	
Golden Rule Pest Control	125.00	
Donation to Rick Hilts	50.00	
		\$ 4,023.52

MONTHLY:

Security [\$616.00]	7,392.00	
Republic Sanitation [\$83.04]	1,007.99	
City of Salem – Water	1,237.62	
Arne Jensen Landscaping [\$2,000]	24,000.00	
		<u>\$ 33,637.61</u>

\$ 4,113.41

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.



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