

# Lee Mission Cemetery Newsletter

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## From the President

### Reflections on Overseeing a Pioneer Cemetery: Lessons and Gains

Taking on the role of overseeing a pioneer cemetery for the past few years has been a profound and enlightening journey. This experience has offered me a unique perspective on history, community, and the importance of preserving our heritage. Here are some of the most significant lessons and gains from this role.

One of the most enriching aspects of overseeing a pioneer cemetery is the deep connection to history it fosters. Each grave represents a story, a life lived with dreams, challenges, and contributions to the community. I've gained a greater appreciation for the individuals who built our town, their hardships, and their triumphs. The cemetery serves as a tangible link to the past, allowing me to honor and keep the memory of these pioneers alive.

Managing a pioneer cemetery has underscored the importance of preservation. Maintaining the grounds, restoring aging headstones, and protecting historical artifacts are crucial tasks. These efforts ensure that future generations can appreciate and learn from the past. I've learned that preservation is not just about maintaining physical structures but also about safeguarding the stories and legacies of those who came before us.

The cemetery is a focal point for community engagement. I have seen how the cemetery brings people together. It serves as a place of reflection and connection, where individuals can pay respects to loved ones and appreciate their shared heritage.

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Overseeing a pioneer cemetery has shown me how important leadership and management skills are. Managing budgets for maintenance and restoration projects, and navigating the logistical challenges of operational planning have been invaluable experiences. Working with a team of dedicated volunteers has been particularly rewarding, as it has shown me the power of collaboration and community spirit.

This role has also been a journey of personal growth. Spending time in a cemetery encourages reflection on life, death, and the legacies we leave behind. It has prompted me to think deeply about my own contributions to the community and how I can make a positive impact. The quiet moments spent among the graves have provided a space for contemplation and gratitude, reminding me of the transient nature of life and the enduring importance of memory.

Ultimately, overseeing a pioneer cemetery has been about fostering a legacy of respect and remembrance. It is a privilege to care for a place that holds such profound significance for so many people. By maintaining and honoring this sacred space, I am helping to ensure that the stories and contributions of our pioneers are not forgotten. This role has reinforced the importance of respect—for the past, for those who came before us, and for the community we are building together.

In conclusion, my experience overseeing a pioneer cemetery has been profoundly transformative for me personally. It has deepened my connection to history, strengthened my leadership skills, and fostered a greater sense of community. Most importantly, it has reminded me of the enduring value of preserving our heritage and honoring the memories of those who laid the foundations of our present. None of this could have happened without the families and loved ones of those interred here, the fantastic volunteers who help with the cemetery's maintenance, and the Board of Directors from whom I have learned so much and am continuously inspired by their love of, and dedication to, Lee Mission Cemetery.

## **GREAT NEWS!**

Our application for grant money from the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to help pay for repairing and/or leveling 25 headstones has been approved in the amount of \$ 5,000. We need to raise \$ 1,800 and provide 1 3/4 yard crushed gravel so the project can be accomplished.

Historic Preservation Northwest, a company from Albany, will be doing the work. They are graduates of the Historic Preservation master's degree program at the University of Oregon. They have repaired over 900 headstones since 2017.

If you would like to help us raise the \$1,800 needed, please make a check payable to Lee Mission Cemetery and mail it to P.O. Box 2011, Salem, OR 97308 with a note it is for the Headstone Project.

We will be posting the progress of the project on the Cemetery Kiosk.

*Sherrill Hochspeier*

## Lee Mission Cemetery Civil War Veterans

According to records we have been able to find, the following individuals buried in Lee Mission Cemetery are Civil War Veterans:

Adams, Joseph O. (1837-1918) Lt, Co G, 1 WVA Inf (Union)	Keister, Daniel W. (1846-1909) Pvt, Co. B, 28 <sup>th</sup> PA Inf (Union)
Baggett, John Watson (1845-1921) Pvt, Co. E, 11 <sup>th</sup> Reg OH Vol (Union)	Krebs, William Levi (1838-1900) Sgt, Co. E, 93 <sup>rd</sup> PA Inf (Union) Pvt, Co. B, 148 <sup>th</sup> PA Inf (Union)
Bartell, John (1833-1924) Corp, 1st Regt, OR Cavalry (Union)	Kyle, Edwin P. (1843-1915) Pvt, Co. C, 4 <sup>th</sup> IA Cav (Union)
Cather, Ezra (1842-1926) Private, Co. K, 38 <sup>th</sup> IL Inf (Union)	Labare, John Wesley (1839-1929) Corp, Co. I, 9 <sup>th</sup> IL Cav (Union)
Chapel, Charles George (1836-1911) Co. A, 52 <sup>nd</sup> IL Inf (Union)	Lansing, William Edward (1846-1913) Pvt, Co. C, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Minn Cav (Union)
Chase, Elmore Y. (1831-1917) Asst Surgeon, 13 <sup>th</sup> OH Inf (Union)	Leabo, Augustus C. (1842-1925) Corp, Co. G, 4 <sup>th</sup> IA Inf (Union)
Cook, Arthur J. (1842-1919) Corp, Co. H, 9 <sup>th</sup> Iowa Inf (Union)	Lewis, Richard H. (1832-1902) Pvt, Co. H, 4 <sup>th</sup> Cav (Confederate)
Crawford, Alexander (1843-1913) Private, Co. D, 27 <sup>th</sup> NY Vol (Union)	Moore, Jackson L. (1845-1928) Pvt, Co. D, 8 <sup>th</sup> VA Cav C.S.A. (Confederate)
Fisher, Alvin R. (1848-1929) Private, Co. C, 16 <sup>th</sup> Kansas Cav (Union)	Pascoe, Henry (1843-1923) Co. A, 10 Minn Inf (Union)
Fisher, Thomas F. (1834-1899) Sgt, Co. I, 44 <sup>th</sup> IL Inf (Union)	Randle, Samuel Arnold (1839-1933) Co. H, 122 <sup>nd</sup> Ill Inf (Union)
Goin, Benjamin F. (1835-1913) Private, Co. E, 34 <sup>th</sup> Ark Inf (Confederate)	Steward, Philo (1845-1930) Co. E, 163 <sup>rd</sup> Ohio Inf (Union)
Gould, George W. (1830-1901) Private, Co. K, 9 <sup>th</sup> Vermont Inf (Union)	Welch, William T. (1828-1910) Sgt, Co. G, 18 <sup>th</sup> Iowa Inf (Union)
Grannis, George Washington (1847-1927) Private, Co. E, 193 <sup>rd</sup> PA Vol Inf (Union)	Wilson, Alfred (1834-1915) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt, 25 <sup>th</sup> Regt, Iowa Inf (Union)
Hosler, Jacob W. (1820-1889) Sgt, Co. H, 24 <sup>th</sup> Iowa Inf (Union)	
Keech, Charles C. S. (1843-1905) Corp, Co. E, 17 <sup>th</sup> Inf Ind Vol (Union)	

## Lee Mission Cemetery Expenses and Income Year to Date June 15, 2024

### INCOME:

Plot Sales [7 plots - 10 burials]	\$ 10,900.00	
Donations	3,407.16	<b>\$ 14,307.16</b>

### EXPENSES:

Corporation Tax	50.00	
Liability Insurance	767.00	
Newsletter [printing & postage] Feb	584.29	
Flag Pole Light	80.94	
PO Box rental [year]	256.00	
200 Envelopes	29.98	
Gravel	429.00	
Rubber Stamp	33.75	<b>\$ 2,230.96</b>

### MONTHLY:

Security [\$666.00]	3,996.00	
Republic Sanitation [\$83.04]	498.24	
City of Salem – Water	109.33	
Arne Jensen Landscaping [\$2,000]	12,000.00	<b><u>\$ 16,603.57</u></b>

**\$ -4,527.27**

Checking Account: \$ 17,176.26  
 Money Market: 21,096.49  
 \$ 38,272.75

## 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.*

## Diamond Square Fencing

As you may have noticed, the fencing around Diamond Square is quite a mess! There is newer fencing, old fencing, and a lot of missing fencing. To give this historic site the attention it deserves, we are again moving forward with repairing or replacing the wrought iron fencing around Diamond Square. To make this happen there are a number of hurdles we must overcome.

We have already met with and received a bid from a Eugene fencing company who is experienced in repairing historic wrought iron fencing. They have provided us two options. First, they can repair the existing fence and manufacture or supply any missing pieces. If we do decide to go with this option we need to keep in mind that repairing the existing fence will result in higher maintenance costs due to the older wrought iron components continuing to deteriorate. The second option is to install new fencing that replicates the historic fence as closely as possible. This “new” fencing will be much easier to maintain and last much longer. During the construction process, the fencing that was installed in 2018 will be removed. Which route we pursue will be determined through the Historic Design Review process with the City of Salem.

Once we have the City’s approval, we will move forward with fundraising. Based on the current bid, depending on whether we repair the existing fence or replace the fencing, we will need to raise between \$36,000 to \$42,000. This is a large amount of money and will require community support to make it happen. The Board will be identifying potential funding sources for the project in the near future. If you would like to make a donation to the fencing project, please include a note with your donation that it is to be used for the “Diamond Square Project.”

*Lucinda Jackson*

### Are you trying to locate a burial?

You can see information regarding Lee Mission Cemetery burials at [LeeMissionCemetery.com](http://LeeMissionCemetery.com). The site will show alphabetical listings of burials and plot maps, allow burial search by name, and a search by plot location.

If an obituary was available it is posted along with the information regarding the burial. Information of the history of Lee Mission Cemetery along with copies of old plot books can be seen. The twice a year Newsletter from the last several years is also available.

The Board is currently in the process of adding photos of headstones in the RC and RA sections. If there is not a headstone, then a Rose is placed instead of a headstone photo.

*Sherrill Hochspeier*

## A Few Helping Hands Make a Big Difference

Thank you to those 17 individuals who supported our efforts this May to maintain the Cemetery grounds prior to Memorial Day!

For more than 15 years, we have partnered with local service associations and the local community to magnify our efforts to improve the grounds and uphold the Cemetery's rules and regulations.

Mark your calendars as our next service opportunity is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th, 2024 from 9am-noon in preparation for Dia de los Muertos and Veterans Day.

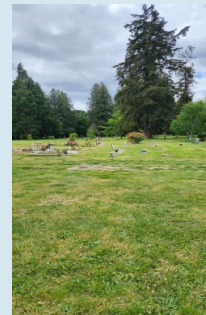
Thank you all for your time, attention, and efforts to help the Cemetery look its best!

If you are interested to learn more about our upcoming service opportunities or other ways you can help, please contact us at [admin@leemissioncemetery.com](mailto:admin@leemissioncemetery.com) to learn more.

*Blake Ritz*



Before



After

## MEMORIAL DAY

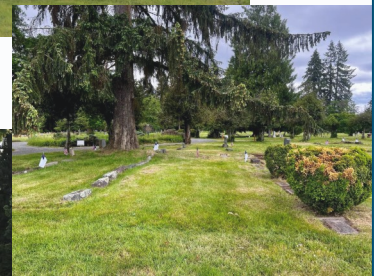
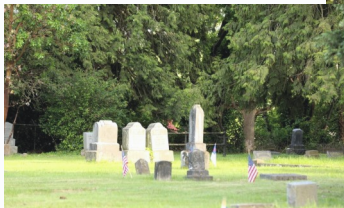
Have you ever wondered about the flags that are displayed in Lee Mission Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend? The white flags with a red cross on a blue field in the upper left hand corner denotes a clergy person is buried at that location. The small American flag denotes a veteran. This year we placed 101 clergy flags and 177 American flags at burial sites.

If we have missed an individual that should have a flag posted please contact us so we can update our files.

*Sherrill Hochspeier*



# Memorial Day 2024



## Lee Mission Cemetery Donations January—June 2024

### Friend: \$1-\$49

Karen Ro Heuberger

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Roe  
Betterton*

Mary J Brock

*In memory of Margaret Hadley  
Irvine*

### Supporter: \$50-\$99

Kathryn A. Karr

Lura Dymond

*In memory of Thomas Allan  
Gregory*

### Sponsor: \$100-\$249

Ginger Anderson

*In memory of Dylan Anderson*

Elizabeth Walton Potter

*In honor of Ted Stang*

David R. Shaw

Thomas and Patricia Glass

Ted Stang

*In memory of Mimi Stang*

Sharon Karr

*In memory of Ada & Bert Karr*

Gary Ray

Nancie Fedeley

Maria Hernandez

*In memory of Luis Daniel  
Hernandez*

### Preservation: \$250-\$499

Cora A. Hallauer

*In memory of Robert Hallauer*

Tom & Linda Bowers

### Historian: \$500-\$2,499

Diana Newport

Sherrill A. Hochspeier

## 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

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

## 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).

## Help Needed

Are you, or someone you know, interested in an opportunity to give back to the community? The Lee Mission Cemetery Board is looking for an additional member that loves the cemetery, wants to be a part of an organization that seeks to preserve history while at the same time providing a current day service to families in need, and can represent the family members and friends of those buried at Lee Mission and of the cemetery organization.

There is currently no Latino representative on the Board. We would be interested in someone that can be an advocate for the Latino community as we strive to serve them.

If you are interested, please contact us at 503-851-1803 or [admin@leemissioncemetery.com](mailto:admin@leemissioncemetery.com). We hope to hear from you soon.

## 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.*

## Board of Directors

Michael Staten,  
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## Lee Mission Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Please review Lee Mission Cemetery Rules and Regulations for guidance on burial rules and regulations, general rules, and rules for headstones and around graves. They can be found at:

### English

<http://leemissioncemetery.com/LMCemeteryRules-English.html>

### Español

<http://leemissioncemetery.com/LMCemeteryRules-Spanish.html>



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