

Lee Mission Cemetery Newsletter

January 2025



From the President

A New Year, A Renewed Commitment to Our Neighborhood Community

As we step into a brand-new year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our shared history and the bright future ahead. With Spring just around the corner, our neighborhood community is preparing for the renewal that comes with the season—fresh blooms, new projects, and continued dedication to preserving our local heritage.

One of our most treasured landmarks, Lee Mission Cemetery, remains a cornerstone of our area's rich history. It serves as a tribute to those who came before us, and its upkeep is a responsibility we all share. We are excited to announce a partnership with a new landscaping company, 5 Brothers Landscaping, to ensure the grounds continue to be maintained with the care and respect they deserve. However, as with all projects, the costs of upkeep have steadily increased over the years. In addition, with unexpected expenses such as fallen trees needing to be removed, cut fences that need to be repaired, roadways needing to be maintained, monument repairs, etc., we need your help to sustain this important site.

Lee Mission Cemetery is a centerpiece of togetherness, and we take great pride in maintaining a space that fosters unity and support among the families who have loved ones here and local area residents. We invite everyone to participate in upcoming events to strengthen our sense of community and preserve this important landmark.

To continue these efforts, we rely on generous donations from individuals like you. Whether large or small, every contribution makes a difference in offsetting the increasing costs of maintenance and improvements. Your support ensures that future generations can take pride in our history.

If you would like to donate or volunteer your time, email admin@leemissioncemetery.com or call 503-581-1803 or complete the donation form enclosed with this newsletter. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood community thriving and beautiful for years to come.

Wishing you a wonderful New Year filled with joy, prosperity, and community spirit.

Michael Staten, President
Lee Mission Cemetery Board

Next Scheduled Cemetery Clean-up

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Contact Blake Ritz at
541-968-9197 for times
and sign-up information.

Lee Mission Cemetery Donations July—December 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

Benito Sierra
Lura Dymond
*In memory of Thomas Allan
Gregory*
Ken L Betterton

Sponsor: \$100-\$249

Ginger Anderson
In memory of Dylan Anderson
Elisabeth Walton Potter
*For repair and resetting of
grave markers*
David R. Shaw
Thomas and Patricia Glass
Ted Stang
*In memory of Mimi Stang and
In honor of Elisabeth Walton
Porter*

Sharon Karr

In memory of Ada & Bert Karr

Gary Ray
Kathryn A Karr
Nancie Fedeley
Maria Hernandez
*In memory of Luis Daniel
Hernandez*
Wendy Buchheit
*In memory of Constance
Griffith Melo*
Albert Furtwangler
*In memory of Virginia
Furtwangler*

Bill and Mary Mainwaring
Kendrick Simila
In memory of Elsie Simila

Preservation: \$250-\$499

Cora A. Hallauer
In memory of Robert Hallauer

Historian: \$500-\$2,499

Diana Newport
Conrad P. Mueller
Don Garrett
*In memory of Don and Mary
Wall*

DONATIONS

We are desperately in need of \$3,928 for tree removal and fence repairs. Any amount you can donate is greatly appreciated.

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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**Lee Mission Cemetery
Expenses and Income
Year to Date
December 31, 2024**

INCOME:

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|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Plot Sales [17 plots - 24 burials] | \$ 27,400.00 | |
| Donations | 6,952.16 | \$ 34,352.16 |

EXPENSES:

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| Corporation Tax | 50.00 | |
| Liability Insurance | 767.00 | |
| Newsletter [printing & postage] Feb | 584.29 | |
| Newsletter [printing & postage] Jul | 634.73 | |
| Flag Pole Light | 80.94 | |
| PO Box rental [year] | 256.00 | |
| 200 Envelopes [Thank you Notes] | 29.98 | |
| Gravel | 429.00 | |
| Rubber Stamp | 33.75 | |
| Cemetery Liability Insurance | 680.00 | |
| Valley Green Spraying | 577.00 | |
| Postage for mailing inspection documents | 2.83 | |
| Tracfone | 121.28 | |
| Network Solutions Website (3 years) | 1,129.70 | |
| OM & CB Licenses renewal (2 years) | 189.00 | |
| Historic Preservation NW (CG-24-06) | 1,687.90 | |
| 5 Brothers (down tree removal) | 320.00 | |
| Donation to Rick Hiltz | 50.00 | \$ 7,623.40 |

MONTHLY:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Security [\$666.00] | 7,992.00 | |
| Republic Sanitation [\$83.04] | 996.48 | |
| City of Salem – (Water Apr-Oct) | 785.73 | |
| Arne Jensen Landscaping [Jan-Aug] | 16,000.00 | |
| 5 Brothers Landscaping Inc. [Sep-Dec] | 8,000.00 | <u>\$ 33,774.21</u> |

\$ 7,045.45

JOB WELL DONE



Before



After

Historic Preservation Northwest completed the repairs and/or leveling of 25 grave markers in July. This project was possible with the help of a \$5,000 grant from historic cemetery grant program through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

Thanks for the volunteers that helped prepare the area around the grave markers and placing flags to mark stones needing repair and the individuals that delivered the gravel. A big thank you to Bernadette Niederer and David Pinyard of HPNW for their outstanding work. We would also like to thank the personnel that donated money to help with getting the project completed. The results of each grave marker are now posted on the Lee Mission Cemetery Kiosk.

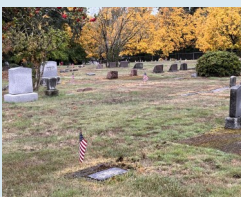
Eagle Project

My name is Elijah Painter, and I am a Boy Scout with Troop 1.

A big goal I've been working toward in my scouting career was getting my Eagle Scout rank. In order to get said rank, you have to demonstrate leadership, responsibility, and discipline.



One of the main requirements of the Eagle rank is to do an Eagle project, which should help positively impact your community. I chose to work with Lee Mission Cemetery and offer to clean and mark all the veteran grave sites, just before Veterans Day.



After coming up with a plan, and getting all of my materials, my volunteers and I got to work. I divided us up into teams. Each team was assigned a section. A few people scrubbed, while the others used the map and marked the grave sites.

After about 3 hours of scrubbing, and marking grave sites, we finally finished the whole cemetery. It was a very fun project, and I had a great time! It was cool to see a grave site go from practically unreadable, to very clear. I'm sure that has made a positive impact on all those families!



I want to thank Lee Mission Cemetery for giving me the opportunity to do this project. Additionally, trusting me with their materials, and maps. I'm glad we were able to work together to make a big difference to our community.

Thank You to Our Incredible Volunteers!

As we reflect on last year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to all our dedicated volunteers. Your time, effort, and passion have been the heart of our success. We truly appreciate everything you have done to support our mission and make a difference.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue this partnership with you. Your commitment inspires us, and we can't wait to achieve even more together in the coming year.

Thank you for being an essential part of our Lee Mission Cemetery community!

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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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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