

FRIENDS OF PIONEER CEMETERY

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Logan Monument a Pilot Project for Safe Cleaning

The stately granite monument with its tapered shaft on stacked bases and bold decorated cornice crowned by a pall-draped funerary urn was erected for noted trial lawyer David Logan (1824-1874) and his wife, the former Mary Waldo (1840-1911), daughter of Daniel Waldo, overland pioneer of 1843 who settled his family on a claim east of Salem in the rolling hill country to which his name eventually became attached.



David Logan of Springfield, Ill., read law in his father's offices before coming West in 1849. On arriving in Oregon the next year, he settled first in Yamhill County and later relocated his practice to Portland. He was elected to the Territorial legislature in 1854 and filled a noteworthy role in the capital as one of sixty delegates to the 1857 Constitutional Convention charged with producing a constitution that was the requisite step toward Oregon achieving statehood. Logan is one of six delegates to the Convention of 1857 who are interred in Salem Pioneer Cemetery. *Please continue to page 2.*

Donors Sustain Growth of Endowed Fund

Earning power of the Pioneer Cemetery Fund of the Salem Foundation Charitable Trust was boosted considerably in 2018 by a generous bequest of \$7,126 from the estate of Mildred O'Connor. Together with community support from sixty-five donors, the input amounted to \$14,661 in total. At year's end, the fund's market value continued to exceed the current baseline level of \$700,000 at \$742,996. In calendar year 2018, endowment proceeds provided the City of Salem, cemetery steward and titleholder, with \$11,155 to supplement budgeted public monies and cover sixty-seven headstone repairs, re-settings, and related improvements.

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Chinese Shrine Dedicated in April during City-sponsored Qing Ming Ceremonies

Carefully-planned archaeological investigations, together with a study of archetypical village funerary shrines in China, came to a high point with Salem's first City-sponsored Qing Ming ceremonies honoring the souls of the departed.

Led by Kimberli Fitzgerald, senior historic planner for the Salem Community Development Department, the shrine recovery project is aimed at preserving a feature that was the focal point of remembrance for Salem's Chinese residents from the later 1800s into the 1920s. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, cemetery founders and stewards in the early days, made a site on the north edge of the west-end grounds available for the shrine and its associated area for temporary burials. In accord with tradition then prevailing, male burial subjects were exhumed periodically under Chinese Benevolent Association auspices and returned to the homeland to be venerated with the succession of family ancestral relics.

The Qing Ming event of April 5, 2018, featured Mayor Chuck Bennett's welcome and his ceremonial sweeping of the concrete platform, a reading of names of those formerly interred based upon available records, the presentation of flowers and incense (joss) sticks, and a formal dedication, which was a ritual blessing of the shrine by Lee Chung Shifu, priest of Salem's Mia Chung Buddhist Temple.

A second public Qing Ming event is planned for Saturday, April 6, 2019, 1:00-2:30 p.m.



Improving the Grounds FOPC Field Unit and Community Volunteers

Keeping a regular schedule of three days a month, March through October, Friends of Pioneer Cemetery field unit teams and volunteers from the community made strides in upkeep under the direction of co-leaders Dale Palmquist and Mark Fields. The constant work of pulling invasive vines and weeds, removing moss and other biological growth from pavements and headstones, along with pruning of shrubbery and ongoing care of the cemetery's assortment of heritage roses, was carried out by fourteen regular volunteers in 2018.

Sue Apodaca
Bruce DeForest
Mark Fields
Fred Klatz
Pat Norman
Harold Otto
Dale Palmquist

Kylie Pine
Elisabeth Potter
Claudine Shaw
Pat Sisson
Virginia Slaughter
Ellen Stevens
Brian Sund



During Memorial Day weekend in May, the work was supported by affiliated students of Tokyo International and Willamette Universities who came to trim grass and rinse grime from headstones on Japanese family plots. Standing with FOPC volunteer Brian Sund, are, left to right: Ayaka Ishikawa, Ross Wheeler, Noriko Abe, and Isamu Tateuchi.



In October, Maria Morales (left) and her niece, Sprague High School student Lilliana Morales (center), joined FOPC regular volunteer Pat Norman in clearing away moss from the concrete cap of the family plot of Cassius S. Brock, Plot 380, with wooden paddles.

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For generations of visitors to the cemetery, the David and Mary Waldo Logan monument on Plot No. 444 has been a way-finding landmark standing one tier north of the central drive at the center of the grounds. During the 2018 field work season it was one of sixty-seven conservation projects undertaken by Jeff Hilts, the City's contractor-of-record for professional headstone repairs.

In the first large-scale professionally-conducted trial application of its kind in the cemetery, the Logan monument was treated, conservatively, with D/2 Solution, a currently approved product when applied in accord with manufacturer specifications for removing pollutants, algae, lichens, etc. D/2 is bio-degradable and acid and bleach-free. It is expected that the monument formerly discolored by grime will lighten perceptibly over time but not to an unnatural chalk-like effect.

Air-borne pollution stains and biological growth become easily attached to gravemarkers and pavements. In Salem Pioneer Cemetery, cleaning of monuments is approached cautiously to protect against damage due to over-cleaning and inappropriate chemical agents. Cleaning of a given headstone, through rinsing, can be safely done periodically, but should not be done regularly, and always with the gentlest means possible, using plenty of plain water, a soft bristled brush, and a wooden stylus for clearing moss from inscriptions.



FOPC volunteers Bruce DeForest and Pat Sisson sluiced moss from bases and water-rinsed grime from Herren family headstones and a tall marble tablet of Simeon Smith, Plot 666.

In Memoriam

Respectfully, and with regret, we note the passing of our friends and supporters as information is available.

Emi Takayama (Dec. 22, 1919 - Jan. 10, 2018)
John S. Griffith (Jan. 20, 1928 - March 25, 2018)
Thomas B. Kay (Sept. 10, 1923 - May 18, 2018)
Delbert C. Kurtz (Nov. 1, 1925 - July 27, 2018)
Richard J. Simpson (June 3, 1936 - Aug. 17, 2018)

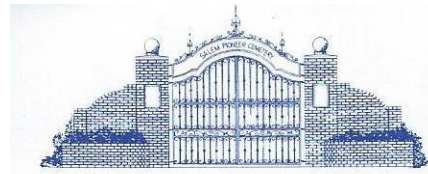
HORTICULTURAL PROJECT LEADER LOOKS AFTER CEMETERY'S TREE CANOPY



Tom Beatty, long-time Horticultural Project Leader for the Parks Operations section, Salem Public Works Department, made his final sweep of the grounds to limb, shape, and disentangle branches of the cemetery's stately conifers for the last time in the fall of 2018 before his scheduled retirement early the following year. The Mill Creek Corrections crew removed debris. Beatty's guidance in matters horticultural has been invaluable.

He identified the cemetery's less well known ornamental species of trees and shrubs, such as the prized exotic *Cornus Kousa* (Korean dogwood) in the plot adjacent to the west side of the E.N. Cooke Mausoleum forecourt, and he resolved, in a series of sweeps over a period of twelve years, such issues as a distressed tree or an encroaching juvenile tree, naturally-seeded, requiring removal. Tom and the seasonal crew members he supervised reduced the skirts of Douglas firs and Port Orford cedars in order to reveal and provide access to gravemarkers that had long been concealed. In areas of the cemetery where spreading conifers and madrones are concentrated, the horticultural team not only exposed once-hidden monuments but opened up uniform sight lines beneath the tree canopy.

Tom helped the FOPC to appreciate the cemetery as an evolved landscape that originated as part of a broad oak savannah. Once the land was cleared by the founders, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, from 1854 onward, non-native conifers were introduced through natural processes over the years. In the coming year or two, FOPC will be looking for help to compile a comprehensive tree inventory that will aid maintenance efforts going forward. Brian Smith has been named Mr. Beatty's successor in the Parks organization.



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Shortly after Qing Ming, the day of remembrance of ancestors observed under City auspices at the Chinese shrine in the cemetery on April 5, 2018, FOPC's field unit volunteers raised and leveled the subsiding permanent gravemarker of George Hui (1908-1926) as one of their several headstone projects of the season. Left to right: Fred Klatz, Dale Palmquist, Harold Otto, and Mark Fields, who is off camera.

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