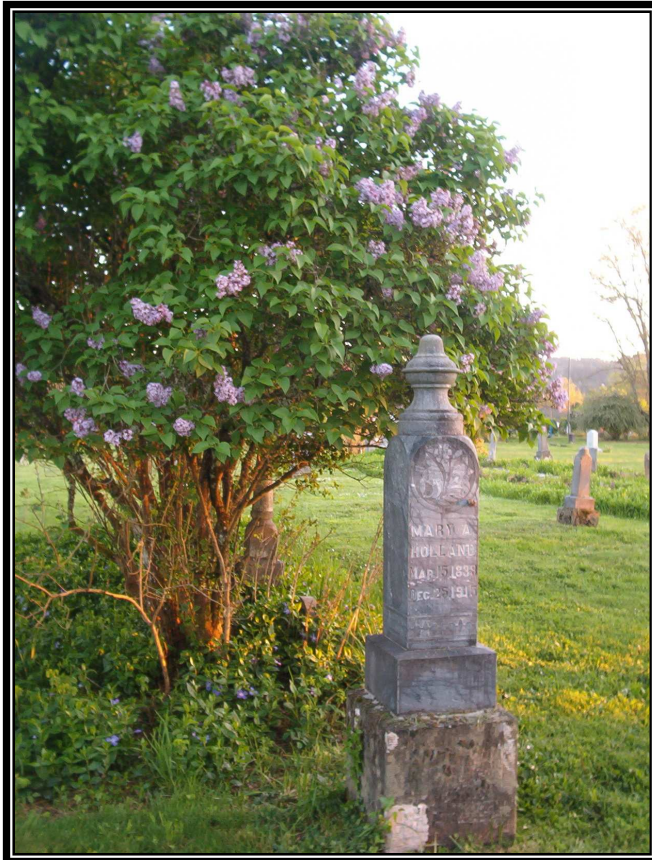


# MULKEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION



## *Spring 2007 News*

As winter draws to a close, we're seeing the first signs of spring up at the cemetery: crocuses and daffodils are coming up, new grass is sprouting, and, of course, the first false dandelions are rearing their ugly heads. The cemetery board and I have been getting ready for spring, and we're excited about our upcoming Easter sunrise service, spring workdays, and Memorial Day. We're also planning a garden for cremated remains along the east side of the cemetery. You can find more information and a calendar in this newsletter.



If it's spring, it must be dues time. Dues are \$30 again this year, and can be sent to us at P.O. Box 26124, Eugene, Oregon 97402, or online via our web site at <http://www.mulkeycemetery.com>.

Your dues go to support mowing, pruning, administration, and management costs, and are very much appreciated. Thanks to the time and talent of our volunteers and the pro bono work contributed by the folks we hire, we're able to leverage the funds you give to get a lot of work done at the Mulkey.

The board and I look forward to seeing you in the cemetery this spring!

Regards,

Linda Peterson Adams

*Visit us online at <http://www.mulkeycemetery.org> for news, events, historical information, or to contribute using your debit or credit card.*

## **When You're Ready To Use Your Plot**

Coping with a bereavement is never easy, even when you've prepared by arranging a burial place ahead of time. To help guide you, we want to provide some information on what to do when you're ready to bury at the Mulkey. You may want to save this page with other estate-planning documents so it's readily accessible when needed.

First, either you or your funeral director should call administrator Sara Palmer at (541) 485-1662 (between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.) as soon as you know you will be planning a burial. She will coordinate with you to make sure your plot is marked and accessible. If you can't reach Sara, call Board President Linda Peterson Adams at (541) 554-1544. Please be prepared with a copy of your deed or other documentation demonstrating your title to the plot.

Please contact us even if you will be burying cremated remains yourself. We are required by the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board to have death certificates and place and date of burial for all new burials at the cemetery. Your help lets us keep our records in good order.

The cemetery requires payment of a burial fee at the time you use your plot. The fee is currently \$100, and covers some of the administrative costs directly associated with your burial. Should you elect to place a headstone on a plot before completing an interment, we request payment at the time the stone is placed, because that's when the plot is first used.

When you're ready to select a headstone, please refer to the cemetery's brochure "Headstone Guidelines" for guidance. The

brochure is available online at our web site, or Sara can send you a copy. In general, the guidelines require that headstones blend in well with the existing historic fabric of the cemetery. Large or unusual stones will be reviewed by the cemetery Board of Directors.

A cemetery representative will usually try to be present at your burial. This ensures that we can receive paperwork and address any questions you may have.

An interment marks a major transition for many families. We hope to help yours go as smoothly as possible.



### **Fall Workdays**

Thank you to all who were able to get out in the cold this last fall to help in planting the north fence with natives (snowberry, wax myrtle, camas and Queen Ann's Lace). The new gardens look great and I couldn't have done it by myself.

A special thank you to those who couldn't pull weeds, but did contribute funds to buy all the plants and soil amendments. The cemetery is looking better every day! I'm looking forward to as many souls helping me in spring as I had in fall.

Linda Peterson Adams

## **Planning for the Future: A Cremation Garden for the Mulkey**

Oregon has one of the highest cremation rates in the country. In 2005, 63% of Oregonians who died were cremated, making this one of the few states where cremation is chosen by the majority (Doug Hernan, FuneralWire.com, January 15, 2007). As community preferences change, the Mulkey must adapt so we can continue to fulfill our mission as a nonprofit, neighborhood-based institution where families can inter and memorialize their departed members.

During the last three years, Mulkey board members have discussed ways the cemetery can adjust to the transition to cremation. The board has concluded that some of the space along the cemetery's eastern boundary can be specifically set aside for cremated remains burial. Our working concept for a cremation garden includes both laying out spaces for urn burial and making visitor enhancements: installing a mixture of traditional and native plants and laying out an area with historic signage, benches, and a small plaza.

We are currently applying for a City of Eugene neighborhood grant to help fund initial work on the project, and have been given a substantial donation of pro-bono landscape design work by Brian McCarthy of Cameron McCarthy Gilbert and Scheibe, a local landscape architecture firm with experience working in historic settings.

There are a number of ways to get involved with the project: we'll be working on planning this spring and summer; our fall 2007 workdays will focus on installing the new plantings; and, of course, your pledge of financial support will be gratefully

accepted. Please contact Linda at (541) 434-1266 or [president@mulkeycemetery.org](mailto:president@mulkeycemetery.org) if you're interested in participating.

With your help, we can prepare the cemetery to serve future generations' burial needs and provide an enhanced experience for today's visitors.

### **Upcoming Events**

This spring, the cemetery will be welcoming two special events in addition to our regular workdays.

On Sunday, April 8, at 7 a.m., we'll host our first Easter Sunrise service. Come join your fellow Association members and cemetery neighbors for a nondenominational service conducted by Fr. Gil Avery of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. After the service, you're invited to join us for coffee and pastries.

We've scheduled three workday weekends for May: the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, and the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Workdays are a great opportunity to get outdoors, meet new people, do some gardening, and get the Mulkey looking good for Memorial Day. Don't forget gloves, a hat, and sturdy shoes!

Each year on Memorial Day, many of our cemetery families and neighbors visit the Mulkey to decorate graves and pay their respects. This year, Memorial Day falls on May 28, and we've arranged for two special musical performances. At 11 a.m., we'll welcome bagpiper Lynne Jones. Ms. Jones loves piping and has played at festivals and events throughout Oregon. At noon, we'll be joined by the Hammered Brass Quintet, a Eugene-based ensemble. We're excited to bring these events to the cemetery, and hope you'll join us in the Mulkey this spring!



## SPRING 2007 CALENDAR

### **April 8 (Easter Sunday)**

7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, coffee and pastries to follow

### **May 5-6, 19-20, and 26-27**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spring Cemetery Workdays

### **May 28 (Memorial Day)**

11 a.m. Lynne Jones, Piper; 12 p.m. Hammered Brass Quintet

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