



Ferncliff Cemetery, Arboretum & Crematory Newsletter

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1st ANNUAL *SPRING TOUR* – April 11, 2018

On Wednesday, April 11, Ferncliff Arboretum will host our first Spring Tour, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. A horticultural trolley tour of Ferncliff Cemetery lead by Adam Ravestein of Scarff's Nursery to explore our beautiful grounds and the many varieties of blooming trees and bushes that grace this historic treasure in the middle of the city. Our Arboretum is home to four species of *Ohio State Champions*, designating the largest of its species growing in Ohio.



"Expect to have hope rekindled. Expect your prayers to be answered in wondrous ways. The dry seasons in life do not last. The spring rains will come again."

– Sarah Ban Breathnach

In addition to the guided tour, we will also be presenting *Ferncliff – History and Evolution* – a pictorial presentation in our chapel that will provide interesting stories surrounding some of the most famous people of Ferncliff and a look at what's new and what's ahead for us. Refreshments will be provided.

Trolley tours will begin promptly at 4:30.

There is no charge for this event, however **reservations are required** (maximum 70) and should be made by calling Ferncliff's main office at 937-322-3491.

Spring Clean-up Has Begun

Spring Clean-up of the grounds began March 19, 2018 to remove any winter decorations left on site. With the commencement of mowing season, all lot decorations, except those in permitted bouquet holders, are being removed. Items not permitted at any time, including lights, toys, photos, mulch, rocks, pinwheels, etc., may be removed at any time. If you have any questions regarding the Lot Decoration policies, please feel free to contact us.

House of Reflections Open House – May 10th

On Thursday, May 10, 2018, from 4 – 6 pm, Ferncliff will be hosting an Open House at the recently opened House of Reflections. Previously built in 1890 for the Superintendent of the Cemetery, the historic home on Plum Street has been fully renovated. In its new role, the building contains 368 indoor niches in a choice of glass fronted or granite. Public is welcome. Come join us.



Mother's Day.....Father's Day

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17

Burial location assistance will be available on both Mother's Day and Father's Day from 12 – 4 pm in our main office. Light refreshments will be available.



Summer Grounds Hours

With Daylight Savings Time, the Ferncliff Cemetery grounds is now open the following hours: Main Gate 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM, Side Gates 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM.



The hummingbird teaches us to hover in the moment... to appreciate its sweetness.

-Unknown

ANNOUNCING

SPRING SALE

MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2018

FLAT MARKER GRAVE SPACES

PURCHASE 2 OR MORE SPACES AT DISCOUNTED PRICE

SECTION 36	\$657.00 EA. (REG. \$977.00 EA.)
SECTIONS J, 35, 37	\$827.00 EA. (REG. \$1007.00 EA.)
SECTION 54	\$827.00 EA. (REG. \$927.00 EA.)
SECTION 38	\$827.00 EA. (REG. 877.00 EA.)

Memorial Day Weekend – News and Activities



Extended Hours – All Weekend

Ferndale Cemetery grounds will be open extended hours for the three-day weekend (Sat, Sun, Mon): from 8 am to 7 pm. Burial location assistance will be available from 8am-4pm on Saturday, 12-4pm on Sunday and 8am-4pm Monday, at the tent just inside the main McCreight entrance, as well as at our office.

Sunday, May 27th

Floating Lantern Remembrance Service

Once again, Ferndale will be honoring our loved ones lost within the past year, with an evening Lantern Service on Sunday, May 27 beginning at 8:00pm. Families will gather to pay tribute with a floating lighted lantern launched on our pond. Our guest speaker that evening will be US Air Force Chaplain Major Joseph A. Branch. This event is by invitation only and **RSVP is required**. Call for your reservation 937-322-3491. Please bring a lawn chair for your comfort. *See related article on the meaning and origins of the lantern ceremony on page 5 of this newsletter.*

Monday, May 28th

Parade and Veterans' Honor Service

The Clark County Memorial Day Parade starts at 9:00 am and ends at Ferndale Cemetery. Immediately following the parade, a Veterans Honor Service will be held at the main flagpole on the front lawn just inside the main McCreight Ave entrance, in front of our office building.



We wish to thank our local VFWs with assistance from area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in decorating our veterans' sections with the American flags.

"We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and this resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue."

- James A. Garfield

It takes strength to make your way through grief, to grab hold of life and let it pull you forward. – Patti Davis

Notes from the Ferncliff Funeral Home

Pastime

There are activities we all like to do to pass the time. Some of us like to read. Some prefer to be hunting or fishing. Some like working puzzles. Some prefer watching a favorite TV program. We all have things we like to do to pass the time.

I have never heard anyone declare their favorite pastime is to pre-plan their funeral, yet to wait past the time means we burden everyone around us unnecessarily.

Here is the simple truth: pre-planning only takes about one hour. By pre-planning a person determines the type of funeral they want and how much they want to spend. Your pre-plan tells your loved ones exactly what kind of service you want: no guess work on their part when sometime in the future your pre-plan becomes reality.

Here is another simple truth: if you decide to fund your pre-plan at today's prices, either in a lump sum or through a payment plan, your funeral is guaranteed, even if your pre-plan is needed before you have finished paying it off. The final pre-planned funeral payment must be paid in full at the time of passing.

Pre-planning may not be one of your top one hundred things to do to pass the time, but don't let time pass without you making plans to lighten the load on your loved ones. Feel free to contact the Ferncliff Funeral Home to set up an appointment to plan your pre-need funeral at (937) 207-0309.

Questions & Answers...

Why do we need an obituary notice?

Answer: An obituary notice is helpful for friends and family of the deceased. It informs them that a death has occurred and gives them information about the service. You may wish to add additional details, such as names of any children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, parents, other close relatives or special friends. You may wish to write about the deceased's life, accomplishments and legacy. You may suggest preferred charities for memorial contributions and let people know if you would rather not receive flowers. Obituaries can be placed in newspapers, online and on social media (ex: Ferncliff Funeral Home Facebook) and on the Ferncliff webpage.

Do you have a question you would like to ask our funeral director? If so, please email Erin at emoser@ferncliffcemetery.org

From our kitchen to yours... In Memory of My Mom, Patricia Ann Wadsworth ... her favorite recipe by Jenny Collins

LIL CHEDDAR MEAT LOAVES RECIPE

Ingredients

- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2/3 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons prepared mustard

In a bowl, beat the egg and milk. Stir in cheese, oats, onion and salt. Add beef and mix well. Shape into eight loaves; place in a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. Combine ketchup, brown sugar and mustard; spoon over loaves. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 45 minutes or until the meat is no longer pink and a meat thermometer reads 160°. **Yield:** 8 servings

Do you have a favorite recipe of your deceased loved one that you would like to share? If so, email Jenny at jcollins@ferncliffcemetery.org



Meaning of Floating Lantern Remembrance Ceremony



For the past several years Ferncliff Cemetery has had a Floating Lantern Ceremony the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. The purpose of this ceremony is where all can come together for a personal and collective moment of remembrance, reflection, offering gratitude to those who have gone before us and collectively hope towards a better future. It is a chance to be surrounded by the love, understanding, and support of others. This strengthens us as a community for we are reaching out to support others and build understanding of our common values and experiences.

These beautiful constructions are normally made from oiled rice paper on a bamboo frame, with a small candle. When they are lit, the flame works to heat up the air inside the lantern, which causes it to float gently until the flame dies out.

The origin of the floating lantern is credited to China, although the actual name of the inventor is not known. They have become extremely popular in other Asian countries and are used in most national and local festivals, carnivals and other special occasions. First, these lanterns were primarily used for decorations or luminaries, but later for the symbolization of good luck, hope for a better future and the floating away of problems and worries.

In Japan, the Buddhist used them in the Shinnyo-en Buddhist order religious ceremony traditionally held in July and August to mark the end of Odon or Bon* festival season. The Hawaii's Shinnyo-en order holds its ceremony annually on Memorial Day to honor those who gave their lives in conflict/war, and to remember departed loved ones. There are prayers for a peaceful and harmonious future. Participants write the names of the deceased and messages of comfort on the paper lanterns, which are set onto the open ocean to extend the wish for peace and happiness across the globe.

Whether they float in the air or simply shed appealing illumination as a home decoration, Chinese lanterns never cease to delight people across the world with their cheerful beauty.

**Obon (お盆) or just Bon (盆) is a Japanese Buddhist custom to honor the spirits of one's ancestors. This Buddhist-Confucian custom has evolved into a family reunion holiday during which people return to ancestral family places and visit and clean their ancestors' graves, and when the spirits of ancestors are supposed to revisit the household altars. It has been celebrated in Japan for more than 500 years and traditionally includes a dance, known as Bon-Odori.*

New Website Launched

Keep abreast of all the news and events at Ferncliff by visiting our new website www.ferncliffcemetery.org. You can find information on planning ahead, read obituaries, search a burial location, learn where to turn at time of loss. and view many photos and history of Ferncliff. Take a look around. And as always, if you have any questions, please give us call.

Come take a walk... Ferncliff's grounds during the Spring are lush with new growth. Flowering trees, green grass, tranquil fountains, and quiet surroundings make it a great place to enjoy a stroll. If it's been awhile since you've visited, we invite you to come take a walk and enjoy the gift of peace and serenity in our busy world.



"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared."

- Buddha



For Memorial Day: A Tribute to James Richard Ward, 1921 – 1941

The first Clark County man to die in WW II. After completing basic training in Farragut, ID in 1940, James Ward was stationed to Pearl Harbor aboard the USS Oklahoma. A member of the Navy baseball team, he was the batting champ of the Pacific fleet. On Dec. 7, 1941, during the bombing of Pearl Harbor, James helped rescue 18 fellow crewmen, before dying trapped below decks. Today, the following bear his name: a Navy Destroyer, the naval training center at Farragut, ID, a Honolulu athletic field, and our local American Legion Post. Though buried at sea, he is memorialized on the WW II Mound.



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*Promise me you'll
always remember:
You're braver than
you believe, and
stronger than you
seem, and smarter
than you think.*

-A. A. Milne