

April 2026

Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association eNewsletter**Caroline's Cemetery Tour**

April 25—1:00 to 2:30 PM



Here's an opportunity to explore the restored mausoleum and the cemetery grounds. Caroline Forell knows details and secrets about the cemetery and Hope Abbey Mausoleum that she can share with you. The tour begins at 1 PM on Saturday, April 25, and will last about 90 minutes. Please meet at Hope Abbey, which is the large concrete structure at the end of E. 26th Avenue.

Please park on city streets because there is no general parking on the cemetery grounds.

Last Sunday Open HouseHope Abbey Mausoleum
April 26—1:00 to 4:00 PM

We'll be hosting an open house this coming Sunday, April 26, in Hope Abbey Mausoleum. The doors will be open for visitors from 1 to 4 PM, and there will be two knowledgeable board members present to answer questions about the mausoleum and the cemetery grounds.

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**Cemetery Arboretum/Landscape Update**

By Diego Llewellyn-Jones, Site Manager

It's that time of year when the earth can't seem to hold itself in, when everything pushes upward at once. On the north side of the cemetery, the growth is especially lush. Fringe cups and miner's lettuce line the curve of the carriage road, while false Solomon's seal and tall Larkspur bloom in loose clusters along the hillside.

At the top of the hill, near the water fountain, three of my favorites have appeared: red and yellow columbine, bright and intricately shaped; small-flowered woodland star, with its delicate, pointed petals; and the tall western Meadowrue—petal-less and exposed, but no less beautiful for it.



Tall Meadowrue



Tall Larkspur



Small flowered woodland star



Western Meadowrue

Masonic Cemetery Music

Concert Series for 2026

The two music series hosted by the Eugene Masonic Cemetery are in hiatus during the cold weather, but will resume when the weather warms again.

We are only one month away from our first free concert of 2026. We will kick off the season on Memorial Day Weekend with *The Dubious Rubes* in the Public Square for Music on the Square. Thank you for your support of these free programs.



Here is the schedule for the 2026 season.

Music On The Square: Sundays at 6 PM

May 24—The Dubious Rubes

June 14—Blugene Brass

July 26—The Sugar Beets

August 9—Natsukashai Soul

September 13—The Feel Goods

Music To Die For: Sundays at 2 PM

June 14—Linda Danielson & Janet Naylor—*Fiddle & Celtic Harp*

July 12—Kara Eubanks & Nathalie Fortin—*Violin & Piano*

August 9—Casera—*South American music*

September 13—Wild Hog in the Woods—*Skiffle band*

October 11—Oregon Bach Collegium

Mission Statement

To restore, rehabilitate, maintain, interpret and operate the historic Eugene Masonic Cemetery and Hope Abbey Mausoleum as a cultural and natural resource for the community.

The Eugene Masonic Cemetery

- Is an active, operating cemetery
- Is non-denominational
- Has no requirement to be a Mason or association with Masonry
- Is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Is operated for the public benefit, but is private property.

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