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Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association eNewsletter



"Last Sunday" Open House August 25th



We'll be hosting our monthly "Last Sunday" Open House this coming Sunday, August 25, 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.

Please park on city streets, because there is no general public parking on the cemetery grounds. Hope Abbey is the large concrete structure at the end of E. 26th.

Cemetery Tour Saturday, August 31st @ 1 PM



Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association Board member Caroline Forell will lead a free guided tour of the Masonic Cemetery and Hope Abbey. Visit the graves of many of the historic luminaries of their day, and get a good overview of this 1859 cemetery.

The date is Saturday, August 31 at 1 PM. Meet Caroline at the entrance of the equally historic Hope Abbey Mausoleum to begin the tour, which will last about 90 minutes.

A reminder that there is no parking in the cemetery. Park on Potter or 25th & University and walk up to Hope Abbey.

Music To Die For



Music To Die For Concert Series 2024

September: (TBA) Violin Ensemble
October 13: Recorder Orchestra

All concerts are free and are in Hope Abbey. They begin at 2 PM and finish about an hour later.

Music on the Square



Music on the Square Concert Series 2024

This is the last free open air concert this season of music in the gorgeous Masonic Cemetery Public Square! Join us and get the low down on the Oregon Tuba Association. More information will be coming next month.

September 15: Oregon Tuba Association

Bring a folding chair or a blanket to sit on, and a picnic dinner if you wish.

EMCA ARBORETUM QUESTIONS

What do you want to know?
We need your help!



Our cemetery is now an accredited arboretum. We have an inventory of trees and shrubs, and our next step is to make this information easily available and informative to visitors. The plan is to create a self-guided walking tour similar to the "Famous People" tour we have now, with a companion brochure containing a map and information about the

trees along the way. We have ordered signs to be placed by trees on such a path, and now we're working on the brochure.

We want the new brochure to be as useful as possible, both to casual visitors and to enthusiasts who make special trips to see the arboretum. What would they want to know? What can we tell them that's special about our trees and shrubs? Our fold-out leaflet *Trees of the Eugene Masonic Cemetery* has material on the past, present, and future of the cemetery's landscape, as well as on trees of particular interest. We like it, but it doesn't have a map.

Anyone with a cell phone who sees an *Arbutus menziesii* sign by a tree and thinks "Well, what's that?" can search online and learn a lot about Pacific madrone. But what questions might a visitor have about our madrones, or any of our other trees and shrubs? We'd like to know! Help us decide what we put in the brochure.

What questions do you think visitors—of any sort—might ask that a brochure could answer? Please send your suggestions with subject line "tree questions" to wright@uoregon.edu. To be most helpful, your thoughts should reach us by September 15. Thanks in advance for helping us make the arboretum brochure as useful as possible.

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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.

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