

July 2025

## Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association eNewsletter



### Last Sunday Open House at Masonic Cemetery

July 27th, 1 to 4 PM



We'll be hosting our monthly open House this coming Sunday, July 27, 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.

We invite you to visit because we're proud of what we've accomplished over the past 30 years. After years of restoration, the beautiful interior of the mausoleum is today pretty much as it was when it was dedicated in 1913; the stunning walls of marble, the shiny terrazzo floors and the 80+ replica stained glass windows by local artist John Rose that bathe the interior in a new light.

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

### Music To Die For Concert Series 2025



August 10: Mike & Carleen McCornack (See below.)  
September 14: Oregon Bach Collegium  
October 12: David Helfand

All concerts are at 2 PM on a Sunday, are free and are held in Hope Abbey mausoleum. They last about an hour.

Please park on city streets because there is no general public parking on the cemetery grounds. Enter either at 25th and University or the entrance at the end of E 26th St. Avenue. Walk uphill to Hope Abbey Mausoleum.

### Mike & Carleen McCornack

Sunday, August 10th



Singer-songwriters Mike and Carleen McCornack have been delighting audiences for years with an engaging musical style that blends clear, expressive, harmonious vocals with sparkling acoustic instrumental accompaniments. Their wide-ranging repertoire includes many critically-acclaimed original compositions. They have released ten albums during their career:

*Possibilities; Live On Earth; Beasties; Bumbershoots & Lullabies; Sunshine Cake; High Hopes; A Road To Call Your Own; Ready For Christmas; Stories We Could Tell; Dream True;* and their most recent, *Days Like Today*.

Themes of love, humor, respect for living things and natural beauty fill their performances. Mike and Carleen have proven equally at home performing for families who know them from their award-winning children's recordings (Parent's Choice Gold Award winners and Parent's Guide Honors!), and for adults who appreciate their musical depth and off-center humor.

### Music on the Square Concert Series 2025



The wonderful outdoor concert series at the Masonic Cemetery has only two remaining programs this year. These free concerts have been very popular, and here's your chance to be entertained in a serene wooded setting. Join us for one or both of these concerts, which are sponsored by Lane Forest Products.

August 24: Kyzyl Gul-Red Rose (See below.)  
September 21: Kara Ubanks and Nathalie Fortin

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

Please park on city streets because there is no general public parking on the cemetery grounds. Enter either at 25th and University or at the end of E 26th St. Walk uphill to the public square.

For easier access to the public square, people with mobility issues can be dropped off at the south east cemetery entrance at the end of Elinor St. This is a pleasant level walk without major elevation changes.

### Kyzyl Gul - The Red Rose

Sunday, August 24th



*Kyzyl Gul - The Red Rose* presents exciting and beautiful music from parts of the Middle East and Central Asia. Kyzyl Gul is a hamlet in Uzbekistan.

We specialize in folkloric as well as spiritual songs including Sufi and romantic poetry translated by one of the band members.

The instruments we play are oud, kanun, clarinet, flute, doumbek, frame drum and riq, with singing in Turkish, Armenian, Uzbek, Kyrgyz and Tajik languages.

Come have a fun as well as a deep spiritual experience!

### Are You Interested?



After making enormous progress in restoring our cemetery, we're now committed to maintaining and presenting it as a unique community resource. That takes help, so we're always looking for people to share the responsibility—folks who want to be involved and make a difference.

Service opportunities include helping out with events such as concerts and open houses, as well as acting as guides and

docents. Perhaps you'll even have some other ideas for projects or activities.

We'd also welcome new board members to help guide the organization into the years ahead. No special knowledge of cemeteries or personal connection with ours is required —only a sincere desire to be useful and to help preserve and present our remarkable treasure.

If that sounds like you, or if you'd like more information about service opportunities and how to get involved, we want to [hear from you](#).

### August Cemetery Tour

Saturday, August 23rd  
1 to 2:30



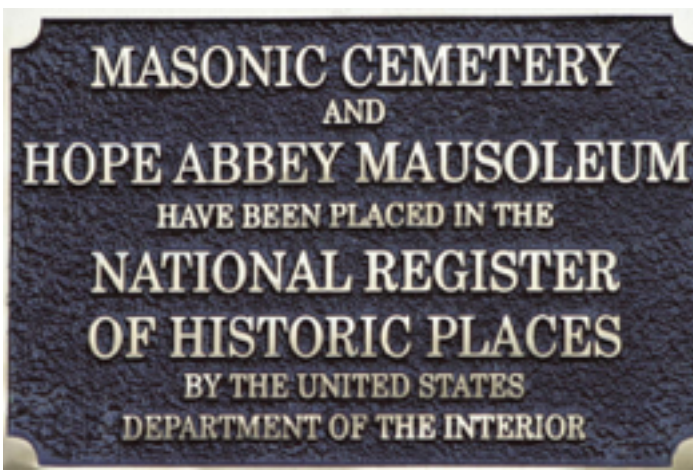
For those of you who may have missed the cemetery tour by Caroline Forell on Memorial Day weekend, here's another opportunity to explore the restored Mausoleum and the cemetery grounds.

She will conduct another tour on Saturday, August 23rd. The tour begins at 1 PM and will last about 90 minutes. Please meet at Hope Abbey.

### —Full of Life—

The History and Character of Eugene's Masonic Cemetery

Something worth reading one month at a time.



Last fall we began a serial presentation of the Eugene Masonic Cemetery's publication *Full of Life*, a short book on the history and background of the cemetery. A link to this month's chapter appears below. Learn more about the diverse landscape, the cemetery's native plants and the all-over natural beauty found in the middle of an urban area.

It is clear that an old cemetery holds memories of human life. But can the land itself in this same old cemetery also hold memories of its natural history? We believe so.

Click on the title below to access this month's chapter.

Chapter Ten: [Natural History](#)

Because of the size of the print in the original book, it's suggested that you read these chapters on a laptop or large computer screen.

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Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association

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### 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 cemetery is operated for the public benefit,  
but it is private property.  
(A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization)



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