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Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association eNewsletter



MUSIC TO DIE FOR—2022



We're honored to have harpist David Helfhand and violinist Tanya Bunson open the 2022 season of *Music To Die For*.

David has appeared with *Music To Die For* in past seasons, and we're pleased to have him back. He composes and performs original and also traditional music on Celtic harp, mandocello, guitar, keyboards and percussion.

Tanya Bunson is a classically trained violinist and was an original member of The Sugar

tapestry inspired by David's compositions.

Their music will be a tribute to the memory of all who have passed during these very trying few years due to the pandemic and the tragic events that have unfolded in the recent times. David will feature his most atmospheric, heartfelt music, accompanied by Tanya on violin, as they journey towards light and hope. The concert is Sunday, June 26, at 2 PM in Hope Abbey Mausoleum on the grounds of the Eugene Masonic Cemetery.

Guest performers later in the year will include classical guitarist Craig Einhorn, the family team of Coleen and Mike McCornack, and The Porch Band. There will be more detail as we get closer to performance dates.

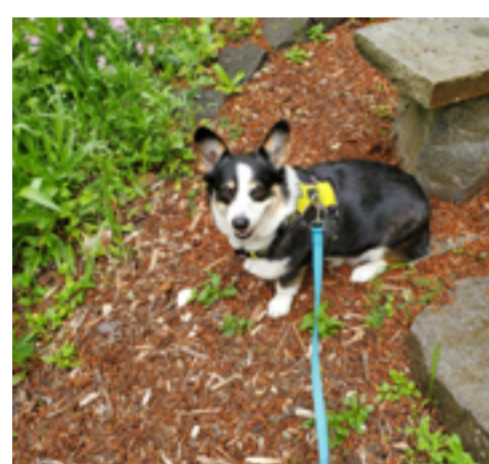
Because COVID and its variations are still present in Lane County, we will require that everyone who attends be vaccinated and masked during the performance. [Vaccination cards will be checked upon entry](#). Additionally, seating will be restricted to 50 inside the building. The doors will open at 1:30 PM.

The cemetery is located at E. 25th and University. There is no parking within the cemetery grounds, so please park on city streets. Note that it's closer to park on Potter and walk one short block up E. 26th to Hope Abbey.

Music to Die For is a free, all-acoustic summer concert series in Hope Abbey. The hour-long concerts are held on the last Sunday of each month from June through October. Although MTDf was cancelled for two years, we're planning a full schedule beginning this month, but with reduced attendance.

IMPORTANT GUEST ARTICLE

By Frankie S.



The Eugene Masonic Cemetery is one of my favorite places to walk. There is always so much to see, and it is full of interesting people, plants, birds and animals. The bark paths are easy on my paws, although sometimes I do wish I could explore the grassy areas more. I am sure there are many interesting things hiding there that I could explore.

My person, however, keeps good track of me and explains why we need to stay on the paths and not bother the things that live in the cemetery. There are other places I can run around without a leash, and we go there too. I do wish she would let me chase some of those noisy squirrels, but she says I can do that in my own back yard.

Sometimes I see other dogs with their people and get to say "Hi." Most are friendly (the dogs and the people), and most have leashes connecting them. It is scary to see a dog without a leash because you never know if it's friendly. Dogs are supposed to be on leashes. Their people are supposed to pick up their poops too, and it's annoying to me and others when they don't.

I especially like it when I get to say "Hi" to Diego and Alex, the friendly people who take care of the cemetery. They're busy, and I know to not bother them too much. I don't like the noise of some of their machines, but there is always a nice quiet place to go to.

I can keep coming to the cemetery for my walks as long as my person helps me follow the rules, which really aren't too bad. One important thing to know: keep away from the turkeys!

MEMORIAL DAY WRAP-UP



Memorial Day Weekend at the Eugene Masonic Cemetery was back to normal this year. Outside on the grounds, our two landscape gurus, Diego and Alex, had the cemetery in especially beautiful condition for our visitors. Flags were flying over the graves of veterans, and of course, Taps was played at noon in their honor.

Sally Dietrich, the cemetery's administrator, had the interior of Hope Abbey Mausoleum filled with displays of tombstone examples, old photographs of Hope Abbey, native flowers from the grounds and one big ol' hornets' nest.

Carol Houde displayed one of her early 1900s wedding dresses from her huge collection. The favorite "history hunt" was back in full swing with both parents and kids out on the grounds, looking for answers on our version of a scavenger hunt.

Coffee was prepared, and thanks to Reality Kitchen we served delicious cake that was enjoyed by the literally hundreds of visitors who dropped by.

We hope you'll visit in May of 2023 for our next Memorial Day event. All these activities will be waiting for you, and you'll also have the chance to visit the completely restored historic Hope Abbey Mausoleum.

REMEMBER THAT THE MASONIC CEMETERY

- Is privately owned, but opens its grounds to the public, subject to COVID-19 safeguards.
- Is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is not subsidized by the city of Eugene.
- Is eligible for the [Oregon Cultural Trust match](#).
- Has a website, eugenemasoniccemetery.org, with lots of information about the cemetery.
- Has free informational brochures available at the Garden Cottage, including a walking tour map.
- Has burial rights and cremains space for sale. Contact Sally Dietrich at (541) 684-0949 or [by email](#).
- Accepts on-line donations. [Here's how to do it](#).
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