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Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association eNewsletter



"Last Sunday" Open House Sunday, September 29th



We'll be hosting our monthly "Last Sunday" Open House on Sunday, September 29th, 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 Tours

The Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association has two small group tours lined up for the near future. These tours are free.

September 28 (Saturday) at 1 PM, Board member, Caroline Forell will guide a tour of Hope Abbey and the grounds. [More information below.](#)

October 17th (Thursday) This tour, led by Site Manager Diego Llewellyn-Jones, will focus specifically on landscape features. [More information below.](#)

Caroline Forell Tour Saturday, September 28th 1 PM



EMCA Board Member Caroline Forell led a successful tour of the cemetery recently, and she will do another free tour Saturday, September 28th at 1 PM.

Meet Caroline at the entrance of the historic Hope Abbey Mausoleum to begin the tour, which includes the interior of Hope Abbey as well as a historical look at some of the people interred in the the cemetery. The photo at the left gives a glimpse of the glorious interior of the mausoleum. Come see it in person!

The tour will last about 90 minutes.

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

Photo by Sheri Pyron

Diego Llewellyn-Jones Tour Thursday, October 17th 1 PM



Diego, our Site Manager, will show you around the 10 acres that are the grounds of the Masonic Cemetery. He's the leader of the team of three that maintain the property. All three share a love of the space, beauty and solace it provides. If you see any or all working away on the property, be sure to stop and say "Hello".

The grounds are the home of many species of birds and animals as well as an amazing collection of trees and other growing things.

The tour is planned for about 90 minutes. Meet Diego at the front of Hope Abbey Mausoleum at 1 PM

Music To Die For (Next Month—October 13)



October 13: **Eugene Recorder Orchestra**

This concert is free and is in Hope Abbey. It begins at 2 PM and will last about an hour. Note that this is next month.

This will be the last *Music To Die For* this calendar year. We can't comfortably plan for music later than October because Hope Abbey does not have a heating system.

Eugene Recorder Orchestra



When most people think of the recorder, they think of an elementary music class playing a song like Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. The Eugene Recorder Orchestra is more likely to think of fugues, symphonies, and the full gamut of music over the past 500 years. Come hear an ensemble of 14 of the finest recorder players in Eugene on instruments that range from eight inches to six feet long and cover a range of five octaves. It's a glorious sound, and on October 13, that sound will be magnified by the incredible acoustics of Hope Abbey.

In the ERO's *Music to Die For concert*, you will be taken from Renaissance works by Gabrieli and Tomkins to the glories of the baroque by JS Bach and Torelli to transcriptions of 19th and 20th century masterpieces by Borodin, Shostakovich, and the dramatic Jupiter movement from Holst's *The Planets*. ERO concerts are full of surprises, so make plans to attend our next event in the Eugene Masonic Cemetery's Hope Abbey.

The photo above is an example of a basic recorder, but they come in many sizes and shapes, some of which I'm sure you've never seen. Here's your chance.

November Voting

November 5th is the deadline for you to vote on a myriad of items, not the least of which is for the next President of the United States. The ballot you'll receive as a registered voter will have measures and candidates that will affect city, county, state and national issues.

Voting is one of the basic ways of participating in our democracy, but you must be registered. In Oregon, it's easy to both register and to vote. If you have questions about your voting status, you can check that online at:

<https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/myvote.aspx>

You'll also find information there on the voting process, which in Oregon is easy because ballots are mailed to your postal address. They may be returned via a postage prepaid envelope included with the ballot, or you may hand deliver them to one of designated drop boxes.

Please register and vote.

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Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association

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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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