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## Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association eNewsletter



### Last Sunday Open House Eugene Masonic Cemetery



We'll be hosting our monthly open house this coming Sunday, September 28, 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 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 for 2025



The last concert for 2025 is at 2 PM on Sunday, October 12, and is free. It's held in Hope Abbey mausoleum, and will last about an hour.

October 12: **David Helfand**

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.

### David Helfand



David Helfand is a versatile, multi-instrumentalist and composer, known for creating and performing original instrumental music on Celtic harp, mandocello, octave mandolin, guitar, and keyboards. His music is an eclectic fusion of cultures, blending Celtic, Middle Eastern, and meditative pentatonic influences. David has performed extensively in the Northwest and San Francisco Bay area, and locally with the Majestic Ensemble.

David's concert at the Masonic Cemetery Mausoleum on October 12th will be a reflective journey of music of memories and lush pastoral inner and outer emotive musical landscapes. David will be accompanied by some very special guests. He is looking forward to sharing his music with you. For more information on David and his music, his website is available [here](#).

### Music on the Square



The Masonic Cemetery's outdoor concert series known as *Music On the Square* is over for this calendar year, 2025. These free concerts have been very popular, with dozens of people enjoying the music in a serene wooded setting.

But don't despair, Music on the Square will return in 2026, "bigger and better than ever."

Deep thanks go to EMCA Board member Sheri Pyron for conceiving and producing the *Music On The Square* concert series. There's a lot of work necessary to present such wonderful music. Thank you, Sheri.

And thanks also to **Lane Forest Products** for sponsoring these MOTS gems.

### New Board Member—Mallori Milligan



This month we welcomed a new member to the Masonic Cemetery's Board of Directors. Mallori has lived in Eugene for 12 years and, as she says, "In my day job, you can find me as a scientist and biological sample governance lead." I'm sure we'll find out what that means when the cemetery's next *Monumental News* arrives in your mailbox in November.

She's a hiker, a painter and a community advocate on the Board of Friends of the Eugene Public Library, so she's firmly planted in volunteerism. We're glad to have her in our organization.

### Cemetery Arboretum/Landscape Update

By Diego Llewellyn-Jones, Site Manager

[Hey Diego, What's happening in the cemetery? It's September!](#)



The heat of the summer is coming to an end and the few rains we've gotten are slowly turning the golden grass green. Here and there, patches of crocuses have been emerging from the dry forest floor, while dry wisps still hang fragrant from ocean spray twigs. Up at the top of the hill, the cyclamen is blooming, like little shooting stars of pink and white. It is especially pretty in the Chambers family plot, amongst the billowy yellow leaves of the Vancouveria.

### Guided Tours

Two guided tours are on the calendar for the near future. Here are details.

#### Saturday, September 27th at 1 PM

EMCA Board Member Caroline Forell will be giving one of her famous abbey and cemetery tours. Meet in front of Hope Abbey Mausoleum.

#### Thursday, October 9th at 5 PM

Site Manager Diego Llewellyn-Jones is presenting a tour of the cemetery, one in a series of walks coordinated by the Lane Council of Governments for "Walktober." The focus will be the arboretum. Diego will also share some of the fascinating history of the cemetery.

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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.

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