



# MULKEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

## *Spring 2008 Newsletter*

Spring is here, and as the weather warms up it's once again time to pay cemetery dues and prepare for workdays. **Dues are \$30**, and may be sent to the cemetery's post office box. As usual, we can make good use of any additional funds you are able to send. If you prefer to pay by debit or credit card, you may do so online at our web site, [mulkeycemetery.org](http://mulkeycemetery.org). Just click on "Contribute."

**Spring workdays will be May 10, 17, and 18**, beginning at 10 a.m. and winding up at about 3. Bring your hat, gloves, and a sack lunch. **This year's Memorial Day celebration on May 26 will again feature the Hammered Brass Quintet, playing at 1 p.m.** If you saw them play last year, you'll remember what an exceptional experience it was. We look forward to seeing you!

We had a great turnout for fall workdays in October, and also enjoyed seeing many of you at the Easter Sunrise service, rain notwithstanding. Thanks to Rev. Sam Smith for officiating for the second year.

### **MOWING AND MAINTENANCE PLANS**

The cemetery board has voted to adjust the mowing schedule. This decision was reached for two reasons: first, as an experiment to see if somewhat taller grass will shade out the false dandelions, and second, because last year's mowing costs totaled \$2,100. This is the largest single item in the cemetery budget, and for liability reasons, mowing must be done by a licensed contractor.

This year, the grass will be mown at a three to four week interval. At the end of the season, the board will assess how the new schedule has worked. Please let us know what you think. If you are planning a funeral or memorial and would like us to mow or otherwise prepare the cemetery ahead of time, please contact Sara at least a week before your event.

### **CREMATION GARDEN UPDATE**

After a year of planning, discussion, and installation, the new Cremation Garden on the east side of the cemetery is almost ready for interments. This project has been supported by a grant from the City of Eugene's Neighborhood Matching Grant program; in-kind donations from Brian McCarthy of Cameron McCarthy Gilbert & Scheibe, Connie and Paul Redhead, Richard Skinner of All Oregon Land Surveying, and Eugene Monument Company; and the hard work of our generous volunteers, particularly Kay Holbo, Linda Peterson Adams, Jim Fish, Svend Toftemark, and Ann Field.

The Cremation Garden is landscaped with a mixture of native and traditional cemetery plantings, including ceanothus, Pacific wax myrtle, and daffodils. Two-foot-square plots will be available for interment of cremated remains. Individuals interred in the Garden will be memorialized on a large granite tablet marker, reminiscent in form of the traditionally styled tablet markers in use throughout the Mulkey. Additional memorial and commemoration space, which may be used to remember people who are buried or scattered elsewhere, will be available on a matching marker nearby. Plans are also underway to install historic signage and a bench or benches, to provide visitors with a quiet, contemplative sitting space.

If you are interested in purchasing interment or memorialization space in the Garden or helping to underwrite the cost of these improvements, let us know.

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## SPRING 2008 CALENDAR

### **Spring Cemetery Workdays**

May 10, 17, and 18

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Memorial Day Celebration**

May 26

Featuring music by the Hammered Brass Quintet at 1 p.m.

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