

EVERGREEN EPITAPH

2008 TO BE A BUSY YEAR

From the President,

In 2007, the ECBS board came together to get things done!

A very successful 1930's style Murder Mystery was staged at Bemis Hall for approx. 150 participants.

Approx. 300 people turned out at Evergreen Cemetery for a Memorial Day event hosted by ECBS and the Ladies of Evergreen.

Cleanup days were scheduled and several volunteers came out to trim rose bushes and unruly seedlings.

Approx. 10,000 lbs. of stone coping walls and broken monuments were

retrieved and put into a protective environment in a donated shed.

Approx. 500 people turned out for the annual Cemetery Walking Tour.

We had 2 movie nights at the cemetery chapel just before Halloween and it won rave reviews.

To all those who have come out to support ECBS and the cemetery, we can not say thank you enough. Without your support and participation, we can not continue to do what we are doing and planning.

Four coping walls were rebuilt this Fall thanks to the talents of John Fleming. Plans for Potter's field

are in full swing.

We are planning a training seminar to get more comprehensive skills on stone cleaning and proper repair. We are planning many events this year and hope you will attend.

We need members who wish to be a part of this society and sponsors who are willing to donate money to a really good cause. Everything we do costs money and time. If you can not give time, I hope you will be willing to donate funds.

We are here because we care. It is important to remember those who have gone before us.

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Coping Wall Repairs

John Fleming, professional mason, came out to the cemetery and looked at the falling walls surrounding family plots in sections 18 and 15. Shifting soils and small animals have caused stress on the old stones and finally they gave way. It was a dismal sight.

Mr. Fleming worked tirelessly to rebuild and repair those areas until it looked as good as the day they were originally built.

It took an entire weekend but the work this man does

is to be highly recommended.

Mr. Fleming then showed us how we can do small repairs and re enforce minor deterioration of the walls.

On average, a coping wall repair costs approx. \$1500. to \$2000. each to repair. This is something none of us at ECBS have the talent to do. It cost approx. \$6000. total to repair all 4 walls.

Evergreen Cemetery man-

ager stepped up and helped us out with the costs.



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Youth Comes to Our Aid



young adult who wants to volunteer in a cemetery. We were lucky enough to come across a young man who enthusiastically comes out and is helping us with a very tedious and cumbersome task. Identifying and transcribing broken and dirty stones. He is also documenting stones whose bases need repairs and as a result the monuments have fallen apart. The east sections, the old sections, are the ones most in need.

Ivor Bowen stepped forward with his mother, Pam Bowen, and volunteered every weekend to do this for us. Along the way

he tolerated history lessons and stories of many of the residents of this quiet place. Over 400 stones were meticulously documented. Along with that came the need for research into some of the Civil War soldiers. Ivor's thirst for stories and his eagerness to work drew the attention of the cemetery manager who thought Ivor's participation was a terrific thing.

Ivor is planning to continue his involvement with ECBS even after this effort is completed. He has expressed a wish to trim the bushes and trees and participating in Memorial Day festivities.

These days it is hard to find a

A Poem

I Remember You

**I was once your friend,
loved one, relative, counter
part or maybe someone you
just knew. What now?**

**I have passed unto another
good. Did you forget that
maybe I once helped you in
hard times? Did I love you
with all my heart?**

**Maybe you were my mother,
father, brother, sister or a
friend . I am still here. In
your hearts. Look hard.**

**Think about the time that I
did one good thing. Was it
good? Everyone does that
one thing that is bad. Look
at the good in everyone's
soul.**

That is the reason for liv-

**ing. Do something good. I
hope you remember me
because I remember you.**

Clint Ingram

THE FIRST
SCHOOL WAS
PRESIDED OVER BY
MS. QUEEN
PALMER AT THE
CORNER OF BIJOU
ST. AND CASCADE
AVE . WITH
APPROX. 12 TO 15
STUDENTS

2008 Murder Mystery Event

April 26th, 2008

Mark your calendars! On this date at **6pm** at the Penrose library in the **Carnegie Room**, we will be hosting our second annual **Murder Mystery**.

The time...1912, titanic sinks and a nation mourns. Residents of Colorado Springs come together to enjoy the evening.

Edwardian fashions are all the rage, but is not a must. A crowd gathers and will again participate in a night where someone dies and play a game of "Who done it".

Reservations need to be made ahead of time. So don't miss out! Contact Dianne Hartshorn at 630-7328.

Tickets are \$40./per person or



TRAVEL BACK TO 1912 AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF FUN AND LAUGHTER

\$70./per couple. Dinner Included.

February's Recipe

PLAIN CHOCOLATE

For six people, use one quart of milk, two ounces of Walter Baker & Co.'s Premium No. 1 Chocolate, one tablespoonful of cornstarch, three tablespoonfuls of sugar, and two tablespoonfuls of hot water.

Mix the cornstarch with one gill of the milk. Put the remainder of the milk on to heat in the double-boiler. When the milk comes to the boiling point, stir in the cornstarch and cook for ten minutes. Have the chocolate cut in fine bits, and put it in a

small iron or granite-ware pan; add the sugar and water, and place the pan over a hot fire. Stir constantly until the mixture is smooth and glossy. Add this to the hot milk, and beat the mixture with a whisk until it is frothy. Or, the chocolate may be poured back and forth from the boiler to a pitcher, holding high the vessel from which you pour. This will give a thick froth. Serve at once.

If you prefer not to have the chocolate thick, omit the cornstarch. If condensed milk is used,

substitute water for the milk named above and add three tablespoonfuls of condensed milk when the chocolate is added.

Memorial Day 2008

May 26th, 2008

We invite everyone to come out and help us honor and remember all those who have served our country in so many wars.

Re enactors will be present to share their knowledge and passion in various time periods.

The Buffalo Soldier re enactors will have a special presentation at section 2 to honor the many African American soldiers who served so vigorously for this country.

We will again have a balloon release and encourage our guests to write the name of a

past or present family member who has or is serving in our military.

The Stones of our veterans will be marked with flags, but we need your help. We can't mark them all. Can you donate time, money for flags, or adopt a section and help identify all their resting places?

THE FIRST
CEMETERY IN
COLORADO
SPRINGS WAS THE
EL PASO COUNTY
CEMETERY THAT
WAS LOCATED
NEAR PUEBLO ST.
AND SIERRA MADRE
ST.

Fade to Black Funeral Customs and Rituals in the Victorian Era

June 8th, 2008

10am to 2pm Sunday

How much do you know about our past funeral rituals and death customs.

This presentation will take you through 13 stations of mourning.

The area in and around the Evergreen Chapel at 1005 S. Hancock Ave. will be transformed as a stage of displays.

We invite the public to enjoy the displays and then take a self guided tour through the cemetery to see examples of inscriptions, masonry, and an architecture that has not been practiced for many, many years.

A \$5.00 donation is requested to cover expenses.

We hope to see you there.

A presentation by Ingrid McDonald and Dianne Hartsorn.



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EVERY STONE HAS A
STORY

EVERY STORY MARKS
A LIFE

ALL MEMORIES ARE
PRECIOUS

Evergreen Cemetery Benevolent Society is a group of concerned citizens who have come together for the love of history. With over 90,000 persons buried within its walls, we wonder who were these people? What were their time periods like? How hard were their lives? Are there any relatives left here to visit and decorate their last resting places.

They sleep peacefully beneath the trees. They welcome all visitors and never complain. Some visitors though do not have the respect of the dead. They enter to destroy the stones or knock them off their bases. They verbally molest good visitors and make it unpleasant to stay. These kinds of visitors we don't need. Please do your part.

If you see a person causing damage or abusing other visitors, please contact the cemetery employees or call 444-7000 and talk to the police. Only you who are truly concerned can make the difference.

Lastly, if you are a relative and would like to share the stories of those gone before, please contact us by email or phone. We will send out a story request and keep it for future generations. Thank you for your support.

Membership—Please Join Us



The Evergreen Cemetery Benevolent Society need dedicated people. People who love history, are concerned about the cemetery grounds

and the occupants within it. If you enjoy the events we host, won't you please become a paid member and allow this tax deductible contribution to benefit this society and its efforts to restore, educate, and recreate some of these most important personalities of our past?

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Seniors \$15. One free walking tour ticket included

Students \$20. must have ID
One free walking tour ticket

Adults \$25. One free walking tour ticket included

Family \$50. (2 or more) 2 free walking tour tickets included

Sponsor \$100. 2 free walking tour tickets included

Angel \$1000./lifetime member
2 free walking tour tickets a year and a plaque included

All memberships include a free monthly newsletter and emails of upcoming events, training, or fundraisers.

All funds go towards training, projects, and education efforts.

Evergreen Cemetery Benevolent Society (ECBS) is a 501 © (3) non profit and donations are tax deductible.

NEEDS

Glass tabletop showcases

LCD projector

Small flags