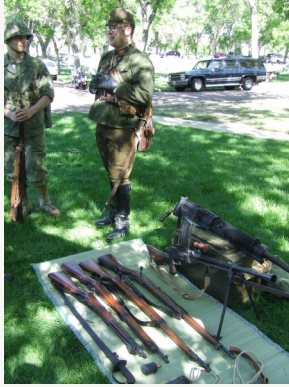


EVERGREEN EPITAPH

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Memorial Day May 30th, 2011



Each year, we strive to honor to fallen soldiers who are buried in Evergreen.

Many fought in the Civil War, the Spanish conflict, WWI and WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars, and present days wars such as Desert Storm and the war many of our brave men and women are

fighting in now. These soldiers came from all over the world and many came to the United States to become American citizens.

Each year we hang yellow ribbons. Evergreen cemetery's manager, Will DeBoer, hosts a balloon release. The public is invited to write the names of loved ones on the balloons and then release them along with thoughts and prayers.

Buffalo Soldiers provide a presentation for a fallen comrade in the area of the Spanish American War in section 28.

Some military re enactors will be near the chapel to talk about their collections.

We will be unveiling a new project. Visitors can now find stories of people, events, associations, etc. posted on markers throughout the cemetery grounds. We will have maps at the ECBS table to lead visitors to these spots.



Directors

Dianne Hartshorn - founder

Ingrid McDonald

Will DeBoer - advisor

Historical Marker Project

Members of the Benevolent Society have been hard at work to create a new way for visitors to learn history. We have developed 11 sign boards for the kick off of this project. One will be at the ECBS table on Memorial Day.

Maps will be furnished to those adventurous enough to walk through Evergreen. The markers will remain up in those areas for a month. At the end of June there will be 10 new stories in different areas. Maps will be left in the main office of the cemetery at the front

gate. We are planning to open our office (small building near the chapel, original office) as soon as possible.

It is our hope that by sharing the extensive history of those buried within Evergreen's grounds, along with events and places, that visitors will gain an appreciation of the rich history of this area and want to learn more.

We would like to thank Pikes Peak Community College's welding school for its welding work. At cost contributions of materials from Glaser Steel, Lowes, and A&C Plastics. Most of all, we thank

volunteers Bill and Carlotta Walker for putting these together.

Each story was researched and written by a member. Their names will appear on the markers along with sources so interested people can learn more. We hope you enjoy them.



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Walking Tours

Starting June 15th, we will be hosting weekly tours of the cemetery grounds. These tours will focus on the interesting aspects of this town and its history. Are you intrigued by the Mausoleums? Want to know more about the Gothic crosses? Ever walk out to Potter’s Field and wonder how those interred there came to these vaguely marked spots? Who were the founding father and the women of Evergreen? Who were the G.A.R. , A.O.U.W., W.O.W., and the I.O.O.F.? So much to be said and learn.

Every Wednesday and Saturday from 1pm to 3pm. Tickets can be bought at the ECBS office by the chapel. **Cost: \$8.** per person (Suitable for all ages)

We will also offer **2 night time lantern tours per month** highlighting 6 of 14 murder stories. Come walk with us in the cemetery after dark (and bring your lanterns, flashlights, and imaginations). The cemetery takes on another look after the sun sets. Sounds of coyotes, owls, and crickets can be heard. **The stories are of events that happened between 1870 to 1940.** Learn how the first cemetery started and where the pioneers cemeteries of the area were located. Tickets can be bought ahead of time at the ECBS office. **Dates will be posted. Cost: \$10.** per person (Suitable for all ages)

If there is a group that would like a tour, arrangements can be made for a private group tour. Contact Ingrid 719-439-4522 or Dianne 460-7328

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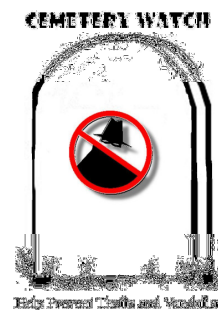
The temperatures are getting warmer and activity in the city cemeteries is increasing.

Crimes in cemeteries are still high throughout the United States. Many crimes don’t get reported. This happens because either families don’t visit regularly or there is no family left to visit.

Gravestones disappear and metal thieves pry bronze vases and

veteran plaques from plots. Vandals harm stones by pushing them over, shooting at them, or striking the stones and causing damage. Gang activity has been seen also. It is important that every visitor help WATCH and REPORT.

Colorado Springs Police 444-7000
Evergreen Cemetery office 578-6646



Scones Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 pinch salt
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1/8 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons milk

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Sift the flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt into a bowl.
3. Rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine bread-crumbs. Stir in the sugar and enough milk to mix to a soft dough.
4. Turn onto a floured surface, knead lightly and roll out to a 3/4-inch thickness. Cut into 2-inch rounds and place on the prepared baking sheet. Brush with milk to glaze. Bake at 425 degrees F (220 degrees C) for 10 minutes then cool on a wire rack. Serve with butter or clotted cream and jam





Conservation Efforts

Each year we try to clean, reset, and repair some of the old stones in Evergreen. This is specialized work and the repair materials are costly. Each year we strive to collect donations or sponsorships to pay for the costs of these repairs. Funding is hard to come by.

We receive no funding from the city or the cemetery. The cemetery places the responsibility of repairs to the families. Grave plots are considered private property.

There are those buried here that have no one to ask for these repairs. We do our best to contact family members if they exist.

The fact is that when a stone is broken, it will either degrade at a faster rate or disappear. These stones are the last vestige of a person's life and location. Touching these pieces of history is like touching the person themselves. All things decay. We wish to keep them around a

little longer. Won't you consider sponsoring a repair?



Did you Know?

The Jewish cemetery, located on the south west side of Evergreen, is not owned by Evergreen or the city of Colorado Springs.

The land for the Sons of Israel cemetery was donated in 1903 and only those of the Jewish faith can be buried within the grounds.

The manager of the Sons of Israel cemetery contracts with Evergreen cemetery employees for burials and for grounds care. The road off the west side of the cemetery is used to transport burials to the grounds.

The records for burials there are also maintained by Evergreen Cemetery staff.



THE ONLY REAL EQUALITY IS IN THE CEMETERY. NO ONE CARES ABOUT MONEY, RACE, RELIGION, OR HOW BIG YOUR HOUSE WAS!

Associations and Organizations

Some 600 secret societies were established in the United States between 1800 and 1900. Individual benevolent societies were beyond counting and many no longer exist. Some symbols were shared by some organizations such as the Masons and the Odd Fellows. Among shared icons of the "eye", "beehive", "bible" and the "hourglass".

A few of these organization initials that are found are "A.O.K.M.C." that is the Ancient Order of Knights of Mystic Chain, the "F.O.E." that is the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the "I. O. O. F" stands for the Independent Order of Oddfellows. Veteran related groups such as the "U.D.C.", the United Daughters of the Confederacy and "V.F.W.", the Veterans of Foreign Wars are frequently represented in cemeteries. Even some stones with organizational initials have survived desecration and destruction such being the Ku Klux Klan represented with the initials "K.K.K." enclosed in a circle.

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The mission of Evergreen Cemetery Benevolent Society is to conserve the gravestones, monuments, and coping walls located in Evergreen Cemetery. We have two professionally trained gravestone conservators on staff. There are only four in the State of Colorado.

We seek to honor those buried within the cemetery grounds by respectfully and accurately telling their stories.

No member of the society, including the directors, are paid. All of our funding is achieved through tours, donations, and events such as the costumed Walking tours (once a year) and the Memorial Day event.

We are not employees of the city or of Evergreen cemetery. We are volunteers! We are here to assist family members, when possible, and assist the Evergreen Cemetery manager, Will DeBoer, in keeping the history of those within the gates in the minds of the public.

We also head up the Cemetery Watch program and the Adopt a Block Program. Only with your help can we keep this place safe and crime free.

E-mail: evergreencemeterysociety@yahoo.com

Website: www.evergreencemeterysociety.com

Cemetery Work Days

We are on
Facebook also!



We will be hosting work days on the cemetery grounds from time to time. We advertise these dates on our Facebook page, Yahoo groups email, and the ECBS website.

Last year we were joined by a local rotary club who helped us work on the Pioneer monument area at the top of Potter's Field.

There are more work out there than we can accomplish alone and we would appreciate some help.

These work days are perfect for community service projects with schools; boy scout and girl scout groups, or church organizations. We talk history and answer any questions that vol-

unteers may have. We've even been known to have spur of the moment tours for those volunteers.

Trellis work - we need volunteers to assist Bill Walker in repairing the rose trellis'. They have been targeted for removal since the 1970s but now especially as they pose a hazard and obstacle to the mowers and grounds keepers. Fixing these takes a little time but the project will allow us to keep these here.

Rose trimming - we need experienced rose trimmers. The heritage roses were planted in the 1940s and the roses were documented in Ripley's Believe It Or Not.

We need bushes and rogue trees

trimmed! The fresh air is hard to beat!

Report any downed limbs or trees to the cemetery office as soon as you see them.

Care to Adopt a Block?

We are looking for people that wish to care for blocks. These individuals are asked to pick up trash they might find. Take pictures of the gravestones in that block and submit them to Dianne or Ingrid (directors). Volunteers may wish to decorate graves but they are asked not to remove offering left by friends and family.