

PRESS INFORMATION

Cave Hill Cemetery & Cave Hill Heritage Foundation



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Introduction

Cave Hill Cemetery has served families since July 1848 as a trusted provider of burial and monument design services. Currently, there are over 135,000 people interred within Cave Hill Cemetery, with a plethora of interment options still available.

The **Cave Hill Heritage Foundation** began in 2005, and is dedicated to the restoration of historic monuments and structures, preservation of the arboretum setting, and provision of educational opportunities for the community at-large.



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Cave Hill Cemetery

The City fathers did not have a cemetery in mind when they acquired part of the old farm that the Johnston family called Cave Hill. The farm had a good spring emanating from a cave, but its stone quarries were of principal interest, particularly because the proposed Louisville and Frankfort Railroad was to run through the property.

Years went by, and it became evident that the railroad would skirt the quarries. The fields were farmed by lessees and the old brick house built by the Johnston's became the City Pest House- an isolated home for patients displaced and suffering from eruptive, contagious diseases.

Death was an all-to-frequent visitor to the Pest House. But, this death was in a different guise. It had not the finality and disgust that the earlier Puritan concept had associated with it. Death was not to be abhorred and feared. It was full of promise, hope, and rejuvenation; and, the sorrow associated with it was accompanied by joy and revelation. Death was merely a transition, and as such, a natural setting for burials became desirable. Asleep in nature elicited a much different feeling than being confined and neglected in shabby plots and yards that many times themselves spread diseases and compounded the problem. Their only saving grace was as sources of cadavers for medical schools.

When it came time in late 1846 to add the graveyard component to Cave Hill, the mayor and city council apparently did not consciously set out to make a garden cemetery, which by then was a concept gaining popularity in major cities of America. But, propitiously, they appointed a committee that selected a civil engineer who had firsthand experience of this new and emerging cemetery concept that began in Europe under the guise of John Claudius Loudon.

Edmund Francis Lee (1811-1857) convinced the city fathers to utilize the natural features of Cave Hill, which previously had been considered quite undesirable for burying purposes. To Lee, the old Cave Hill farm was perfectly suited for cemetery purposes. Its promontories would become the primary burial sites, and roads to these hilltop circles would curve gently, following the natural contours of the land. The intervening basins would become ponds or be planted with trees and maintained as reserves. The garden setting would be a natural backdrop for the lots and monuments, and the cemetery would receive perpetual attention. Furthermore, it could never be violated- stipulations never before provided. Here then was a place not to be shunned, but a park to be sought out for its beauty and the spiritual elevation gained from contemplating the collective accomplishments of its inhabitants.

In the Victorian period, personal wealth increased, as did family aggrandizement. The garden cemetery became the repository of symbols of success in the form of true monumental art. The landscape gardeners embellished the natural setting with exotic trees and shrubs while the marble sculptors and granite fabricators erected elaborate memorials to individuals and families. Cave Hill has been blessed by a succession of competent and innovative landscape gardeners, and Louisville has been a regional center for monument makers. The result is a rural, garden-style cemetery which has always been considered a model to emulate.

Cave Hill Heritage Foundation

The purpose of the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation is to secure funding for the long-term preservation of this unique cemetery. Specifically, the mission of the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation is three-fold:

To restore the historical monuments and buildings

Cave Hill Cemetery is known for its exquisite collection of monumental art, many examples of which are over 150 years old. Additionally, the property includes a variety of historic structures, from the Administration Office to the Board Room to the three and half miles of brick and stone wall that encircle the perimeter. The resources provided through the Foundation will allow cemetery management to be proactive both in addressing specific, long-term conservation projects and in responding to critical situations that require immediate intervention and stabilization.

To preserve the arboretum setting

On average, fifty trees are removed each year at Cave Hill Cemetery due to disease, old age or weather damage and over 100 plates are replaced. The Cave Hill Heritage Foundation will help provide resources for the unexpected, as well as help preserve and sustain the beauty of the cemetery's arboretum setting. It will provide for the removal and the replacement of specimen trees and shrubs and ensure that future generations will have access to this amazing green space in the heart of Louisville.

To provide community education and awareness

The history of Cave Hill Cemetery is inextricably tied to the history of Louisville. Through its landscape and monuments, the cemetery tells the story of this beloved city by the river and its remarkable citizenry. The Cave Hill Heritage Foundation will help provide resources to produce educational materials, expand public awareness and develop special events and programs for school children and the community at large. It will also ensure that the critical task of recording and archiving the history of the cemetery will continue.

Membership opportunities are available with the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation. Patrons can also take advantage of the many gift planning options that are available. More information is available on our website: cavehillheritagefoundation.org

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December 28, 2009

Cave Hill Heritage Foundation

Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Cave Hill, Thank you for your continued interest in Cave Hill Cemetery, a sacred place rich in history and unsurpassed in beauty. This newsletter is being sent to you so that you can learn more about some of the historical and cultural aspects of the cemetery, as well as learn about recent events.

This issue of the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation Newsletter includes a touching article on the recent planting by the Home of the Innocents of two sculptures by artist Meg White commemorating the long forgotten graves of nearly 200 children and infants. You can also read about contributions of the Suterwiler family to the cemetery and to the cemetery, as well as an article on the refurbishing of the Blocker monument.

Our nation's veterans were honored in a service on November 7th, and Cave Hill's Lakeview Mausoleum was recently completed where crypts and cremation niches are now available. Cave Hill Superintendent and noted horticulturalist Lee Squires provides a profile of the beautiful Dawn Redwood tree in this issue.

Please take a moment to think how you can help preserve Cave Hill by considering gift planning and membership options, some of which are outlined in this newsletter. Thank you for your interest in and support of Cave Hill Cemetery.

Sincerely,
Paul J. Bickel III
President
Cave Hill Heritage Foundation

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Louisville's Children Remembered

By J. Michael Higgs

They have been brought back to life for the community to embrace as their own.

Over 200 people attended the public dedication ceremony on November 1st for the Home of the Innocents Memorial Marker Project. Complete with children's stories from various local

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Unveiling at Lot 775 Section A.

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May 30, 2009

Cave Hill Heritage Foundation

Letter from the President

Dear Friends, Cave Hill Cemetery is a sacred place that is rich in history and unsurpassed in its beauty. The Cave Hill Heritage Foundation was founded only a few years ago to secure funding for the long-term preservation of this unique cemetery. Response from the community has been generous and heartfelt.

Central to the mission of the Heritage Foundation are preservation of the arboretum setting, and restoration of historical monuments and buildings. The Foundation has funded the restoration of several old and beautiful

monuments within the cemetery, and has been able to help repair damage to trees and monuments caused by recent wind and ice storms.

In this issue of the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation newsletter, you can read about exciting new projects at Cave Hill like the Lake View Mausoleum, the proposed Jim Porter Memorial, and the Home of the Innocents Children's Memorial Marker project. Cave Hill Superintendent Lee Squires also provides a preview of some of the 600 varieties of trees and shrubs that can be found on the

grounds of Cave Hill. Learn about the long time Cave Hill supporter John Watson Barr, and find out about upcoming tours as well.

Please become a steward of this community treasure by supporting the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation. Your tax deductible contribution will be used to support the cemetery's restoration, beautification, and education efforts.

Sincerely,
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President
Cave Hill Heritage Foundation

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The Lake View Mausoleum

By J. Michael Higgs

The second hillside garden-crypt mausoleum in the history of Cave Hill Cemetery is almost complete.

Containing 180 casket crypts and 152 cremation niches, the structure is located in the historic, Victorian era portion of the grounds overlooking the lake.

Families will have the option of purchasing single, double, or triple casket crypt spaces for entombment or niches that can accommodate two standard cremation containers. The price of the crypt or niche includes engraving, and is very comparable to the cost of a burial lot and monument.

Questions regarding the mausoleum can be directed to our Family Service Counselors at 502-451-5630.



Lake View Mausoleum

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Cave Hill Heritage Foundation

Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Cave Hill, Beauty can be found at Cave Hill Cemetery in every season of the year. As the winter snows melt, and signs of spring begin to appear, we are reminded of how blessed we are to have such a beautiful place to memorialize and remember our loved ones.

This issue of the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation Newsletter includes articles on cemetery symbolism, the Bald Cypress tree, and Stories in Stone: Focus on Nicola Marshall. You can also read about Flags4Vets, as well as the stewardship perspective of the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation.

Your contributions to the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation, along with a grant from the Catholic University of America, have made possible the restoration of the beautiful and historically significant Caldwell States memorial. Be sure to look at the before and after images of this project in the Meeting Our Objectives section of the newsletter.

There are many ways that you can help preserve the history, beauty, and sacred nature of Cave Hill. Please see the membership application form in this newsletter as well as financial information and photographs of foundation projects from this past year.

One of the best ways to enjoy Cave Hill is by participating in one of the tours offered throughout the year. Please see the enclosed list of 2011 offerings.

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Remembering Our Veterans

By J. Michael Higgs

Over 6,000 flags resting in the brisk wind of a November morning set the mood for a moving Veteran's Day ceremony in the Cave Hill National Cemetery.

cluded the CEO of Humana Veteran's Services Division and CEO of Texas Roadhouse. Both organizations were major sponsors for the event, and have consistently provided funds for the continued remembrance

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June 2010

Cave Hill Heritage Foundation

Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Cave Hill, Cave Hill Cemetery is one of only 15 designated historic cemeteries in the country. Your continued interest in, and support of, this incredible community asset is so very important to present and future generations.

This issue of the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation Newsletter includes articles on the history of the Victorian cemetery, the lake system at Cave Hill, and Stories in Stone: Caldwell States. You can read about recent events at Cave Hill, which include a 5K run/walk on May 8th that benefited Cedar Lake Lodge, and the Dawn Hill: Jesus America that began here at Cave Hill.

There are many ways that you can help preserve the history, beauty, and sacred nature of Cave Hill Cemetery. This issue of the newsletter also explores some planned giving options that might work well for you. Please take a moment to review the information and consider whether you will be able to help Cave Hill with a future gift through your will.

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Partnership Challenge Draws Hundreds

By J. Michael Higgs

Cool May temperatures would not stop nearly 250 runners and walkers from taking part in the Cedar Lake Partnership Challenge this year.

Runners from across the region were offered the race opportunity to journey during the evening hours when the gates are normally closed.

The event included a 5K race and 1-mile fun run and walk. Several of the participants in the fun run were residents of Cedar Lake Lodge.

Top male and female race winners were recognized in the event, and all Fun Run participants also received ribbons.

Sponsors for the event this year included Kansas Children's Medical Center - Overbrook, Thornton, What's Good, Bob Brann, Cave Hill Cemetery, and many more.

The event is a major fundraiser for Cedar Lake Lodge, which is a private, non-profit organization. Jason Squires, Executive Director, Cedar Lake Lodge, said, "The race is a good way to create awareness

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Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Cave Hill Cemetery,

Every time I visit Cave Hill, I marvel at how fortunate we are to have such a beautiful place to memorialize and remember our loved ones. The landscape, lakes, buildings and monuments create a peaceful and timeless setting where we can escape a turbulent world and remember our blessings.

This issue of the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation Newsletter includes articles on the Memorial Day burial of World War II aviator Jack Volt, who was thought for many years to be missing in action, the dedication of two Civil War markers, and a remembrance event for

Sister Emily Cooper. Also included in the newsletter is an article about Cave Hill's Superintendent, Lee Squires, a noted horticulturalist and civic leader. Lee has also written an article that is included in this issue about the Lace Bark Elm - one of my favorite trees.

Your contributions to the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation support the cemetery's restoration, beautification and education efforts. One of the many ways that you can help preserve the history, beauty, and sacred nature of Cave Hill Cemetery is through the donation of unused burial spaces on your family lot. This issue of the newsletter includes an article on making this simple, yet effective donation to the Heritage Foundation.

Also, we hope that you will enter our second annual Four Seasons of Cave Hill Cemetery photo contest, and join us for Douglas Keuter's presentation in September.

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World War II Aviator Laid to Rest

By J. Michael Higgs

The heroics associated with not knowing where your relative is located is known by few people.

The family of 1st Lt. Jack E. Volt was familiar with this sentiment since 1943, when the B-24 Liberator he was flying went missing in the South Pacific.

However, the grief that weighed this family for years was wiped away with the discovery of Volt's remains in Papua, New Guinea in 2003. A passerby noticed the plane wreckage some 60 years after the incident, discovered Volt's identification card and turned it over to a Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command

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Dear Friends of Cave Hill,

Our community is so very fortunate to have a place as beautiful and meaningful as Cave Hill. We come here to remember our loved ones and to share our spirit with hope. The places of spring make this an especially good time to visit Cave Hill Cemetery to remember our many blessings.

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In September, the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation brought author and cemetery sonographer Douglas Keuter to

Louisville for a fascinating presentation titled "Stories in Stone: The Stories Behind the Monuments of Cave Hill Cemetery." If you weren't able to attend, you can read more about his presentation in this newsletter. Also, Cave Hill will again be offering themed tours this year - a schedule is included here.

Your contributions to the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation support the cemetery's restoration, beautification and education efforts. One of the many ways that you can help preserve the history, beauty, and sacred nature of Cave Hill is through our Legacy Society. Read more about the Legacy Society in this newsletter as well.

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- Leaving A Legacy
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Cave Hill At-a-Glance

Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Cave Hill,

On a recent visit to Cave Hill, I stopped by the graves of my father and grandparents, which I often do. This peaceful and beautiful place provides the perfect setting to remember loved ones and reflect on how they lovingly shaped us into who we are today. The Cave Hill Heritage Foundation's work of restoring historic monuments and buildings and preserving the beautiful arboretum setting is critically important to honoring the memories of our ancestors.

This issue of the newsletter features photographs of recent restoration projects, including several older mausoleums that have been painstakingly restored. You can also read about the newly constructed Zehnder family mausoleum.

In the Stories in Stone section, you will read about Louisville founder and frontiersman George Rogers Clark. Cave Hill Superintendent and Arborist, Lee Squires, has also written about the beautiful sweet gum tree in the plant profile section.

For the tech savvy among you, you might like the Cave Hill app for your smart phone - find out more inside. Also, for photography buffs, please consider entering the Cave Hill photography contest which is described further in this newsletter.

Also, take a moment to review the assortment of fall tours that are listed in this issue. The colorful fall months are a wonderful time to appreciate the serenity and beauty of Cave Hill. Thanks to each of you for supporting such a wonderful gift to our community.

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Cave Hill employees, Roger Martin, speaking to the Indiana Historical Society during a tour of the cemetery.

Foundation Coordinator, J. Michael Higgs, and Boy Scout Troop 137 featuring markers in the Confederate burial ground in Section O.

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Cave Hill At-a-Glance

Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Cave Hill,

The importance of Cave Hill to my family and me was made especially clear this past year. Two of my beloved uncles died and were laid to rest at Cave Hill. Though we mourn the loss of these family members, there is great comfort in knowing that they are buried in a place that is sacred and beautiful, and so well supported by the Louisville community. Cave Hill's solid financial footing, combined with ongoing support from the Heritage Foundation, will insure that we all enjoy the benefits of this very special place for generations to come.

This issue of the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation Newsletter includes a fascinating reprint of a 1928 article on Jennie Benedict, who was a cookbook author, restaurateur, and creator of a famous sandwich. You can read about the Cave Hill board room's table and clock which were featured at the Frazier Museum, as well as new columbarium walls that are being built near the chapel. This issue's plant profile features the beautiful Norman Fir. Also included are a brief financial report and a donor thank you list.

The mission of the Heritage Foundation includes preservation of the arboretum setting and restoration of historical monuments and buildings. Please become a steward of this community treasure by supporting the Cave Hill Heritage Foundation. Your tax deductible contribution will be used to support the cemetery's restoration, beautification and educational efforts.

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Whyrone Hettiger, with the Kennedy Darty Festival, planting flags in the National Cemetery.

Cave Hill Cemetery staff members at a reception in the cemetery.