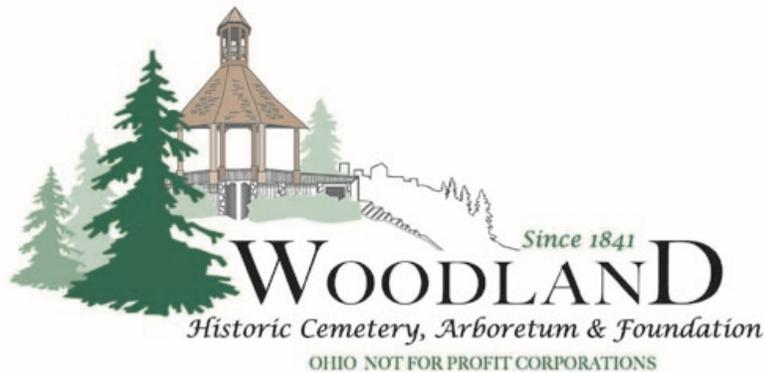


**Beautiful. Timeless. Still Available...**



***Resident Spotlight: Charity Adams Earley***

Lt. Col. Charity Adams Earley was the first black officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps as a commanding officer of the only organization of black women to serve overseas during World War II.

Her book, "One Woman's Army: a Black Officer Remembers the WAC," recounts her experiences as a pioneer coping with the difficulties of being an African American woman in the army while carrying out the enormous assignment of ensuring that the U.S. mail was delivered to every American sitting in the European theater throughout the war.

Charity Earley served her community after the war as well as serving on numerous boards including: Sinclair Community College, DP & L, Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority, and the American Red Cross. She was one of the founding members of Leadership Dayton and Parity 2000 Inc.

Charity Adams Early died on January 13, 2002. She is located in Section 308 Lot 326.

***Resident Spotlight: George C. Cooper***

George C. Cooper was a member of the "Golden Thirteen," the first thirteen African American officers commissioned by the U. S. Navy.

Throughout his career, he faced considerable prejudice because of his race, yet maintained an unshakable commitment to treating everyone the way he wanted to be treated himself.

Paul Stillwell's book called "The Golden Thirteen" chronicles some of the episodes of racism that these pioneering black officers faced, such as sailors crossing the street rather than offering the appropriate salute to an officer.

During his time in the Navy, and later working for the city of Dayton as the first black department director, he served as a valued mentor for other African Americans. Mr. Cooper believed in the responsibility to help others.

He was able to use his interaction with others as an opportunity to lead them to judge him not by the color of his skin but as a human being.

George Cooper died on May 20, 2002. He is located in Section 102 in the Woodland Mausoleum.

### ***Five ways to prepare trees for potentially damaging weather***

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) offers practical ways to protect trees from damaging high winds and violent rain, reducing the chance of property damage and costly repair.

Here are five recommended steps to get started:

- \* Survey property for trees showing signs of instability - ISA suggests looking for cracks in trunks of major limbs, dead branches, aged or decaying trees.
- \* Take action to remedy potential hazards - Inspect trees that could cause property damage before a storm hits by checking for branches that hang over the roof or those close to power lines.
- \* Prevent damage by being proactive - Once an issue is found, follow a checklist. Have a professional remove damaged or decaying trees. Call the local utility company to have branches close to power lines pruned or removed. Leaning trees may have root issues so have them inspected by an ISA Certified Arborist.
- \* Document tree value - Properly maintained trees may increase property value by up to 20%. An ISA Certified Arborist can provide an estimated value by inspecting your trees. Keep a good record with photos of the trees and the arborist's evaluation.
- \* Hire an ISA Certified Arborist - An ISA Certified Arborist can develop a master plan for your bush, shrub and tree care. They can also best determine if broken trunks and limbs should be removed or if uprooted trees can be saved or replanted.

With more than 20,000 members worldwide and located in nearly every U.S. metropolitan area, ISA Certified Arborists can guide consumers and offer valuable perspective on protecting trees from weather damage.

Mark Webber, president of Mark Webber's Landscaping Co., Nursery & Farm, is a Board Certified Master Arborist and trusted resource to Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum. For more information visit [www.webberlandscaping.com](http://www.webberlandscaping.com) and [www.gardentalkblog.com](http://www.gardentalkblog.com).

### ***The Gates at Waldo Street Entrance***

Andrew Plocher was born in Wurttemberg, Germany on June 19, 1850. He was educated quite well in Germany and learned practical business affairs from his father. He came to America and settled in Dayton becoming a citizen in 1875. He learned the blacksmith trade and first became employed by the A. A. Simonds Knife Works. Soon he held supervisory positions with Farmer's Friend Co., the Stoddard Car Company, and the Standard Harrow Company. Mr. Plocher founded The City Forge and Iron Works Company in July of 1895. It started with only three employees but soon added many more with the manufacturing of ornamental iron work, forgings, structural steel and wire works.

When Mr. Plocher died in 1913, the company name was changed to The Andrew Plocher Sons

Company. Andrew's son, Carl, president and treasurer, donated the large ornamental iron gates located at the Waldo Street entrance of Woodland Cemetery in memory of his father.

Andrew Plocher died on May 1, 1913 at the age of 62. He is located in Section 113 Lot 144.

### ***Moments in Time from our Friends at South Park Historic District***

#### **Charles W. and Katy A. Dieter**

Lived at 312 Oak Street from 1884 to 1915

Charles William Dieter was born in Ohio in 1842, the son of German immigrants. He served in the Civil War (where an injury cost him an eye) after which he came back to Dayton and immediately married his sweetheart, Katy Ann Shock. He was a carpenter by trade. Charles' obituary said "he was in charge of all the work for the Dayton Public Library" erected in 1888. The family attended the First Reformed Church. Charles was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Civil War veterans organization. Charles and Katy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 1915. Charles died at 312 Oak Street two months later on October 14, 1915. His obituary called him a "well known resident of South Park." Katy died at 40 Virginia Avenue in 1918.

Charles and Katy Dieter are located in Section 103 Lot 3117.

## ***Windows of Woodland***

### **Nativity and Resurrection**

The two principal feasts of Christianity are commemorated in these beautiful stained-glass creations - birth and victory over death.

The nativity plays a major role in the Christian liturgical year. Christian congregations of the Western tradition (including the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, and many Protestants) begin observing the season of Advent four Sundays before Christmas, the traditional feast-day of his birth, which falls on December 25. Christians of the Eastern Orthodox Church observe a similar season called the "Nativity Fast" during the forty days leading up to Christmas, which for them falls on January 7 as a result of Orthodox churches continuing to follow the Julian calendar, rather than the modern day Gregorian calendar.

Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, two days after Good Friday, the day of his crucifixion. Easter's date corresponds roughly with Passover, the Jewish observance associated with the Exodus, that is fixed for the night of the full moon near the time of the spring equinox.

You are invited to visit the Mausoleum to view all of the beautiful stained glass windows within at your leisure or look at our online calendar for a guided Mausoleum tour.

The Mausoleum is open daily from 9am to 5pm.

Photos along the walls were submissions to our annual photo contest that is held in September of each year. Patrons and guests of the cemetery are encouraged to take photos throughout the year. For more information on the Photo Contest and a complete set of rules, visit our website [www.woodlandcemetery.org](http://www.woodlandcemetery.org).

## ***Upcoming Tours and Events***

### **Street Names of Dayton**

**Monday, February 6, 2017 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

If you've ever driven through Woodland Cemetery you may have noticed that many of the monuments have the names of many of the streets in Dayton. In this program, we'll introduce you to the men and women whose streets bear their name and how they contributed to the history of Dayton. This program will be presented by Angie Hoschouer at the Vandalia Senior Center located at 21 Tionda Dr. S, Vandalia, OH 45377. For more information, please contact the Vandalia Senior Center at 937-898-1232.

## **Winter Bird Walk**

**Saturday, February 18, 2017 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Join nature guide, Amanda Lawson, an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist on a walk through Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum. Be on the lookout for year-round residents along with Tree Sparrows, White-throated Sparrows, Golden-crowned Kinglets, and the possibility of early spring migrants like Tree Swallows and Eastern Phoebes. This walk is mostly slow-paced with the possibility of some hill climbing depending on where the birds lead you. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. The walk is from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and leaves from the main entrance of the cemetery.

## **Black History Month A Year Long Celebration at Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum**

**Thursday, February 23, 2017 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

This program honors the lives of African Americans whose final resting place is in Dayton, Ohio. Some of the featured notables are: freed slave, Jordan Anderson; mayor, James H. McGee; politician, C. J. McLin; southpaw pitcher, William G. Sloan; educator, Louisa Troy and trombonist, Mitchell "Booty" Wood, just to name a few. This program will be presented by Angie Hoschouer at the Vandalia Public Library located at 330 S. Dixie Dr., Vandalia, OH 45377. For more information, please contact the Vandalia Library at 937-463-2665.

## **Historic Woodland**

**Thursday, March 2, 2017 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Woodland is the final resting place of many of the nation's most well-known inventors and innovators such as the inventors of flight Orville and Wilbur Wright, poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, writer Erma Bombeck, and entrepreneur George P. Huffman (Huffy Bicycles). We also have many other persons of interest such as Levi and Matilda Stanley, King and Queen of the Gypsies, George Newcom, one of Dayton's founding fathers and Clement Vallandigham, the man without a country. Enjoy a presentation through time as you discover the timeless beauty and fascinating history of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum. This program will be presented by Angie Hoschouer at the Northmont Public Library located at 333 W. National Rd., Englewood, OH 45322. For more information, please contact the Northmont Library at 937-496-8950.

## **Street Names of Dayton**

**Thursday, April 13, 2017 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

If you have ever driven through Woodland Cemetery you may have noticed that many of the monuments have the names of many of the streets in Dayton. In this program, we'll introduce you to the men and women whose streets bear their name and how they contributed to the history of Dayton. This program will be presented by Angie Hoschouer at the New Lebanon Library located at 715 W. Main St., New Lebanon, OH 45345. For more information, please contact the New Lebanon Library at 937-463-2665.

## **Free Your Sole 5k/10k Run/Walk at Woodland Cemetery**

**Sunday, April 30, 2017 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Enjoy a run through Woodland Cemetery and experience this unique cultural, botanical and educational resource in the heart of Dayton. Registration forms available at: Up and Running at 6123 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton or call 937-432-9210 or on the web at [speedy-feet.com](http://speedy-feet.com).

## **Spring Migration Bird Walk**

**Saturday, May 13, 2017 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Join us for a morning bird walk on International Migratory Bird Day. Every spring, millions of migrating birds are passing over us at night, stopping to rest and refuel during the day, and many of them utilize Woodland's many acres as a stopover every year. This mostly slow-paced walk will wind through the grounds, with the possibility of hills, depending on where the birds lead us. Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, Amanda Lawson, will be your nature guide. Along with the many year-round resident birds, we may also see vividly-colored birds like Blackburnian Warblers, Baltimore Orioles, Scarlet Tanagers, and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. The walk is from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and leaves from the main entrance of the cemetery.

## **Let's Talk Trees Tour**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Although Woodland is known for its Oak trees, you will discover some of the most unique and common trees for the area. Get connected to the Arboretum at Woodland Cemetery with your guide Kay Linden and enjoy an enlightening tour of some of Woodland's many trees. Tour will depart from the front gates of the cemetery.

Reservations are required for all tours at the cemetery. Please call 937-228-3221. For more information about tours and programs at Woodland and in the community, click [here](#) to visit our website. Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum is located at 118 Woodland Avenue off of Brown Street near the UD campus.

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Woodland is seeking volunteers to lead tours in 2017. If you like history and enjoy walking through the cemetery call us now for immediate training. Not interested in leading a tour, we have other positions as well: historical research and helping to plan out new tours, assisting with special events, public speaking engagements, researching family histories, sewing costumes for special events, researching and tagging trees and plants in the arboretum, office work, etc.

For more information on these or any of our volunteer activities, please contact Debra Mescher at 937-228-3221 or [debra@woodlandcemetery.org](mailto:debra@woodlandcemetery.org).

## ***Support Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum!***

Are you a ClubDLM or Kroger Plus Card holder? Would you like to support the Woodland Arboretum Foundation by doing your normal grocery shopping? You can when you register your shopping card to our organization! **Remember, you must sign up for this opportunity each year but you can sign up during anytime of the year.**

- ◆ Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](https://krogercommunityrewards.com) and link your Kroger Plus Card to Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum #28721.
- ◆ Go to [dorothyane.com/ClubDLM](https://dorothyane.com/ClubDLM) and link your ClubDLM number to Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum #821.

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Our Foundation continues to focus on the restoration, preservation, horticultural and educational projects needed to keep Woodland a cultural resource for Dayton and Ohio. Thank you for your continued support!

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Woodland Cemetery is proud to partner with the following organizations: The Aviation Trail; The National Aviation Heritage Area; Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park and ThinkTV.

Interested in learning more about Woodland and who is buried there? Visit our Facebook page to read the historical biographies of our residents and to see photographs of our beautiful outdoor museum.

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