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JANUARY 28-29, 2016
COLUMBUS OH

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WORTHINGTON, OH

SPRING CONFERENCE
MARCH 15-16, 2016
EMBASSY SUITES
COLUMBUS, OH

ANNUAL CONVENTION -
AUGUST 1, 2, 3 2016
ATWOOD LAKE RESORT
SHERRODSVILLE, OH

FALL MAINTENANCE SEMINAR -
OCTOBER 6, 2016 (THURSDAY)
FOREST HILL CEMETERY
PIQUA, OH



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MESSAGE FROM . . .

OCA OUTGOING PRESIDENT RUFUS SLADE

Another year has come and gone and as we say goodbye to 2015 and hello to 2016, I also must say good bye as your OCA President and hello to your new OCA President Mr. Scott Harmon. I will remain on the Board of Directors and involved in various committees.

The OCA Membership will be in good hands with Scott, for he, as well as the rest of the Board of Directors, will continue to grow our association and professionally serve the membership with the dignity and respect it deserves.

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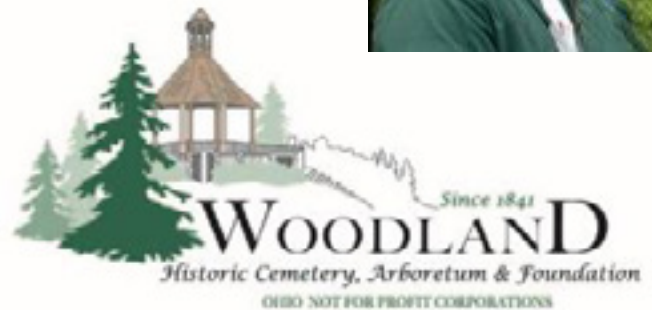
MESSAGE FROM. . .

OCA OUTGOING PRESIDENT RUFUS SLADE

We must also say good bye to Mr. Mark Funke as he will be stepping down from the Board of Directors in 2016. Mark has faithfully served on the Board of Directors since January of 2011 and his knowledge and wisdom will certainly be missed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have offered their assistance to the OCA over the past year and to the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as President. I would also like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year and good luck with all of your New Year endeavors.

Rufus Slade



MESSAGE FROM. . .

OCA INCOMING PRESIDENT SCOTT HARMON

My name is Scott Harmon; I will be your OCA President for 2016. I want to first thank Rufus Slade for his time and leadership as the outgoing OCA President. Rufus will still be active on the OCA board, in which he serves on various committees.

I'll begin with a little background on myself. I graduated from Dover High School in 1993. After high school, I attended Heidelberg University for four years graduating with a BS in Business Administration and a minor in Public Administration. My career didn't start within the cemetery industry. I worked as a shipping and receiving supervisor for 3 years at a metal fabrication shop in Canton, OH. From there I worked as a production supervisor for the Wayne Dalton Corporation until being hired as the Superintendent of Cemeteries for the City of Dover. I've been a member of the OCA for 9 years. I was just recently appointed by Governor Kasich as a commissioner for the Ohio

Dispute Resolution Commission. This is a four year term ending in 2019.

My wife Carolyn and I have been married for 17 years. We have two boys- Reece (15) & Blake (11). I have been a Dover youth football and baseball coach since 2006.

I'm looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that the OCA will face in 2016. As always, if you have any concerns or ideas to better the OCA please let me or any board member know. Let's get ready for a great year and hope to see everyone at our upcoming events.

Scott Harmon
OCA President- 2016



Remembering our Associate and Friend John R. (Bob) Moses 1945 - 2015



Bob Moses, 70, of Aurora, OH, he was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, 5 December 2015, while at the Cleveland Clinic following a brief illness.

Born in Covington, Kentucky January 24, 1945 to John and Mary Moses, Bob grew up in the Covington area and graduated from Holmes High School. He then joined the U.S. Army, graduated with honors from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, and rose to the rank of Sergeant E-5 before his honorable discharge in 1966.

Bob began his illustrious vocation in the death care industry as a pre-need sales counselor in Erlanger, Kentucky in 1970. As a marketing pioneer in the industry, he opened the first cemetery / funeral home combinations in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio. He owned a cemetery in Winchester, Kentucky and a newspaper. After leaving Kentucky, he held executive positions with both SCI and ECI while speaking for the National Speakers Association and was the first cemeterian inducted into the National Speakers Association. He then formed Lord & Moses L.L.C. in 2003 which became the parent company for Crown Hill Burial Park and Selby Funeral Home located in Vienna, OH along with Evergreen Memory Gardens in Lexington, KY. Additionally, he authored and self-published the book *Cremation and the Christian* and continuing in his passion of reading and studying the Bible, which led to a self-distributed Bible study series titled "Searching the Scriptures" as a written ministry over 30 years ago.

Some of the gems that he treasured during his life were: singing barbershop with the Wayneaires Barbershop Chorus in Wooster, Ohio; singing professionally for three years with the Generation Gap Barbershop Quartet; telling jokes and short stories of which he was a master; traveling abroad; reading, studying and mentoring others in the Word of God.

Bob was a former board member of the Ohio Cemetery Association and held the office of president in 2013.

Bob leaves behind his loving wife, Barbara, of 27 years; a daughter, Paula Moses, Ph.D. of Pennsylvania; a son, John R. Moses, Jr. of Texas; and a step-daughter, Jennifer Koelewyn of Ohio.

Family services were held on Friday, December 11, 2016 at the Crown Hill Chapel Mausoleum in Vienna, OH.



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- Cleaning
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EAST LAWN CEMETERY MARIETTA, OHIO



Valley Cemetery, the original section, has graves there that date back to the early 1800s. Ernie Thode, former director of Washington County's Local History and Genealogy Library, said a book of readings of East Lawn Memorial Park and Valley Cemetery by local historian and author Wes Cochran indicates the oldest grave in Valley Cemetery belongs to 11-month-old Soloman Harness, son of Granville and Jane (Compton) Harness. The child died on June 16, 1834.

Although written records date the earliest burials in Valley Cemetery at nearly 180 years ago, some unmarked graves there could be several years older.

East Lawn Memorial Park director Tony McDaniel said Valley Cemetery contains several unusual monuments. "There are also three above-ground sandstone sarcophagi," he said.

Shown above are three sarcophagi dated around the turn of the 20th century. They are among some of the unique monuments marking grave sites in the Valley Cemetery section

Many of the names found in Cochran's book seemed to be old settlers of the area who would most likely have been buried in the Valley Cemetery.

Also noted are that some of the older stone monuments in Valley Cemetery are so weathered that the names and dates of the deceased are no longer legible.

In the early 1960s the newer section of the cemetery, East Lawn Memorial Park, was established. East Lawn is a flush bronze only section and is similar to other memorial park cemeteries started around that time. Remembrance Chapel Mausoleum was constructed in the late 1970s for both full casket crypts and cremation niches. Two other garden buildings, Hope and Love, were built in the mid 1990s and early 2000s.

In 2001 the cemeteries were transferred to American Cemetery Services LLP from The Loewen Group along with 13 other Ohio cemeteries. American Cemetery Services LLP is an Ohio partnership between brothers Jeff, Kirk and Alex Roberts.

The most recent addition to the cemetery was the construction of Roberts Funeral Home in August of 2014. Roberts Funeral Homes Inc. operates 4 funeral homes located on cemeteries and started the first cemetery funeral home location in 1986 at their Wooster, OH location.

Article submitted by: Kirk D. Roberts



UPCOMING EVENTS – 2016

AWARDS DINNER
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

PROGRAM CHAIR - KIRK ROBERTS

COMMITTEE: SCOTT HARMON, PATRICK EBRIGHT
JAN BURROWES

SPRING CONFERENCE (MARCH)
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
MARCH 15, 16, 2016
LOCATION: EMBASSY SUITE
CORPORATE EXCH. COLUMBUS

PROGRAM CHAIR – SCOTT HARMON
CO CHAIR – MARILYN BRANDT

ANNUAL CONVENTION
MONDAY-TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 1-2-3
ATWOOD LAKE LODGE
FIELD DAY-DOVER BURIAL PARK

PROGRAM CHAIR – SCOTT HARMON
COMMITTEE: MARILYN BRANDT, KIRK ROBERTS,
PATRICK EBRIGHT, JAN BURROWES
Golf: SCOTT HARMON

FALL MAINTENANCE- PIQUA
FOREST HILL CEMETERY - PIQUA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016

PROGRAM CHAIRS – XXX, JIM ROTH (HOST)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Woodland Cemetery will be hosting a Continuing Education seminar Thursday February 4th, 2016 3pm -7pm, seminar to start at 3:30. Located in the Mausoleum Chapel, 118 Woodland Ave Dayton, Oh 45409. We invite participants to stay afterwards for refreshments and mingling.

The topic will be "Unique Tools for Those in Grief". This seminar is presented by Joel Getts and is credited for 3 hours. The seminar is approved for Ohio Embalmers & Funeral Directors, Social Workers, Counselors, Nursing Home Administrators, Marriage & Family Therapists and General Professional Practice.

This is a FREE CEU! Hope to see you!

Submitted by:

Angela McCracken

Family Service Representative

Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum

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OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION WINTER CONFERENCE

January 27 – 30, 2016

Columbus Convention Center

OCA board member, Patrick Ebright, Union Township – Mt. Moriah Cemetery will be a speaker at the conference.

UPDATING CEMETERY RULES, REGULATIONS AND DEEDS

When was the last time you reviewed and updated your cemetery regulations? What about the deed your township uses? This session will give you the tools necessary to make sure that your township cemetery policies and procedures reflect your current operations.

Thursday, January 28, 2016

1:00-2:15 p.m.

Friday, January 29, 2016

3:00-4:00 p.m.

For more information on the conference contact:

Ohio Township Association

(614) 863-0045

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2016 AWARDS DINNER

AWARDS PRESENTATION FOR THE YEAR 2015

Holiday Inn - Worthington, OH
7007 North High Street

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

3:30 - 4:30 PM

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

MODERATOR: KIRK ROBERTS

5:30 PM

SOCIAL HOUR

6:30 PM

INVOCATION
BUFFET DINNER

7:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
SCOTT HARMON, OCA PRESIDENT

8:00 PM

PRESENTATION OF 2015 AWARDS
PRESENTOR: KIRK ROBERTS



CASINO NIGHT - MORE FUN AND NETWORKING

Reminder: Sunday Breakfast buffet is included if you have made reservations for staying at the Holiday Inn-7007 North High Street - Worthington (see registration form) Hotel deadline has been extended until Monday, January 25th, 2016.

2016 OCA SPRING CONFERENCE AGENDA

EMBASSY SUITES – COLUMBUS
2700 Corporate Exchange Drive
Columbus, OH

Program Co-coordinators:
Scott Harmon/Dover City Cemeteries
Marilyn Brandt/Lake View Cemetery

Tuesday - March 15

1:00	OCA Board Meeting
4:00	Supplier Set Up
6:00	Social Hour with Suppliers
7:00 - 9:00	Buffet Dinner with Suppliers



Wednesday – March 16

7:00-8:30	Registration & Breakfast with Suppliers	
8:30-9:00	Welcome and announcements Introduction of Suppliers	Scott Harmon, OCA President Marilyn Brandt, OCA Vice President
9:00-9:45	Adam Rice <u>BWC UPDATES/RISK MANAGEMENT/COST CONTAINMENT STRATEGIES</u>	CompManagement
9:45-10:30	Chuck Behrens <u>CARING MAKES CENTS</u>	Spiritual Care Coordinator Hospice of the Western Reserve
10:30-11:00	Break and visit Suppliers	
11:00-12:00	Chuck Behrens <u>HOLY HELL</u>	Spiritual Care Coordinator Hospice of the Western Reserve
12:00-1:00	Lunch and visit Suppliers	
1:00-1:45	Robert J. Laverne <u>BENEFITS OF CEMETERY TREES – A close look at the economic, environmental and social benefits that cemetery trees and urban forests provide to humans</u>	Davey Tree Expert Company

1:45-2:30 Kelly Neer State of Ohio/Department of Commerce
Div. of Real Estate/Professional Licensing

“AN AUDIT CASE STUDY”

2:30-3:00 Break and visit Suppliers

3:00-3:45 Mike Zucker Zucker & Associates

CEMETERY PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE PACKAGE

3:45-4:15 Timothy C. Long OCA Legal Counsel

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

4:15-4:30 **CLOSING STATEMENTS AND REMARKS**



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Registration form (including hotel information) will be sent to you in the near future

CITY OF DOVER CEMETERIES



The City of Dover Cemetery was a host site for a movie scene during the summer of 2015. The movie production was titled, *Love Finds You In Valentine*. The graveside cemetery scene shoot took about 5 hours for a standard graveside service. It was very interesting to see what all went into setting up the area for the production. The monument looked like a standard upright, but was designed with Styrofoam. All the surrounding monuments that were in view during the filming had decorations placed so the names were not visible. This was my first experience with any type of filming, but makes me appreciate the thought and detail that goes into it.

Article submitted by:

Scott Harmon, OCA President



SUPPLIER CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

GPRS (GROUND PENETRATING RADAR SYSTEMS)

The following is a note received at the OCA office from Perry Township in Lake County.

Trustees Nancy & Rick had seen a demonstration by this company at the summer conference. I contacted them to come out and survey an area of our cemetery to determine if there were unmarked burials in that Single Row section that sort of “popped up” as having no information. When all was said and done, I added 8 lots of 10 graves each to this section.

Nick Janney from GPRS came out this morning and went over that area and we did determine there were a few unmarked burials. As a result, we have a little more information on that section than we had before. At least there won't be any chance of selling a grave that is already occupied. J

I just wanted to let you know that this program benefitted us immensely – we never would have thought to use this service without it being demonstrated at the conference. I also made sure that GPRS was aware that we learned about them through the Ohio Cemetery Association.

Thanks for everything you do to make these conferences informative and interesting for us. You're the best!!

Article submitted by: Michelle Woltman, Perry Township

SUPPLIER NEWS



Recently, Erin Schwanitz-Vogt accepted a new position with Coldspring. She will now be serving as the Regional Director of Sales for the Ohio Valley Region. In addition to Ohio, this region includes Indiana, southern Illinois, Michigan, western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Erin will be leading the team of sales managers who serve these states.

This position involves relocating to Minnesota to work out of the corporate office. While she will miss seeing everyone on a regular basis at their cemeteries and at OCA events, she is only a phone call away and always willing to help her OCA friends.

Please join Erin in welcoming the new Regional Sales Manager for Ohio, Dave England. He will be the point of contact for all memorial product lines from bronze and granite memorials to Private Estates, columbarium, community mausoleum, and cemetery development projects. Dave is excited to get to know everyone and will be at the OCA Awards Banquet this year. He will begin serving Ohio cemeteries in February. During the transition Erin and Dave will be working closely together to ensure as smooth of transition as possible.

SUPPLIER NEWS



SALEM STONES (<http://www.salemstones.com>) is proud to announce that Raymond Leach has joined the company as Director of Sales to further develop their growing customer base of regional and national accounts. Leach will be responsible for sales team leadership, new business development, and contributing to product development.

Raymond Leach comes with a wealth of experience in the industry, having spent the last nineteen years at Coldspring as Regional Manager for Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. Prior to Coldspring, Leach was co-owner of Cumings Memorials in Caro, MI. While at Cumings Memorials, he assisted families in the selection and design of cemetery memorials, as well as responsibility for all production and business functions. Leach comes to Salem Stones with 22 years of memorial sales experience, territory development and management. Mr. Leach also holds a BBA in Management from Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, MI and MBA in Strategic Management from Davenport University, Grand Rapids, MI.

Mr. Leach explains: "I am thrilled to be a part of Salem Stones team. My entire career has been spent in the memorial industry and I look forward to providing memorial solutions to new and existing clients. I decided to work for Salem Stones because of their large selection of competitively priced granite memorials, columbaria, and private estates. Salem Stones is also known for their outstanding customer service, consistent quality, and quick delivery."

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WHAT ON EARTH...DEATH CAFÉ!

Submitted by Angela McCracken,
Family Service Representative,
Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio

Many of times, in the past year, I have been asked some form of the question “What on Earth is Death Café?” followed closely by “what do you do at a Death Café?” Come to think of it, I was just asked these questions by my parents last night at dinner.

I have to admit that I thought the same thing last year when I attended the first Death Café held here in Dayton, Ohio. Deciding on whether to attend this meeting some investigation through Google was needed to see what these gathering were to be. This is an International Group that started in Europe by Jon Underwood and Sue Barsky Reid in 2011. It has become an international phenomenon with 2600 groups formed in Europe, North America & Australia. According to the international Death Café website the premise is simple:

Our objective is 'to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives'. A Death Cafe is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session. - See more at: www.deathcafe.com

Now this may or may not be helpful to those reading this, just remember it is a vast subject with many different perspectives. I must admit our small group is still trying to figure this out.

Before I go any further, I should give a little information about myself and my past. Growing up here in Dayton I spent very little time thinking of death, actually I am a big scaredy cat and would hold my breath when going past a cemetery (you know so that the spirits

couldn't get inside you). I hate scary movies and my religious beliefs have me strongly believing in Heaven & hell. So it is comical in a way that I am now working for Woodland Cemetery, there is nothing to be afraid of. Working for Woodland has brought to the forefront the very discussion that many try to avoid, what happens after I die. I hear this question, or a form of it, often as I work with at-need or pre-need families.

escape this one. We can try to avoid the topic, pretend that it will not happen to us but it will. So why not realize this and think of all the things we could be doing to make our lives and the lives of those around us better. In one of our meetings we discussed just this and the common concession was "Can't take it with us so might as well enjoy it now". So whether it is money, possessions, taking a trip or just spending the time with those we love we have to make the most of it.

May 2014 I followed my curiosity to Saxby's in Oakwood, where the group first started to meet I was greeted by about four other people. It was an open discussion regarding articles from newspapers, magazines, along with books on the topic and a few poems as well. What I discovered was a place to discuss thoughts and questions on death without someone looking at you with the look of "yuck," "you're crazy" or "don't you know that."

Has your interest been peaked? Maybe you will stop by at one of our meetings; maybe see things in a different perspective than you do in your everyday work life. Share experiences, knowledge and you thoughts. We would enjoy having new visitors or even members. Just remember: You will not fall from the tall building by just looking out the window and you will not die because you are talking about it...

We have grown and developed over time to a gathering of people who attend, when they can, bringing thoughts on things like: hospice care...what to expect, living wills...how to make sure they are followed, cremation, green burials, sharing our beliefs of what occurs after death, making arrangements so that the family doesn't have to OR for those who like to control things, making the plans because if you don't then it will not be done "Right".

Our next meeting is January 19th, 6pm. We are now meeting in the Historic Chapel of Woodland Cemetery, 118 Woodland Ave Dayton, 45409. Light refreshments are provided.

By discussing death, we can come to an understanding of what is to come for all of us; you just cannot

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OCA BOARD MEMBER



CHRIS SULLIVAN, SPRING GROVE CEMETERY AND ARBORETUM

Hired in the fall of 1994, Chris began his career at Spring Grove on the Mowing team. Shortly thereafter, he was moved to the Horticulture staff where he stayed for the next 8 years. During that time he earned a Master Certificate from the ONLA and became a Certified Cremation Technician with CANA. During the spring of 2002, Chris was hired by Oak Hill Cemetery and was Back Hoe certified and assisted with the horticulture needs. In early 2005, Chris was promoted to Grounds Supervisor at Spring Grove and placed in charge of the Customer Service and Marker teams. Fall of 2012, Spring Grove saw the imminent retirement of a long time employee who was the Safety Director. Chris was tabbed to become the new Safety Director and was promoted to Assistant Manager. 2014 saw Chris become a Grounds Manager to Oak Hill Cemetery as well as Safety Director to the Spring Grove Family of Cemeteries, Funeral Homes and Arboretum.

Chris has earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Cincinnati along with a Certificate of Horticulture. He is a licensed Pesticide Applicator through the Ohio Department of Agriculture. He is a member of the ICCFA and will be attending the ICCFA University for his final year. He is a member of the PGMS as well as the Ohio Cemetery Association.



Welcome



NEW OCA MEMBERS

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CALEDONIA, OH**

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CLINTON, OH**

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The Lovely Larches of Woodland Cemetery - Dayton

Written By Mark Webber
Board Certified Master Arborist #OH-0824B

I recently spent a couple hours helping the staff and volunteers of Woodland to develop a comprehensive tree and plant education points of interest on the ground of Woodland. Every time I visit the grounds of Woodland I see something I have never seen and I find myself appreciating this unique and picturesque place with even more reverence! This visit was one that I showed and explained to my group the “Larch” tree: that is situated on the grounds near the entrance and also found throughout in varied places at Woodland. Larch’s (*Larix* species) are unique and under used and in many case misunderstood by so many that view them due they’re ever changing personalities of the four seasons here in south west Ohio.

There are 3 separate species of Larches at Woodland and each species originates from a different region of the world. Larches are conifers in the genus *Larix*, in the family Pinaceae. Growing from 20-50’ tall, they are native to much of the cooler temperate northern hemisphere, on lowlands in the north and high on mountains further south. Larch are among the dominant plants in the immense boreal forests of Russia, Canada, and Scandinavia.

Although a conifer, the larch is a deciduous tree and loses its leaves in the autumn. The shoots are dimorphic, with growth divided into long shoots typically bearing several buds, and short shoots only few inches long with only a single bud. The leaves are needle-like, ½” long, slender. They are borne singly, spirally arranged on the long shoots, and in dense clusters of 20–50 needles on the short shoots. The needles turn yellow and fall in the late autumn, leaving the trees leafless through the winter.

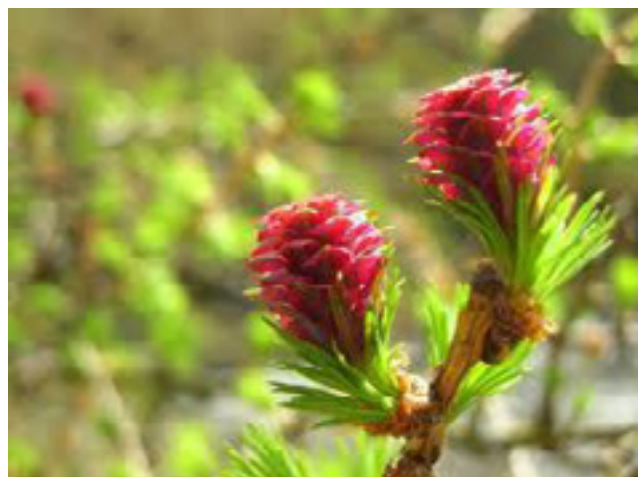
Larch cones are erect, small, green or purple, ripening brown 5–8 months after pollination; in about half the species the bract scales are long and visible, and in the others, short and hidden between the seed scales. Those native to northern regions have small cones with

short bracts, with more southerly species tending to have longer cones, often with excreted bracts, with the longest cones and bracts produced by the southernmost species, in the Himalayas.

Larch is a wood valued for its tough, waterproof, and durable qualities; top quality knot-free timber is in great demand for building yachts and other small boats, for exterior cladding of buildings, and interior paneling. In central Europe larch is viewed as one of the best wood materials for the building of residences. The timber is resistant to rot when in contact with the ground, and is suitable for use as posts and in fencing. Larch has been hybridized like the Dunkeld Larch is widely grown as a timber crop in northern Europe, valued for its fast growth and disease resistance.

Larches are often used in bonsai culture, where their knobby bark, small needles, fresh spring foliage, and – especially – autumn color are appreciated. European Larch, Japanese Larch, and Tamarack Larch are the species most commonly trained as bonsai.

Larches have lived and thrived in Woodland for over a century and they are a great choice in your landscape as well!



(European Larch in bloom at Woodland)

James A. Garfield

And the Enduring Meaning of His Soon-To-Be Restored National Memorial at Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio

The 20th President of the United States, Long-Time Progressive Congressman, Leading Civil War General, and Above All a Man Who Prized the Value of Education to Advance the Lives of All American People.

James A. Garfield was an up-from-the-bootstraps fellow. Born into abject poverty and having lost his father at a tender age, Garfield somehow scaled the heights of leadership, serving in many capacities during his 49 years on earth. We know him as a popular President of the United States and Congressman of many years, but he was so much more.

As a child and young man he was wise to choose continuing education as a means of feeding his endless curiosity while allowing for personal growth, goals, and confidence. Not many people in today's world know that prior to the Congress and Presidency, he became a skilled lawyer, lay minister, professor, and ultimately the president of Hiram College. He was also a highly decorated Civil War general.

The Garfield Memorial at Lake View Cemetery in



Cleveland was opened in 1890 and has since been the Cemetery's most towering and recognizable icon.

[The Garfield Memorial Draws Thousands Per Year; But Needs Restorative and Reparative Attention](#)

The Memorial draws tens of thousands of visitors to Lake View Cemetery each year. They enjoy reflecting about the structure's history and taking in the majestic views of Cleveland and the Lake Erie shoreline from the Memorial's observation deck. At 125 years of age, the Memorial continues to stand as a touchstone for Cleveland, though it clearly has seen better days. More than a century of wear and water damage

has begun to severely deteriorate the sandstone structure, and it is in urgent need of repair and restoration. With the support of the community, Federal and State governments, foundations, corporations and institutions, the Memorial will continue to be a source of pride and enjoyment for generations to come.

The fetching beauty of its interior is still intact, but the infrastructure and exterior, if not repaired and restored, can cause damage to the rotunda, its dra-

matic ceiling, statuary, and the tall stained-glass windows each commemorating one of the first 13 colonies, plus Ohio. Noted Connecticut architect George Keller designed the Memorial in the late 19th century and his work is universally regarded as a marvel of elaborate artistic external and internal decoration. The Garfield Memorial is a splendid example of High Victorian Gothic architecture, some experts saying perhaps the best in all of Ohio.

Five panels adorn the upper exterior of the Memorial's porch. Through the artistic application of 100 life-size figures, Garfield is shown teaching, as a Civil War general, as an orator, taking the Presidential oath, and lying in state.

In the crypt are the bronze caskets of Garfield and his wife Lucretia. An American flag covers the President's casket.

All of these elements of art and history must be kept safe from the elements.

Lake View Cemetery is 145 years old and was built over 285 acres of glorious natural rock formations, streams, ponds, valleys and hillsides with thousands of trees of numerous species and ever-abundant wildlife. Resting with President Garfield at Lake View are John D. Rockefeller, former Secretary of State and Lincoln adviser John Hay, industrial entrepreneur and U.S. Senator Marcus Hanna, women's social reform activist and U.S. Representative Frances Payne Bolton, first black mayor of a major U.S. City Carl Stokes, African-American inventor of the three-way traffic light and the gas mask Garrett Morgan, crime-stopper Eliot Ness, Cleveland Orchestra organizer and internationally renowned concert pianist Adella Prentice Hughes, and founder of Western Union Jephtha Wade, to name a few of the notables.

But also resting at Lake View are ordinary folks and families of every stripe, religion and persuasion who contributed to their communities in quieter but nonetheless important ways. One hundred seven thousand persons are interred at Lake View Cemetery, and over the next 100 years, the Cemetery expects to be the resting place for another 100,000 souls on more than 67 acres of yet to be developed land. Lake View provides a parkland setting, along the lines of the historic and vast garden cemeteries in France and England.

Seed money for the restoration has been provided by a \$1,000,000 grant from the Ohio Legislature. Other early capital for the project is expected from private and institutional sources. A public campaign is expected to begin in early spring of 2016. Total cost of the comprehensive restoration and repairs are estimated at more than \$12.6 million.

And once done, the famous Garfield Memorial will stand towering over Lake View Cemetery and be available for thousands upon thousands of Clevelanders and visitors from around the world to view and enjoy for many years to come.



The Rotunda of the Garfield Memorial, featuring much ornate stained glass.



The Garfield Memorial at Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland.

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