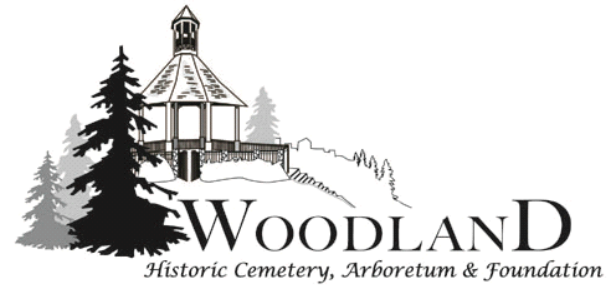


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Woodland Events

Annual Photo Contest

Deadline for photo submissions is 12:00 noon on September 13, 2014

We encourage all Woodland friends to visit and photograph the history and scenic beauty of Woodland Cemetery. For more information, please call Debra Mescher at 937-228-3221 or go to www.woodlandcemetery.org.

Photo Contest winners will be announced in the Woodland Mausoleum on September 27 at 10:00 AM.

Discover Woodland Days

Saturday, October 5, 2014

Two hour Historical Tours depart at 12:30 and 1:30 PM. This walking tour is free and open to the public.

Volunteers will portray some of the famous and infamous people that have made Woodland Cemetery their final resting place. For more information on the tour or to become a volunteer actor call Debra Mescher at 937-228-3221.

History, Mystery, Mayhem & Murder

This tour offers a bit of history and mystery featuring inventors, bank robbers, counterfeiters and murderers. Call now to reserve your spot for one of our October Lantern Tours. For more information, please call Debra Mescher at 937-228-3221.

Join us for one of our specialty tours such as: Women of Woodland, Historic, Mausoleum, Sports Legends or the History, Mystery, Mayhem and Murder Tour.

All tours are free of charge. Reservations are required and tours are given weather permitting. Call Debra Mescher for more information at 937-228-3221.

Garden Talk with Mark Webber

President of Mark Webber's Landscaping Co., Nursery & Farm

www.webberlandscaping.com and www.gardentalkblog.com

The Lovely Larches of Woodland

Written by Mark Webber

I recently spent a couple of hours helping the staff and volunteers of Woodland develop a comprehensive tree and plant education points of interest guide for the grounds of Woodland. Every time I visit the cemetery, I see something I have never seen before 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 cases misunderstood by so many that view them due to their ever changing personalities during the four seasons here in southwest Ohio.

There are 3 separate species of Larches at Woodland and each species originates from a different region of the world.

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Resident Spotlight: Gustav Wiedeke

The Original Tube Tool Company

In September 1892, an inventor and manufacturer named Gustav Wiedeke began a small manufacturing business in a modest building at the rear of his Dayton, Ohio home. Today, over 100 years later, Wiedeke Dayton has become Elliott Tool Technologies Ltd. due to Mr. Wiedeke's efforts.

Wiedeke began designing and manufacturing specialized tools for servicing heat exchangers and water-tube boilers. After Wiedeke's death in 1910, his two sons continued to produce tube tools for the major industries of that era: power plants, steam engines, and refineries. The Wiedeke business continued to operate as a family enterprise for the next 32 years. By this time, Wiedeke products had earned worldwide recognition for innovative tubing (material) tool designs and Wiedeke tools are still in active circulation.

Mr. Wiedeke received many patents for his tool inventions. The Ideal Roller Tube Expander can be seen on the top of his monument and the monument is one of the most interesting sculptures on the grounds. It has been said that Mr. Wiedeke had the statue made in Vermont, exacting his height and build, showing his pudgy stomach, just as it was in real life. His suit is carved in perfect detail, the buttons, lapels, even to the ever so detailed wrinkles in his slacks. At close range the eyes startle with their directness.



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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. The 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 a few inches long with only a single bud. The leaves are needle-like, 1/2" long and 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.



European Larch in bloom at Woodland

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 and 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!

Mark Webber is a Board Certified Master Arborist & trusted resource to Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum.

Woodland Notes

Excellence in Service

Our Family Service Representatives are available to assist you in your time of need or to help you in your pre-arrangement plans.

Visit our website to learn more about Woodland. You will find information on our cemetery as well as pre-planning.

Schedule a tour with one of our knowledgeable Family Service Representatives. They will be happy to show you our beautiful cemetery and arboretum, share our rich history, and explain all the different options available to you. There is no cost or obligation for the tour. We will be happy to help answer any questions that you may have.

Call us at 937-222-1431 and ask to speak to one of our Representatives today.

Standing:

*Connie Carpenter
Mike Valley
Anita Cunningham
Angela McCracken*

Seated:

*Erin Schwanitz-Vogt
Maria Comer*



Join us on Thursday, September 18 at 6PM in the Mausoleum for a Pre-Planning Seminar. Light refreshments will be served. There is no cost or obligation for attending. RSVP to Angie Hoschouer at 937-228-3221 ext. 137 or ahoschouer@woodlandcemetery.org.

Horticulture and Arboretum Projects

Marcus Tackett from Mark Webber's Landscaping Co., Nursery & Farm taught a group of visitors during the Memorial Day weekend how to properly plant a tree, from digging the hole to care once the tree is planted for it to become rooted and thrive. Woodland appreciates the time, care and expertise that Webber's Landscaping has provided over the years in assisting the cemetery staff and grounds crew in the upkeep and maintenance of the 200 wooded acres known as Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.



Woodland Bird Walk Saturday, August 16 9:00 a.m.

“Woodland is a great urban nature haven! ,” says Amanda Lawson, bird walk tour guide. “Our nature guide will lead you on a slow-paced walk from the main entrance and wind through the cemetery.”

“We could see some summer species, like Indigo Buntings, Chipping Sparrows, and Chimney Swifts and we're sure to see some of our year-round residents, like Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Carolina Chickadees, and maybe even a Red-tailed Hawk! We'll keep an eye out for butterflies and other interesting insects, too.”

Amanda says that she has been a nature person since she was a kid. She is a current volunteer with Five Rivers MetroParks, leading environmental education programs and is also a member of the Bird Brigade. She became an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist through the Ohio State University Extension that encourages people to volunteer doing environmental education and conservation work in their local community.



Red-bellied Woodpecker

To join this walk, call the Woodland Administration Office at 937-228-3221 to RSVP. Please dress appropriately for the weather and don't forget to bring your binoculars and camera.

Moments In Time from our Friends at South Park Historic District

Samuel Brady and Robert Corwin platted the area now bordered by Nathan, Oak, Morton and Hickory streets in historic South Park. The property actually belonged to their wives, Priscilla and Eliza, daughters of Luther Bruen. Like his father-in-law, Samuel was an active abolitionist in the 1830s and 1840s, when such a position was considered fanatical. Samuel Brady died on May 11, 1880 and is buried in Section 51 Lot 89 near the Civil War section.



Windows of Woodland



The Yearling

by Marjorie Kennan Rawlings

The author tells the story of Jody and his pet fawn in the semi-tropical forest of Florida. The following passage from the book is illustrated above:

“In the late afternoon towards the end of August, Jody went with the fawn to the sink hole for fresh water for supper. The road was bright with flowers. The sumac was in bloom, and the colicroot sent up tall stalks of white or orange orchard-like flowers...”

Jody stopped short with his hand on the fawn's head. A horseman with a helmet was riding through the Spanish moss...

In a moment the truth was plain. The Moss and branches had created an illusion...”

Can you find the illusion in the moss and branches?

Interested in more windows like this one? For a free tour of the Mausoleum and all the windows within call 937-228-3221 to schedule a tour today.

Answer: The horseman with his helmet is located in the top center pane. If you find the horse's head you can follow over to the rider.

Woodland History—The Administration Building

The Administration Building is one of three Woodland structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The administration building—like the historic chapel and gateway—was designed by Peters, Burns and Pretzinger and built in 1889. Together the three structures are considered Dayton’s finest remaining examples of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture. Elegantly combining form and function, the building houses the cemetery’s administrative offices.

The materials used to construct the building were red Sandstone, used for the foundation and trim, and Limestone from nearby quarries. Recent research has shown that the limestone is a locally quarried metamorphic limestone; the limestone was referred to as “Dayton Marble” or “Centerville Limestone” and is similar to the limestone on the Ohio State Capital building and several structures at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI. The red sandstone was likely quarried in northern Ohio from the Berea vein of stone. The building is detailed with copper gutters and ornate downspouts, and a roof that has shingle tiles with decorative flashing.



In the May 2014 issue of the *Woodland Wire*, we mentioned the restoration of the Chapel that houses the one of a kind Tiffany window. Our overall restoration plan includes a modest addition to the administration building in order to provide a welcoming sales office and comfortable meeting space for families. Although the addition will service a utilitarian purpose, care will be given to creating an exterior to match the historic character and aesthetic value of the overall site.



Interested in learning more about Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum and who is buried on the grounds? Visit our Facebook page as this year we are featuring a “Died on this Date” post of someone who has passed away each day with a story of their life gleaned from a variety of sources.

Our Mission

... to commemorate the dead entrusted to our service with care, dignity and understanding. Comfort the bereaved in a tranquil, beautiful and natural landscape. Preserve the heritage and wonder of Woodland and the history of Dayton in perpetuity...



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