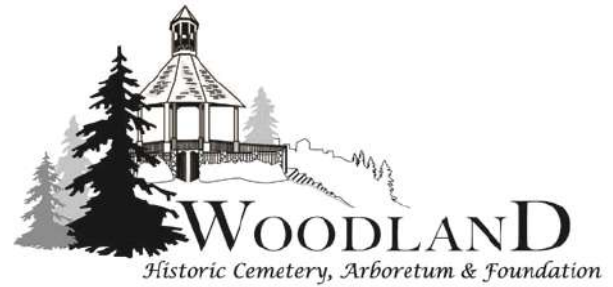


# Woodland Wire

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## Woodland Events



**Tours and special events at Woodland in 2018**

### Let's Talk Trees Arboretum Tour

May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8,  
September 12 and October 10  
Tours begin at 10:00 a.m.

### Woodland Bird Walks

End of Winter—March 10  
Spring Migration—May 12  
Summer - July 21  
Fall Migration - September 22  
Tours begin at 9:00 a.m.

### Woof Walk

Saturday, August 4  
Tours begin at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

### Discover Woodland Days

Sunday, October 7  
Tours begin 12, 12:30 and 1 p.m.

Reservations are required for all tours. Please call 937-228-3221. For more information about tours and programs at Woodland and in the community, visit our website at [www.woodlandcemetery.org](http://www.woodlandcemetery.org) and click on the Tours and Events tab.

### Metro Library Programs

Tuesday, March 13 2:00 p.m.  
Northmont Library  
Street Names of Dayton

Tuesday, March 20 6:30 p.m.  
Brookville Library  
Cemetery Symbols

## Resident Spotlight: Olympian David D. Albritton



David D. Albritton

David D. Albritton was an Olympic medalist, state legislator, and longtime Dayton businessman.

He won a silver medal in the high-jumping competition at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, competing alongside his lifelong friend and Ohio State University teammate Jesse Owens. He established the world high jump record, at that time, with a leap of 6 feet, 9 and 7/8 inches.

David later became a teacher and coach at Dunbar High School, where he led the team to three state track championships and broke the segregation barrier, leading the way for Dunbar to compete in the Public High School League.



(L) David Albritton with Jesse Owens at Ohio State University

In 1960, Mr. Albritton was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives and served for six terms. He served on the Education, Insurance and Taxation Committee. While in the House, he became the first African American to chair a House committee.

He was also a successful business man in Dayton selling insurance for more than thirty years.

David Albritton was inducted into the Men's Varsity "O" Hall of Fame at The Ohio State University in 1979. He was one of the Buckeyes' many track greats of the 1930s. He was a three-time All-American high jumper and three-time National Champion. During his freshman year at Ohio State, he established the school high jump record and followed with a world record as a sophomore.



1936 Olympic Silver Medal

Even after college, David continued to participate in AAU meets and was champion in 1937, 1946 and 1947 and tied for the title in 1938, 1945 and 1950.

In 1980, he was inducted into the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame and was also inducted into the Dayton Walk of Fame in 1996.

Mr. Albritton was born in Danville, Alabama on April 13, 1913 and died in Dayton, Ohio on May 14, 1994 at the age of 82. He is located in Section 300 Lot 86.



Dayton Walk of Fame stone located on West Third Street



## Update on Capital Campaign



The Woodland Arboretum Foundation continues to make strides in its effort to develop, preserve, protect, and promote the treasures, historic buildings, art and heritage of Woodland Historic Cemetery. In 2017, in efforts to improve its relationship with the people and organizations of the Dayton region over 190 tours and programs were presented to 5,000 attendees in the greater Miami Valley region. A substantial number of distressed or failing trees were removed and our annual floral displays in the Mausoleum continued to bring comfort and joy to all visitors.

The above photo is an architectural rendering of the proposed new entrance and plaza for the administration building. We will break ground before the winter season is over and complete the addition by July of 2018. The planned addition to the administration building will provide a welcoming sales office and comfortable meeting space for families and an improved area for those researching their family lineage at Woodland. We hope to have all families help in the support of this major endeavor, one never seen by the cemetery before, and look for support from the business community as well, to not only support our 177 year old institution but also to pay respect and leave a legacy for their company's founders, inventors and innovators who are resting peacefully at Woodland.

### **Please consider making a donation today.**

Woodland is committed to the restoration and preservation of our Dayton treasures—for you, for your loved ones, for every person in the community. We ask that you join us in supporting our endeavors so that future generations can enjoy the beauty and history of Woodland into the future. For your convenience, you may use the donation form attached to this newsletter. If you are interested in more information about the proposed restoration of the historic structures at Woodland and would like to contribute a major multi-year gift to the Foundation for such purposes, please contact Angie Hoschouer, Manager of Development at [ahoschouer@woodlandcemetery.org](mailto:ahoschouer@woodlandcemetery.org) or 937-228-3221 extension 121.

## Spruce Trees in the Arboretum

The **Blue Spruce**, also known as the Colorado Blue Spruce, is native to higher elevations of the Rocky Mountains, 5,750 to 11,000 feet. It is a slow growing tree that can live to 600 to 800 years. It has deep, penetrating roots and can anchor against strong winds. The wood is soft and brittle and is not commercially important as lumber. It is among the three most common spruces found in Ohio and has the longest and sharpest needles. As with all evergreens, the new needles of spring have a strikingly lighter color as compared to the growth of previous seasons.



The **Oriental Spruce** is native to the Himalayas and unusual in the United States. It has very little known disease or insect problems and is a very hardy and long lived tree. It would be a good urban/suburban landscape tree, but it is not generally available in garden centers. Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati probably has the largest collection of these trees in this area.



The tree is very dense, has pyramidal growth with dark green, stiff, shiny needles that are very, very short - only 1/4 to 3/8 of an inch long. When mature the branches become more pendulous, giving this tree a very elegant, graceful appearance. The tree produces cones that are only 1" wide and 3" - 4" long. The cones start out as purple in color and mature to a coppery brown. It is an excellent choice for container gardens, rock gardens, and bonsai use.

### Bird's Nest Spruce

Unusual is the Woodland example as it is not usually seen as a tree, but as a medium to large shrub, and should be short and compact. This one has been un-pruned and allowed to grow and is one of the largest known specimens in the United States.

This fast growing evergreen tree is extremely hardy and wind resistant, and performs best in full sun or minimal shade. This spruce has a pyramidal growth habit when young, becoming columnar when mature.



## Woodland: Then and Now

### THEN:

The old steps leading up to where the original Lookout Tower stood at Lookout Point at Woodland.



### NOW:

The Lookout Tower at Lookout Point at Woodland.



The original Lookout Tower was built in the 1850s as a fire watch station for the fire wardens of the city. It was built on the highest natural point in Woodland and today stands as a beacon of the cemetery giving each visitor a beautiful view of the Gem City. In 2010, the Lookout was rebuilt to resemble the 19th century tower and a 128 niche outdoor columbarium was built as an alternative to traditional in-ground burial. In 2017, an additional ninety-five niches were added giving families more options for their burial needs. Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum has been voted Best View of Dayton for two years.

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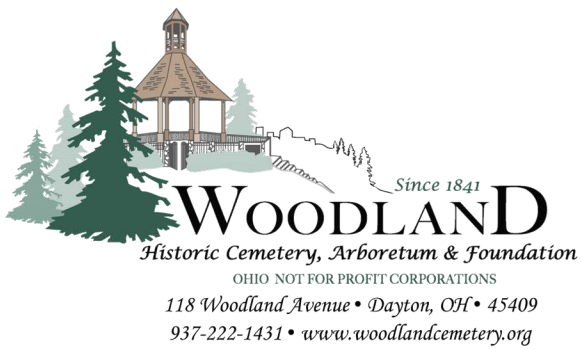
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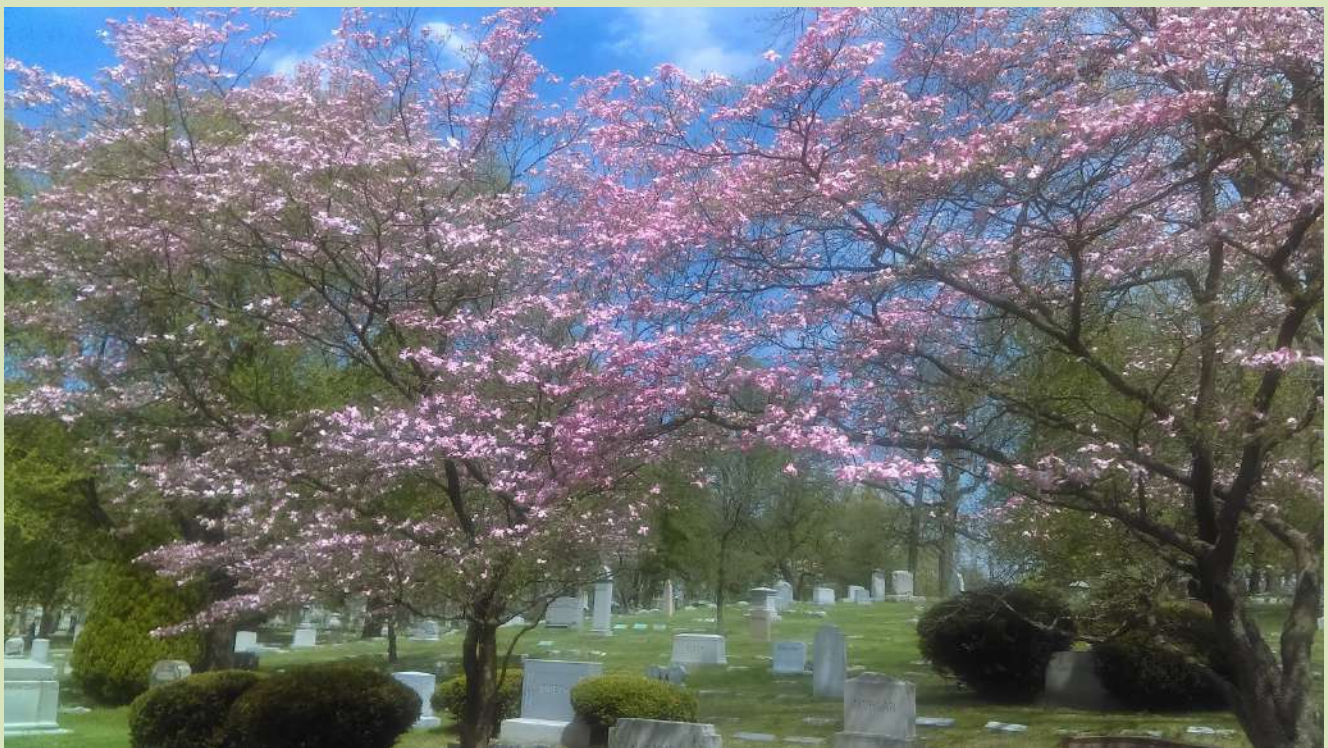
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