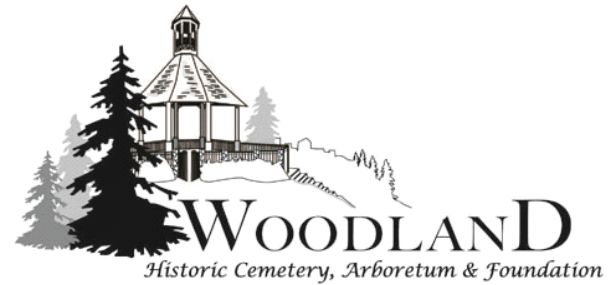


Woodland Wire

May 2014 Volume 1, Issue 2



Woodland Events

Memorial Day Weekend Hours

Office Hours

Saturday, May 24	8am—4pm
Sunday, May 25	10am—4pm
Monday, May 26	9am—4pm

Gate Hours

Woodland Ave. Entrance	8am—7pm
Waldo St. Entrance	8am—6pm

“How to Properly Plant a Tree”

Sunday, May 25, 2:00PM

Marcus Tackett from Mark Webber Landscaping will be at Woodland to answer questions and show you how to properly plant a tree. Join us in the South section of the cemetery.

Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 26, 2:00PM

Join us in the Civil War section.

Program highlights:

- Speaker Paul Lockhart, Professor of History, Wright State University
- Speaker Leslie “Bud” Maylum, Woodland volunteer
- Speaker Fred Lynch, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sherman Camp 93
- Music performance by Centerville Community Chorus

Summertime is one of the best times to visit Woodland Cemetery. The grounds are lush with natural mid-western vegetation and the trees provide a cooling canopy when running or walking through the grounds.

Join us for one of our specialty tours such as: Women of Woodland Tour, Historic Tour, Mausoleum Tour, Sports Legends Tour 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

Raging Redbud

Written by Mark Webber

On one of my first visits to Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum in the late 1980’s, I was struck by the raging vivid pink to deep purples of the Redbuds of Woodland. Years later I starting propagating the seed from the Woodland Redbuds and now they are the only source of Redbuds we grow in our nursery and sell to our customers and what we call “Woodland Select”.

Redbud is also known as the “Judas Tree” and is a very important intermediate species of tree to Southwest Ohio. In fact, the state champion of this species is found next door in Greene County. An interesting fact about this tree is that the bark of the Redbud has been used as an astringent in the treatment of dysentery. Flowers of the tree can be put into salads or fried and eaten. There is some documented wildlife use of Redbud fruit; cardinals have been observed feeding on the seeds and seeds have been consumed by ring-necked pheasants, rose-breasted grosbeaks and bobwhites. *Continued on page 2*



Resident Spotlight: Adam Schantz

At the age of 15, Adam Schantz emigrated to the U.S., arriving in Dayton in 1856. Here he learned the butchering and meat cutting business. Adam began his butchering business in Dayton in a small shop on South Brown Street. After a fire destroyed his slaughter house, he moved the business to Dayton View, where he eventually built the Schantz Brewery. Schantz invested in many downtown properties and he himself purchased one hundred acres of land in the northeast section of Oakwood from Jonathan Winters and afterward added other acreage. His estate in Oakwood, aside from the Patterson holdings, was the largest land holding in the city.

In the 1880s, there was a great need for water to be purified and Adam owned at least ten breweries. He devised a purification treatment system and obtained a patent on it. He named his product “Lily Water” after the Calla Lily, the Schantz family flower. He sold Lily Water to other brewers, installed and supervised water coolers in downtown offices and manufacturing plants and delivered Lily Water to homes for 50 cents for six half gallon bottles.

Mr. Schantz was a lover of fine horses, keeping more than 80 fine stock horses stabled in a barn that was 600 feet long. He loved to breed trotting horses and built a race track between his home on Schantz Avenue and Irving Avenue. When Adam Schantz died, he was the largest tax payer in Montgomery County.



Continued from page 1

White-tailed deer and gray squirrels have also been observed feeding on the seeds. Flowers of the tree are regarded as important in the production of honey by bees.

What makes this plant even more special is how it heralds the arrival of spring with its showy flowers that typically open in April, long before the foliage emerges. Redbud (*Cercis Canadensis*) is a native of the entire eastern half of the United States except for New England, but is not found in Canada, as its scientific name implies.



This ornamental tree is rapidly growing and usually multi-trunked in the wild, having a vase shape with a rounded crown that reaches about 20 feet tall and 20 feet

wide at maturity, when found in the open. However, since it is often located at the edge of woodlands, it commonly has a leaning growth habit, trying to grow into as much sunlight as possible.

As a member of the Bean Family, Redbud is also related to Honey Locust, Kentucky Coffee tree, Black Locust and Wisteria, as well as other types of Redbuds. The Bean Family is also known as the Legume, Pea, or Pulse Family, and may go by the alternative scientific family name of Leguminosae. Many of this family's members are important vegetable crops as well as ornamental plants.

There are a lot of stories you will find associated with the Redbud tree. Some state that Judas hung himself on this tree. Others point to the dangling seed pods that hang from the tree, saying that they're reminiscent of Judas' hanging body. Longer stories say that the Redbud was once a larger tree, but after Judas hung himself on it, the tree asked God to prevent this from happening again so God made the Redbud smaller with weak branches that couldn't support the weight of a hanging body. Many of these stories and tales originated from Europe where the native European species can be found growing and performing much like our own Redbuds of the Eastern United States.

Believe the stories or not, but this plant is an excellent choice in your landscape and is durable when sited and/or planted properly and will provide years of service to your garden!

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

Woodland Notes

Excellence in Service

Congratulations to Anita Cunningham, Mike Valley and Connie Carpenter for receiving Outstanding Sales Achievement Awards at the Ohio Cemetery Association (OCA) banquet held in Columbus in February.

Erin Schwanitz-Vogt joined the Board of Directors of the OCA for the 2014–2016 term and Rufus Slade, current Vice-President of the OCA will serve as President for the 2015 calendar year.

Our Family Service Representatives are available to assist you in your time of need or to help you in your pre-arrangement plans. Call us at 937-222-1431.

Volunteers

Thank you DECA (Dayton Early College Academy)! On May 2nd, eighty-three 8th grade students and 5 teachers helped our grounds crew gather and pile fallen tree debris in several sections of the cemetery. "This is part of their community involvement for their eighth grade capstone project," said Tracy Martz, Science Teacher/Advisor.

Our volunteers are geared up and ready to give tours and assist with a variety of horticulture projects. We are always seeking tour guides and those interested in garden work. If you want to become a volunteer call Debra Mescher at 937-228-3221.

Horticulture and Arboretum Projects

Have you seen an orange ribbon around our trees? This will be our fourth year of treating our Ash trees for the Emerald Ash Borer. We will once again spray our trees in hopes of eliminating this destructive pest throughout our 200 acres of woodland.

One of our nine State Champion trees, the Larch tree, also known as a Juniper tree, will undergo horticulture reconstruction to repair one of its falling limbs.

Employee Spotlight

Our grounds crew works tirelessly to keep over 200 acres of rolling hills trimmed and mowed. They also repair, mulch and plant our annual flower beds as well as other landscaped areas.



Memories of Woodland

Frisbee with Feet!

Written by Jim Sandegren



Early one spring, as was the usual case, I was helping with the removal of dead trees. As we began sawing on a dead Hackberry I saw a couple of squirrels which were moving about on the tree. They obviously had been disturbed by the noise and vibrations. Suddenly, one of them leaped into the air and actually glided. The strange sight got my attention quickly and soon another did the same leap and glide.

The person with the chainsaw did not see what I had seen. I wondered if I could make him believe the story I was about to relate. Fortunately, once the tree was on the ground and we were cutting it up into small pieces another squirrel came out and fled into a small Spruce. When it left the Spruce and went into a larger tree my partner noticed it. The creature



landed on a tall tree and immediately ran up to the top. From this height it launched itself and sailed over our heads to another tree nearby. It went into a hole in that tree and never appeared again.

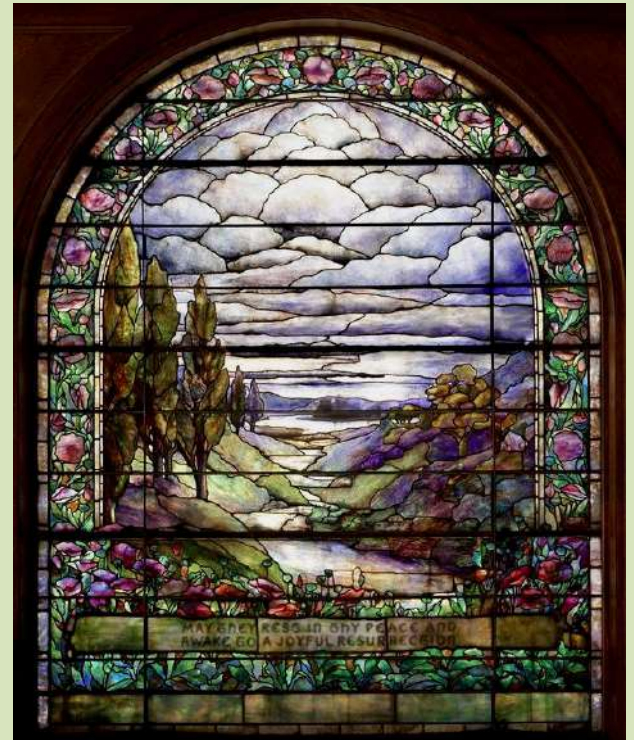
Through a trip to the library, I learned that there are two kinds of flying squirrels in the U.S. They are the Northern and Southern Flying Squirrels. The one I saw looked, to the best of my recollection, like a Northern Flying Squirrel. This is surprising because one would not expect to find that type this far south. They are found in Michigan, but both kinds are found there. Keep an eye out, I am certain they will appear again.

Jim Sandegren was the Arboretum Director at Woodland from 1988 to 2003.

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...

Windows of Woodland



Tiffany Chapel Window

In 1904, Henry C. Lowe funded a redecoration of the Chapel and purchased the Tiffany window as a dedication to the memory of his daughter Marianna who died in 1903 at the age of 27. The Tiffany window cost \$1,050 at the time of purchase and was installed by Heinke & Bowen, representatives of the Tiffany studio in New York.

The scripture at the bottom of the window makes the piece very unique for a Tiffany. It reads, "May they Rest in thy Peace and Awake to a Joyful Resurrection." The window is stamped by Tiffany adding to its ever increasing value.

With public support we hope to once again restore the Chapel and the windows to their original radiance. The Chapel will provide a lovely and serene setting for important family celebrations, from baptisms to weddings to funerals. It will also serve as an excellent site for meetings, educational events, and other community and social gatherings, as well as the focal point of our historic and beautiful cemetery, park and arboretum.

If you are interested in donating to or learning more about this endeavor, please call Angie Hoschouer at 937-228-3221 x137.

Beautiful, Timeless and Still Available...

Woodland History—The Pump House on Wyoming Street

By the summer of 1899, the old pumping machinery which pumped and forced water into the reservoir on the top of Lookout began to give out after twenty-two years of service. After experimenting, it was found that there was a good vein of water in a stratum of gravel under the pump house. Into this an eight inch pipe was sunk to a depth of fifty-nine feet, and a vein of thirty feet of water was obtained. The deep well pump had a capacity of 150 gallons per minute, and the water was forced into cisterns built for that purpose. From the cisterns the water was forced by a triplex pump to the reservoir on Lookout, which was at an elevation of 169 feet above the pumping station. These pumps were attached to a shaft line which was ran by a twenty-five horsepower gas engine. The entire cost of this improvement was \$5,477.94.



The pumping system was discontinued in 1951 when city water became available. The deep well was furnished by the Dayton Globe Works Company. The pumping station was divided into two rooms, one served to house the new pumping machinery and the other contained a reception room and restrooms.

In 1867, the cemetery employed gate keepers who dressed in uniform greeting each visitor. Each visitor was given a pass which was devised to keep away those that would cause mischief. Ladies would come to the pump house and refresh themselves before and after riding through the cemetery.



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.

Thank you for your donation to Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum.



Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum

118 Woodland Ave.
Dayton, OH 45409
937-228-3221

Please make your check payable to:

Woodland Arboretum Foundation

(Return this card with your check)

Your gift is a tax deductible donation to a 501(c)3 public charity.

Membership Level

_____ \$30 Friend

_____ \$100 Supporter

_____ \$500 Sponsor

_____ \$50 Contributor

_____ \$250 Associate

_____ \$1,000 Patron

_____ Other

Foundation members will receive a Woodland Schedule of Events, our quarterly newsletter, Woodland Wire, and an invitation to a member's only reception in the fall.

Please accept (my)(our) GIFT for 2014 in the amount of \$ _____

Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. _____

(please indicate above how you wish to be recognized)

I/We wish to remain anonymous.

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

E-mail Address _____

Woodland Wire May 2014

Beautiful, Timeless and Still Available...