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WOODLAND

HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



Photo: Rosalie Lowrey at easel. *Fawcett Photo*; published by The Journal Herald, 12/7/1941 pg. 53

Women of Woodland

Woodland Cemetery is the final resting place of some of the most fascinating women in Dayton's history. Throughout March, the *Minute* will highlight the lives and careers of five women who made Dayton the city it is today.

The following article was written by Katharine Funkhouser for the "Next Door To You..." column & published in *the Dayton Daily News*, December 27th, 1936.

Rosalie Lowrey

2/27/1893 - 4/7/1951



ROSALIE LOWREY, Dayton portraitist, paints the picture of the household pet, Chloe, who came for a visit and decided to remain. (Staff Photo by J. Waring Stinchcomb)

"She is soft spoken and has gentle ways. Her walk is a little different from the ordinary walk, her bearing not quite a common one. Perhaps 'artistic temperament' explains these things, for we are speaking of Rosalie Lowrey of Harvard blvd. who is a real artist."

Photo (above): Chloe the cat admires Lowrey's portrait of her. Staff photo by J. Waring Stinchcomb, published by The Journal Herald, 7/4/1949 pg. 9

"Miss Lowrey's work is not unknown in Dayton. She is a Dayton product, and has exhibited paintings here at various times through a number of years.

She may even be called a charter member of the Art Institute, for she was one of the first to join the Montgomery County Art association, that early group which for a time had even no housing facilities.

Later it undertook the sponsorship of a class which grew into the old art school at the corner of Monument and St. Clair, and which ultimately became the Dayton Art Institute."



Above: Front page headline; The Dayton Herald, 1/9/1934.

"Miss Lowrey's interest has ventured into many fields; portraits, pencil sketches, still life, landscapes and commercial art, but her chief work has



been with portraits. Several years ago she won the distinct honor of being made an exhibiting member of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors, which affords her the privilege, under its sponsorship, of contributing to a yearly exhibition in New York City."

Left: *Small Portrait of a Young Woman* by Rosalie Lowrey. Undated. Oil on canvas. Courtesy of [The Dayton Society of Artists](#).

"Her educational background has been unusual. Following early years spent at private schools, she was graduated from Steele [high school]. She studied with Miss Collins, a Daytonian who had been a pupil of the Cincinnati artist, Frank Dvensk. Then came a period of work at the Art Students League in New York City in the illustration class of Thomas Fogarty.

She considers it one of her greatest honors to have been chosen as a member of a very small group taught by Cecilia Beaux, one of the most outstanding of modern portrait painters. She also was a student at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts."



Above: *Untitled* [two women standing in a garden, one playing with a small dog.] Illustration by Rosalie Lowrey. Undated. Pen & ink wash. Courtesy of [The Dayton Society of Artists](#).

"Immediately following her work with Miss Beaux, Miss Lowrey painted a portrait of her mother which has won the acclaim of worthy critics. It is probably one of the most outstanding portraits she has done.

With her unusual talent and her splendid training, Miss Lowrey already has achieved a distinct place in the realm of modern portrait painters. Could it be that her fond parents, in her earliest days, realized that her very name, softly and thoughtfully pronounced, could serve as an admirable pen portrait of

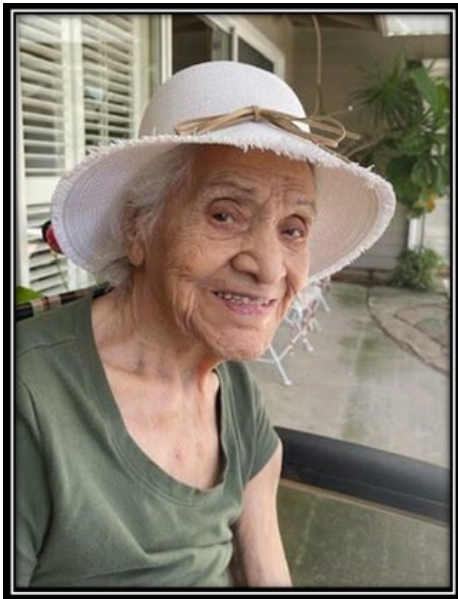
her?"



Above: *Pose by Rosalie Lowrey, the Artist* by Jane Reece ca. 1910-1912. Gelatin silver print on tissue. Courtesy of the [Dayton Art Institute](#).



Woodland Centenarian Club:



Behjat Bozorgi-nia

(3/1/1920 - 5/19/2023)

Behjat was born March 1st, 1920 in Iran. In 1937, she married Asadollah Bozorgi-nia. Together they raised two sons; Siavosh and Bijan, in Tehran.

Above all, Behjat valued family and education — values which she passed on to both her sons. Siavosh grew up to become a cardiac surgeon who practiced for many years here in Dayton. Bijan became an electrical engineer and successful businessman in California.

Behjat Bozorgi-nia passed away May 18th, 2023 at the age of 103; survived by her sons, 4 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and many others around the world who count

themselves blessed to love and have been loved by her.

Asadollah and Behjat rest peacefully together in section 307, lot K at Woodland

Upcoming Events!



End of Winter Bird Walk:

This is a great time see year-round residents, winter visitors, and possibly some early spring migrants like the Eastern Phoebe and Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. The walk is slow-paced, and mostly stays on the road surface, but sometimes does venture “off-trail” into the grass.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear a good pair of walking shoes! The tour will meet at the Eichelberger Plaza at the main gates of the cemetery.

Your nature guide will be Amanda Lawson, an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist.

Upcoming Tours:

3/15 @ 9 am

Click [here](#) to register!



Woof Walk:

Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum and SICSA Pet Adoption and Wellness Center invite you to one of our most unique events: Woof Walk!

Dogs, you can take your human on a guided tour through Woodland Cemetery!

Tours will depart at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Bring your sociable dog to the cemetery for a historic tour through the beautiful grounds of Woodland.

SICSA will be on site with information about their organization, how you can get involved and make a difference in a pet’s life!

Make a donation to SICSA (cash only) and receive a raffle ticket for a fabulous pet prize!

Annual Event:

4/26 @ 8:30 am

Click [here](#) to find out more & register for this event!

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Don't get caught by surprise!
Check this space for Woodland's
adornment removal calendar
each month to stay on schedule.

Key:

- Dark Green = Weekly Clean Off
- Orange = Do Not Clean Off
- Soft Grey = At Woodland's Discretion

Support Woodland:

Woodland is proud to remain an active part of the Dayton community as a popular place to walk, relax and enjoy.

We invite you to contribute to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation to ensure that what's meaningful to you today, continues tomorrow! Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

Thank you for your generous support of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

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Come Visit Us!



Volunteer opportunities

Woodland is seeking volunteers to give presentations to community groups on subjects such as local history, notable biographies, and trees.

Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!

Office Hours:

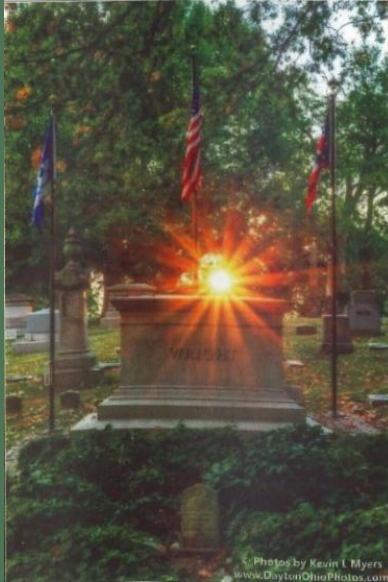
Monday-Friday
8am-5pm

Tours & More:


We welcome walkers, runners, and wanderers -- leashed dogs & school groups.

If you need help finding where someone is buried, need directions to a particular area, or have questions about pre-planning or funeral services, Woodland's Staff is here to assist you!

Register for a guided tour: visit the Woodland Cemetery website! Learn about fascinating Daytonians resting peacefully in one of America's oldest rural garden cemeteries! Or check out our **virtual tours!** (if you really don't want to go outside)



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