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WOODLAND

HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



Spring in the Cemetery

Home to more than 3,000 trees, Woodland Cemetery is full of beautiful plant life. If you're itching to see signs of spring, come take a stroll and stop to smell the flowers!



Tulip Magnolia:

Magnolia × soulangeana



Springbeauty:

Claytonia virginica

A favorite springtime showstopper, the tulip or saucer magnolia is a multi-stemmed large shrub or small tree.

The specimens located just inside Woodland's main entrance may stretch the definition of 'small'; one is even a former state champion tree!

This species was initially bred by Étienne Soulange-Bodin, a retired cavalry officer in Napoleon's army, near Paris.

In 1820, he crossed *Magnolia denudata* with *M. liliiflora*, and was impressed with the resulting precocious flowering in 1826.

This adorable little plant can be found in many parts of eastern North America. In some places, it is considered a weed—but then, the only difference between a plant and a weed is the viewer's perspective.

Spring beauty corms (bulbs) along with the entire above ground portion of the plant are safe to eat—one of its common names is, after all, the 'fairy spud'. The Iroquois and Algonquin people are said to have cooked and eaten the roots like potatoes, though Dykeman & Elias' [Edible wild plants: a North American field guide to over 200 natural foods](#) suggests that they are not especially tasty. Bees disagree—pollination ecologists note that the Springbeauty feeds a large number of native bees.

Did You Know:



That Sinking Feeling...

According to Hollywood, the way burial works is: gravediggers dig a hole, fill it in again, and that's the end of that. Unfortunately, Mother Nature and Fun Uncle Physics don't allow things to be quite as simple in the real world.

When a grave is dug, the soil is loosened. When the grave is filled in, it will inevitably contain more

pockets of air than the same soil before burial occurred. As the air escapes and the soil compacts, the grave may appear to sink. This is completely natural and practically unavoidable, especially in wet weather.

Here at Woodland, it usually takes at least a year for a grave to finish settling—sometimes even longer. Exactly how long can vary quite a bit for all kinds of reasons, such as soil type and weather patterns over many months. For this reason, there is no clear-cut, hard and fast rule about when a gravesite will look the way it did before burial occurred.

Sometimes, visitors experience a sense of discomfort to find that their loved one's burial plot appears to be sinking. If you notice a sunk grave, we advise that you notify our main office. We can identify the location using the name on the memorial and schedule the required maintenance work.

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Woodland's Main Office is located just inside the gates on the right hand side.

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8am-5pm
Closed Saturday & Sunday



Woodland's Main Office

Symbols of the Season:



Daffodils: *Narcissus poeticus*

Daffodils have a rich symbolic history — they are the flower of both the Underworld and of Paradise. Growing wild in Southern Europe, the Mediterranean & North Africa, daffodils are a familiar sight in gardens around the world.

According to Greek myth, Hades (god of the Underworld) used daffodils to abduct the goddess Persephone. While she was busy picking flowers, she did not see Hades lying in wait to kidnap her. Daffodils also play a part in the

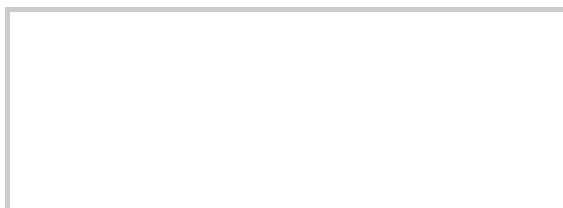
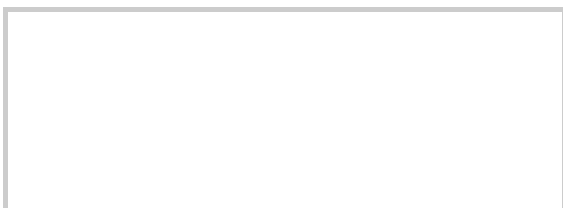
myth of Narcissus, which is why they are sometimes symbolically linked to mourning or misfortune. In Christian symbolism, the daffodil is linked with Easter — rebirth, regeneration, and new beginnings.

Upcoming Events!

Tour Tips:

Meet at the Eichelberger Plaza (just inside the main gates of the cemetery, in front of the Main Office). Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a water bottle if needed. Tours will launch rain or shine, except in the event of thunder or lightning.

All tours require a reservation and there is a suggested \$5 donation. All donations support the Woodland Arboretum Foundation which focuses on the restoration, preservation, horticultural and educational projects needed to keep Woodland a cultural resource for Dayton and Ohio.





History, Mystery, Murder & Mayhem:

Who confessed on their deathbed of murdering 18-year-old Christine Kett? Did Rose Shafor really dress up as a man to help her lover commit a crime? Who killed Julius Kruse? And was the “Cincinnati Ripper” living in Dayton? These stories and more are told in this walk to the grave sites of a victim or perpetrator of a crime.

Please note that the tour relates the actual accounts of murders that took place in Dayton. Graphic details are given and may not be appropriate for all audiences.

This 2-hour tour may be deemed strenuous by some and is not recommended for young children, elderly patrons, or those who may have trouble walking long distances through hilly and uneven grassy areas.

Upcoming Tours:

4/12 @ 10 am

4/14 @ 6 pm

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!

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

2025 Adornment Removal Calendar

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

Key:

April						
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Easter 4/20		

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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Volunteer opportunities

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

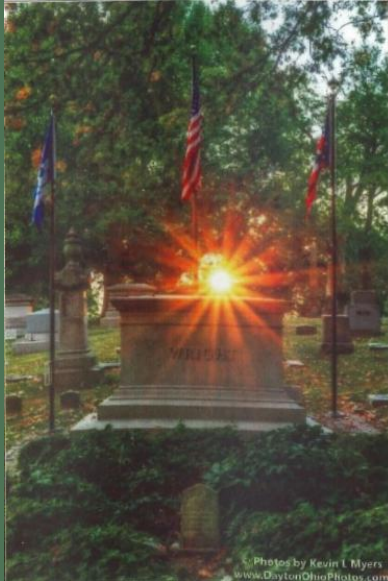
Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

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

Tours & More:

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

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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Discover the men and women who made it great in Dayton on a guided walking or bus tour. Self-guided tours are available on our mobile app.

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