



SINCE

1841

# WOODLAND

HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



## A Moment in the Mausoleum

For the medieval Church, the use of stained glass was not simply a decorative choice—it was an essential narrative tool. In those days, most religious services would have been conducted in Latin. Since the majority of the congregation could not read or speak in Latin, it was important for the Church to share these messages in another way.

A good way to do this is visually; just like today, the walls and ceilings of churches in the early medieval period were decorated with scenes from the bible and the lives of saints. As Gothic architecture brought large windows into the realm of possibility & the knowledge of producing stained glass grew, these works of storytelling art moved from the walls of the church to their windows.



## "Messiah"

Designed by [Willet Hauser Stained Glass Studios](#)

Inspired by George Frideric Handel's famous oratorio of the same name, this large window tells the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

At the center we see Jesus enthroned on a rainbow. He is surrounded by angels and the 24 elders.

From his feet runs the river of life, past seven golden candlesticks to the Lamb, which is standing on the Book of Seals. (The seals are the little circles which hang down from the side of the book.)

On the left, we see Jesus' death by crucifixion.

To the right, three women find his tomb empty, and are told of the Resurrection by an angel.

(In the art history world, this scene is creatively referred to as 'women at the tomb'.)

To either side of the Lamb, we see four creatures. These aren't animals, but traditional symbols of the four Evangelists.

The winged man represents Matthew, the winged lion is Mark. Luke is depicted as a winged ox, and John is depicted as an eagle.

## Handel's "Messiah"

A New Sacred Oratorio

Even if you don't recognize the title of this composition, the music will probably sound familiar—it's the source of the famous '[Hallelujah Chorus](#)'.

First performed in 1742 at the Great Music Hall in





George Frideric Handel  
1685 - 1759

Dublin, 'The Messiah' was included in a series of concerts to raise money for The Charitable and Musical Society for the Release of Imprisoned Debtors.

In order to fit all 700 attendees into the concert hall, gentlemen were requested to remove their swords, and ladies were asked not to wear hoops in their dresses. The concert raised about £400, and secured the release of 142 indebted prisoners.

After an initially modest public reception in London, the oratorio became more popular over time, eventually becoming one of the best-known and most frequently performed choral works in Western music.

## Timber!



Dead trees to be removed.



Seedlings planted by The McEwan Lab.

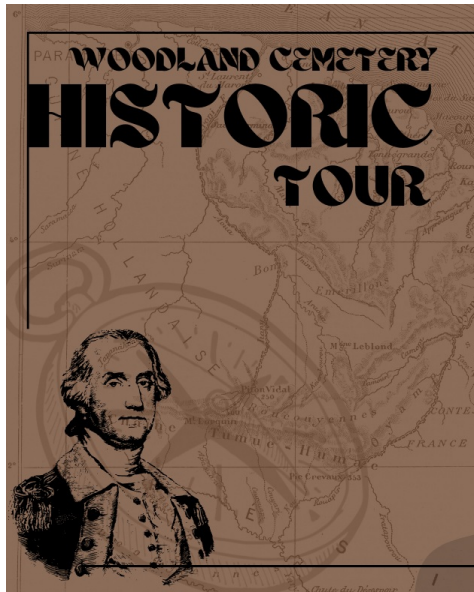
In response to the drought, heat, storms, and insect attacks of the past few years, Woodland has expanded our tree care and replanting efforts. New developments include removal of dead trees by [SavATree](#) as well as new plantings by the University of Dayton.

Like much of the Miami Valley in recent years, Woodland lost a number of mature trees—some of which were quite large. Although falling trees rarely damage headstones or monuments, they can certainly cause damage to vehicles or injury to visitors. While we work with SavATree to remove these hazards, certain roads may be closed. We ask our visitors to be mindful of road closures and to leave plenty of space for the experts to do their work safely.

Reinforcing Woodland's role as a conservation-minded arboretum, we are expanding our investment in habitat restoration and native plantings. This summer, we began working with [Dr. Ryan McEwan](#) (professor and graduate program director) at the University of Dayton's biology department to plant native tree seedlings throughout the cemetery. Many of these new plantings are various species of oak trees, which are slow-growing but long-lived. Redbud and hickory tree plantings have also been added.

Over the next several years, these baby trees will grow to replace their predecessors; ensuring that Woodland remains a green oasis within the city of Dayton for generations to come.

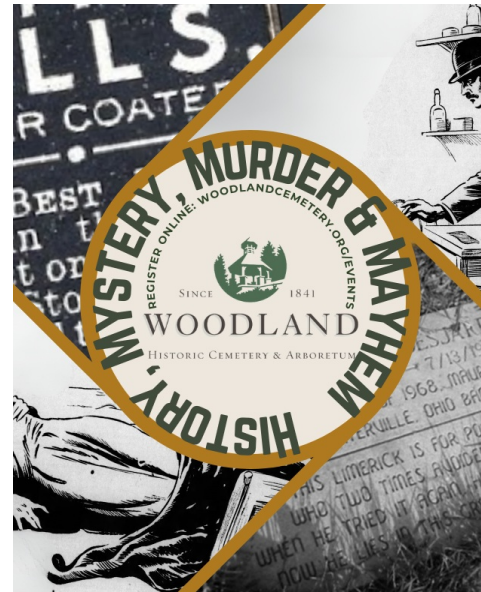
## Upcoming Events!



### Historic Woodland Tour:

7/25 @ 6 pm

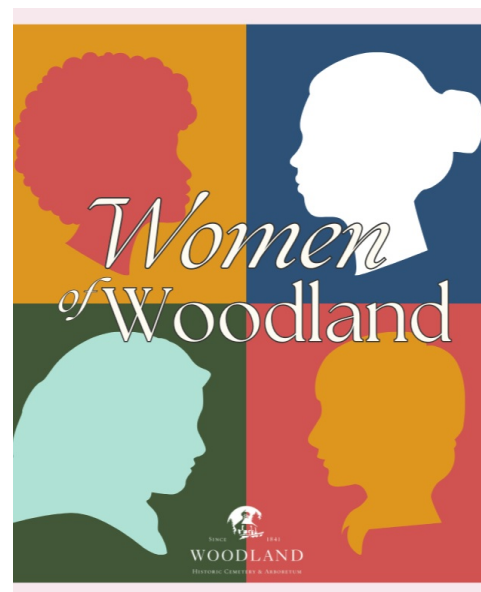
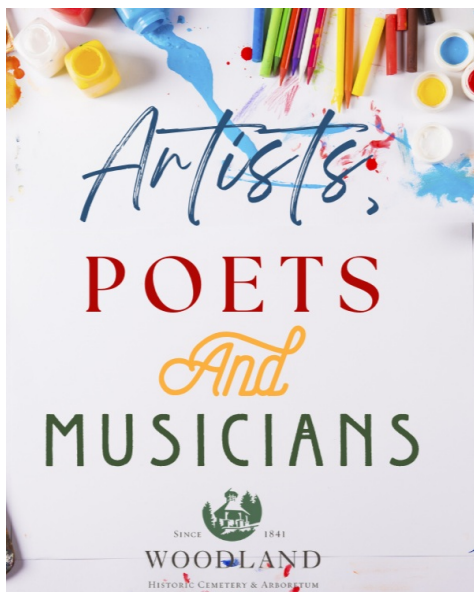
Click [here](#) to register!



### History, Mystery, Murder & Mayhem:

7/24 @ 6 pm

Click [here](#) to register!



### Artists, Poets & Musicians:

7/31 @ 10 am

Click [here](#) to register!

### Women of Woodland:

8/2 @ 11 am

Click [here](#) to register!

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### Don't get caught by surprise:

Please be sure to bring home all decor items that you wish to keep.

#### 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.

**DONATE ONLINE!**

## 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!

### 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!

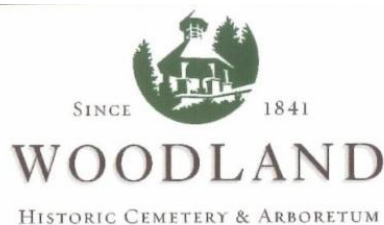
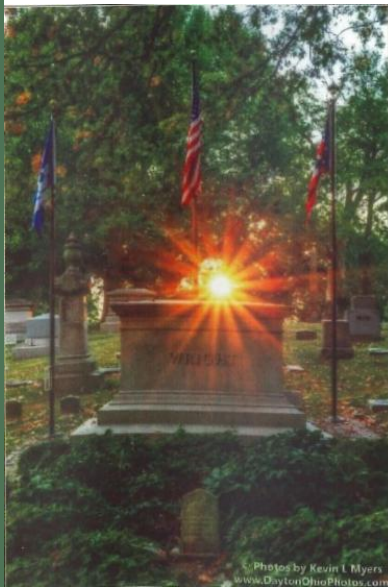
Or check out our virtual tours! (if you really don't want to go outside)



### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday  
8am-5pm

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!



Committed to providing dignified and caring funeral services and burial options to families of all faiths since 1841.

**Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum**  
118 Woodland Ave.  
Dayton, OH 45409  
woodlandcemetery.org

***Beautiful. Timeless. Still Available...***



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.

For information call 937-228-3221 or e-mail [info@woodlandcemetery.org](mailto:info@woodlandcemetery.org)

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