



SINCE 1841

# WOODLAND

HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



The Holiday Spirit



Did you Know:  
The first Christmas tree  
in Dayton was decorated  
in Horace Pease's parlor



The first Christmas tree in Dayton was at the home of Horace Pease.

Candlelit Christmas trees as we know them today have their roots in Germany. The tradition made its way to the United States via Pennsylvania's German community in the 1820's, but didn't spread as rapidly as we might imagine.

As late as the 1840's, Americans didn't want much to do with Christmas trees—until the internationally fashionable Queen Victoria changed their minds.

In 1846, the *Illustrated London News* published a sketch of the Queen & her German-born husband, Prince Albert, standing with their children around a Christmas tree. This image was widely circulated by Godey's Lady's Book in the United States, boosting the popularity of the Christmas tree considerably.

**Left:** Horace Pease (undated). Courtesy of the Montgomery County Picture File at the [Dayton Library](#).  
**Right:** Christmas tree at Windsor Castle by J.L. Williams for *The Illustrated London news*, 1848. Courtesy of the [Library of Congress](#).

## Happy Birthday!

### Lorenzo L. Langstroth

In the 1850s, Congregationalist minister Lorenzo L. Langstroth knew more about honeybees than anyone in America. His discovery of bee-space and invention of the movable frame hive would revolutionize the beekeeping industry, and earn him the title, "Father of American Beekeeping."

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Christmas day in 1810, Rev. Langstroth came to Dayton in 1893 to live with his sister. He died in 1895 while giving a sermon at the Wayne Avenue Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, and is laid to rest in section 103, lot 2634 at Woodland Cemetery.



## 2025 Photo Contest Winners!



**Nature Prevails:**  
"Viability"  
by Jacob Kelley

Congratulations to this year's winners of Woodland Cemetery's annual student photography contest, & thank you, photography students of Miami Valley CTC, for all of your fantastic submissions!

Winning photos are on display in the Woodland Mausoleum—be sure to check them out at your next visit!

The winners in each division are:

- Nature Prevails - Jacob Kelley "Viability"
- Forever Elegant - Zoey Keckler "The Sanctuary of Remembrance"
- Gravestone That "Say It All" - Kolbi Alexander "Here I lie, & here they stay"
- Open Division - Mary Aponyi "Still Waters and Morning Light"

Support Woodland!

For 184 years, Woodland has been a place of remembrance, reflection, and beauty. This Giving Tuesday, you can help preserve that legacy.

Your donation to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation supports landscape care, tree preservation, historic restoration, and our commitment to keeping Woodland a welcoming sanctuary for all.

Please consider a tax-deductible gift today

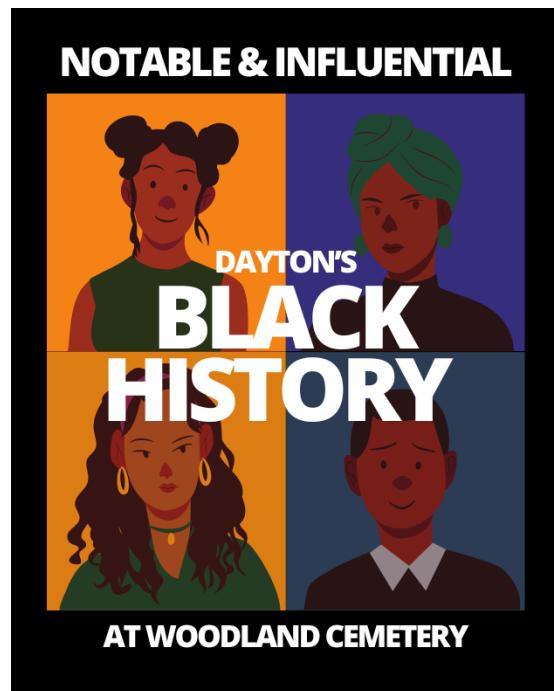
Thank you for supporting Woodland's mission.

With gratitude,

Woodland Arboretum Foundation



## Upcoming Events!



[Black History Mausoleum Tour](#)



[New Year's Bird Walk](#)

## 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

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## Come Visit Us!



### 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!

### 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.

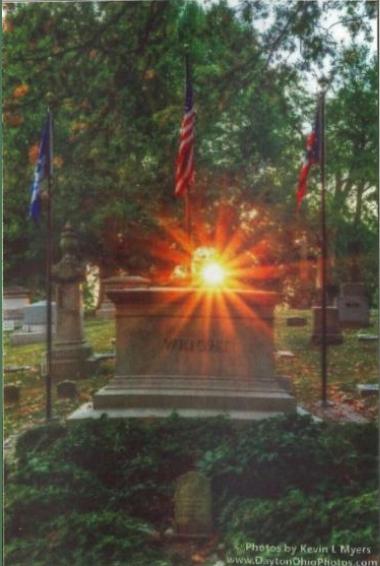
\*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!

### 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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## Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum

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Dayton, OH 45409

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