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CGN Symposium

East Hartford South Senior Center
70 Canterbury St., East Hartford

MARCH 29th

9 am – 4 pm

Presentations:

9:30 am Introduction to Old Burying Grounds
"What you see today, is not the way it was"
By Ruth Brown

10:45 am "Commemorating Colonial Slavery
in our Old Center Cemetery"
Suffield Academy Student Project
By Bill Sullivan's Class

11:45 – 12:45 Lunch Break

We provide sandwiches & beverages for a donation

1:00 pm "Mortals Attend and Learn Your End"
The Story of the Old Plymouth Burying Ground
By Jerry Milne

2:15 pm "Evolution of the Skull and Cross Bones"
How the symbol has changed through time.
By Bruce Sandy

Visit with Exhibitors, enjoy the lectures,
Try your hand at stone carving
Enjoy lunch with friends and share some stories.

\$10 for general public Pay at the door
Admission \$5 for CGN members
CGN dues - \$10 can be paid at the door.

For more information or to have a display table
contact Ruthie at ctgravelady@cox.net
or call 860-643-5652

From Executive Director, Ruthie Brown

Greetings everyone, I hope you are all looking forward to a new year and NEW changes.

Although we are still in winters grip, plans for spring requests and inquiries for CGN are coming in everyday.

Many of our long time members have had an arduous 2013. For many of us, a year filled with family issues, health problems and the loss of family members. My fond wishes and a warm embrace goes out to all that have stayed in touch throughout this past year.

As you are quite aware I have myself not been able to keep up with newsletter mailings as promised last year, and for that I apologize again.

I'm hoping that after a couple of spring meetings to reorganize and finding people to help out with some tasks; that CGN will pick up again. A new website; someone to handle a facebook page; and discussions to become a new chapter under the Association for Gravestone Studies umbrella are on the table.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our annual spring symposium in March as this always a great opportunity to get together and start the ball rolling for a year of activities ahead.

Thank you for your support and encouragements, I hope to see each one of you at a future programs or workshops.

Ruth Shapleigh-Brown

CGN meeting and social

Sunday Feb. 23

Snow date will be March 2nd

1pm to 3pm

In the Friends office at the South end Senior Center of East Hartford. Just come down the center doorway to get in.

We also have a large library of books for members doing research. Do RSVP Ruthie if you have any specific questions and so we'll have enough refreshments available.

Last year was by no means a quite one. Although Ruthie did not get a second newsletter out she was busy as always with presentations and projects. Some highlights were:

May 2013 - East Hartford annual workshop

Last spring at our annual volunteer day workshop we were pleased to have some attendees from other towns join us; they came to ask questions, learn some new techniques and go home with some new knowledge to use on their own cemetery

Ted Kinnari was with us demonstrating his D2 product for safely cleaning stones. Our local Goodwin College volunteer team had once again showed up to support the cause and with their tremendous help we were able to clean about 30 stones and reset 14 toppled ones

We hope you'll look to join us this spring - the date is not confirmed yet but will probably be May 14th or 17th (still deciding at this point) so stay tuned or watch for notices and updates at Friends of Center Cemetery, Inc. on facebook.

The picture to the left is a stone being carefully excavated by some of our dedicated crew, before being lifted out of the ground.

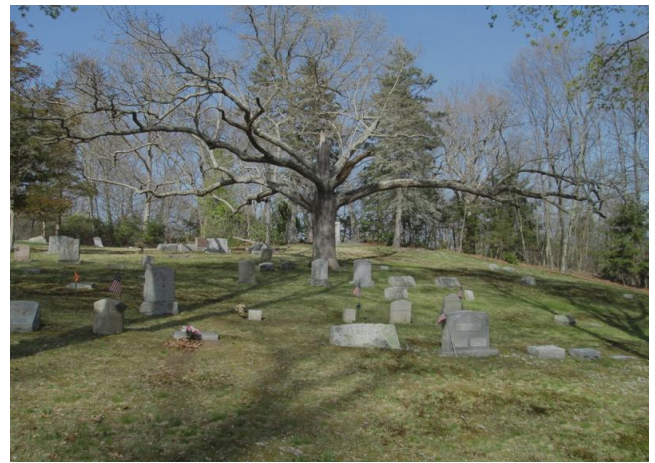


April 2013 - Fountain Hill Cemetery in Deep River held a wonderful tour.

Fountain Hill Cemetery was recently listed on the State Register of Historic Places by the CT Historic Preservation Council. Founded in 1851, Fountain Hill encompasses approximately 48 acres of gently rolling hills, accented by natural outcroppings of stone, wildflowers and a wide variety of mature specimen trees. Famed landscape architect B.F. Hathaway from Stamford, CT was given the contract in 1869 to design the layout of the cemetery, reflecting the wide spread cultural phenomenon of the late nineteenth century, known as the "Rural Cemetery." As part of the tour we were delighted to view the inside of the chapel, including the basement to see the progress of the repairs.



The chapel was given as a gift to the association in 1914. It was designed by Isaac Allen it is an untouched example of mid nineteenth century Gothic Revival architecture.



The above picture is in Fountain Hill showing the area where one of the most visited stones in the cemetery resides. A thief who was killed in the process of committing his crime and buried without a name. His stone bears the initials XYZ.

Also in the Deep River area – Winthrop Cemetery had another successful clean up day.

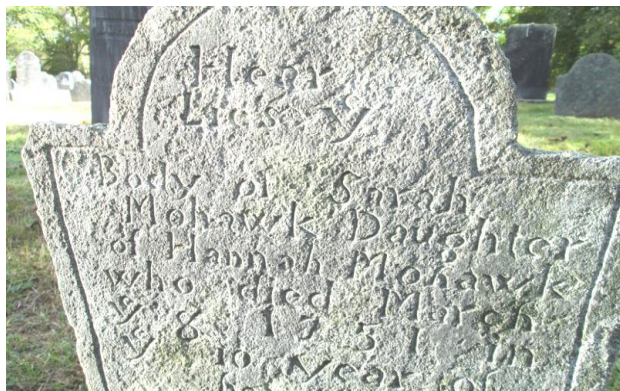
Valley Regional High School in Deep River held a very successful community work day at many locations in the tri-town area (Chester, Deep River and Essex. Winthrop Cemetery was the recipient of 24 students and two hardworking teachers 3 hours of steady and enthusiastic work. The kids raked leaves and pine needles, and helped my husband reset stones, clear tree branches, plant flowers, paint sign uprights, and thoughtfully clean many of the solid stones. The Deep River Volunteer Fire Dept lent us their tanker truck which was loaded with clean water for the occasion! Since we do not have running water and I would have needed to haul gallons if not for them, it was a "life saver" for me. It also allowed me to set up a hand washing station for the kids. The cemetery neighbors lent rakes and shovels. Five of our association members were there to direct and work with the kids. Our expenses were plants, gloves and brushes plus I supplied cold drinks.

I gave them an overview of the cemetery and at first I had the feeling they thought it might be creepy, they soon came to think of the cemetery as a park-like setting, filled with founders and ancestors and people who came before us who had established roads, churches and schools and make us what we are today. I told them without our founders we would not be the fabulous community that we are now. Many said they would be back next year. It was GREAT!!!

The cemetery association was invited to a pizza lunch at the school. It was a real community effort. All students were given a Valley Warriors in the Community tee shirt which they wore to our site. Imagine 600 students out in the community all over the towns that day. Imagine every high school in CT being able to do this in their town and learning what it means to be a volunteer!

Kathy Schultz, Winthrop Cemetery –
for this year's date
Contact Kathy Schultz at kateschu@aol.com

Coventry Cemetery Commission sponsored several tours this past year. Ruthie is always proud to join Sherry Chapman and her committee of hard working volunteers. This year CGN joined them at South cemetery and as always new friends and new discoveries were made.



One such discovery pictured above was finding a stone for a Sarah Mohawk daughter of Hannah Mohawk. One of Ruthie's favorite stones, also featured on the CGN T-shirts, is for a Molly Mohawk in South Windsor. There also seems to be another South Windsor connection here which is finding stones carved by Thatcher Lathrop stones in this cemetery, including the one for Mr. Loomis, who was the local stone carver. Ummm... another mystery to solve.



We came across quite a few stones speaking of infant deaths; 24 days, 3 days, 10 hours and this one with a symbol not common to this area simply stating that "In memory of ye daughter of Mr. Joseph Talcott and Mrs. Eunice his wife, who was Born dead Dec. ye 29 1766".

The Ancient Burying Ground in Hartford

This past summer and fall work was started on a landscape plan that has been in the works for two years now in conjunction with the city and the Ancient Burying Ground Association.

The main goals of this undertaking was to establish improved drainage as there were ponding issues during heavy rains which especially in winter temperatures was causing a corrosive environment for the old sandstones. Secondly to establish a more park like setting with pathways to guide visitors; including those in wheelchairs, through the historic burying ground. The ABGA board is hopeful that all work will be finished in time to have a springtime celebration which will be widely advertised.

This project has been a source of discussion among many regarding modernization vs historic preservation issues. Ruthie will be showing some slides of this work during her presentation at the symposium.



Woodstock "Grave Matters"

The Grave Matters workshop sponsored by the Woodstock Historical Commission was a big success! Despite having to move the original date from July to Nov. it all came together with a good turn out. The first Saturday Ruthie started with a presentation on basic conservation measures, precautions and examples of situations to be addressed. The temperatures held out and several stones were cleaned and reset. Ruthie remarked that



the resetting was most interesting as each stone she picked turned out to present itself as an ongoing mystery. The last candidate was a small stone that was severely tilted and upon digging it out a slate fragments were discovered some pieces with words on them. Evidently this broken stone had been used in a past restoration for fill. On our second day it was

a definitely colder but Jonathan Appell was able to keep the group interested and all were enthusiastic about his work and the monument he rebalanced and straightened in his workshop. Ted Kinnari was also part of the workshop answering questions and demonstrating how to use the D2 stone cleaner. See Ted's site for D2 cleaner a www.d2bio.com and Jonathan Appell's helpful sites at [<historicstone@msn.com>](mailto:historicstone@msn.com) or www.gravestonepreservation.info

Making some Headlines with Martha

If you haven't seen this link yet please check it out. Our Will and Lisa Cornell have reached the Martha Stewart Blog site via a project they did in NY. ... and they still hang with us! <http://www.themarthablog.com/2013/10/caring-for-the-historic-burying-grounds-of-bedford-new-york-2.html>

CGN Director –working to get the word out

Ruthie's presentations were well attended with great interest in Vernon, Milford, Storrs, Rocky Hill, Hebron, Guilford and Durham. We are hoping to be back visiting Hebron and Durham later this year for more tours and hands on work.

Ruthie is also working on presentations coming up this spring in Lyme, Simsbury, Guilford, and we are looking for more volunteers to help out with workshops at Chesterfield Cemetery in Montville and always at Center Cemetery in East Hartford.

A bus tour to Woodlawn cemetery in NY has been talked about and visits to other corners of the state as time provides this summer. Watch for future notices on work dates or contact Ruthie and let her know if you are interested.

Of course spring and fall are always our busiest months in all our connected organizations, there are just never enough weekends to fit it all in!

On the Subject: pg laws regarding access

Here's are some search link that might help with some questions but to date

I still don't know of any law we have excepting the "no entrance between sunset and sunrise" - which of course now a days we violate per authority for lantern tours. Ruthie

www.cga.ct.gov

search for access to cemetery
or try this long link

<http://search.usa.gov/search?affiliate=ct-cga&affiliate=ct-cga&affiliate=ctcga&v%3Aproject=firstgov&query=access-in-to-cemeter>

Friends of Danbury Cemeteries

Extracted from the Nov. 2012 FODC newsletter

Thanks to volunteers Carolyn Marvin and Gary Boughton who came out to the North Burying Ground for our workday on November 17th. The North Burying Ground is one of the oldest cemeteries in Danbury, with many of founding families of Danbury represented. This was our final workday for the 2012 season. We had a very good year in terms of the number of stones that were conserved.

We were able to reset 7 marble stones into new concrete bases. All of the stones had been "down" for many years, some in 3 or more pieces. Prior to the workday, we were able to re assemble the broken pieces, and had new concrete bases cast and waiting for the workday. In total, in 2012 we conserved 23 gravestones at the North Burying Ground. Many of the marble stones conserved this year had been laying on or under the ground for many years. The dirt and biological growth has been difficult to remove. Our priority has been to get these stones upright so that they are no longer struck by and run over by the mowers. The Concrete bases should help to protect these historic stones. Over the winter Mother Nature's precipitation should help to clean the stones somewhat. Many if not all of the stones conserved also need infill work done as well.

The North Burying Ground did not suffer any serious damage in Super Storm Sandy, although many small branches were blown down. Gary Boughton and his trusty chain saw made short work of the one large branch that fell.

We have received preliminary approval to build a shed at the North Burying Ground to store supplies and a mower. The building design has been approved, and the permit for construction is awaiting final approval.

All who were involved found the experience very interesting and rewarding. Thanks to everyone who participated.

DAR Honors Ruthie with their highest preservation award.

On June 15th of last year, Ruth Shapleigh-Brown received a very prestigious award: the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Preservation Medal. The Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth DAR Chapter of Windsor nominated Ruth for this honor because of her extraordinary volunteer efforts and her many years of involvement in the burial ground preservation and gravestone studies.



Pictured here are Luella Bartes, Ruth Shapleigh - Brown and Judey Sawyer Buckbee.

The DAR Historic Preservation Medal is to honor an individual whose volunteer dedication to historic preservation has made a distinguished contribution on the regional, state or national level for many years.

Ruth has forever applauded the efforts of the DAR for all their work to document and restore our 16th century history. Ruth is proud that DAR members are also CGN members and have through the years been some of her greatest teachers and colleagues in steering restoration projects. Ruth has developed her passion about this history from those ladies and believes that our old burying grounds are a most valuable resource. Certainly they deserve more protection as they ARE a tangible link to our past.

The meeting was held at the Oliver Ellsworth Homestead in Windsor with about 100 people in attendance. Also at this statewide meeting many other awards were given out to students that have worked on projects to help document and support the preservation of our history.

The photo included here is of DAR members Luella Bartes and Judey Sawyer with Ruthie and who also are CGN members.

CK – MonsterBooks – Research – around the WORLD

We have another member that many of you know Chris Kullstroem, who last year joined us at the symposium and gave a talk on cemetery tours and haunted happenings; is now traveling the world reporting on haunted happenings and events. It's amazing the places she has gotten too already experiencing a variety of holidays and the way they are celebrated.

Here's a letter to all from Chris!

PS. Chris sent me some photos to use but they were of course all taken at night...for the newsletter, which goes to print in black and white, they just weren't coming out clear enough.. but DO check out her website and see them ALL.

From Chris:

I'm pleased to share with my friends at the Connecticut Gravestone Network the progress of my research abroad. These travels are being conducted for my next publication: *Drawn to the Dark: Enhancing Community Health through Dark-Themed Tourism*. This project began in September of 2013 and consists of two years studying "dark-themed" events around the world, and how these events benefit their citizens from building stronger communities to keeping traditions alive.

From last September through October I attended tours based on cemeteries, Voodoo and the paranormal in New Orleans, all of which are run by companies that contribute proceeds to local cemetery restoration and conservation. From late October through November, I attended several Dia de los Muertos events in Oaxaca, Mexico, in which families honored past ancestors through offerings, artwork and community celebrations. From late November through December, I was in Salzburg, Austria attending events about winter demons Krampus and Perchten. Krampus runs, or laufs, are based on Austrian traditions aimed at keeping children from misbehaving, and Perchten dances involve song and dance to ward off evil spirits and a harsh winter. Currently, I am in Urbana, Italy focusing on the La Befana festival. This event celebrates an Italian witch that gives children candy by putting it in the socks on the night of January 5th.

In February I'll be heading to Japan for Setsubun, also known as Devil's Day. Setsubun traditions are based on warding off evil spirits. Namahage, another Japanese festival, takes place the following week and involves more costumed performances for keeping evil spirits at bay. In April, I will attend events in three separate areas: the Qingming Festival, or Tomb Sweeping Day, in China, in which the Chinese pay homage to past ancestors; **and then on to Blåkulla** in Sweden, where children dress as witches and go door to door in a similar fashion to trick-or-treating, **and then on to Germany** for their Walpurgis Night, a mountain-region custom based on ancient beliefs in witchcraft.

In each area, I'm writing a blog about these travels on my website, www.MonstersAndBooks.com. The blog focuses on the events I'm researching and the unique ways they are providing people opportunities for social engagement, creative expression, a boost in their economy, and other important elements. I'm also pleased to be the "international correspondent" for the weekly radio show Paranormal Talk in New Orleans. The show can be heard live and podcasts can be found on the website www.wgso.com. Additionally, pictures of all my travels can be found on my Monsters and Books Facebook page.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my adventures with you, and please stay in touch through Facebook so we may continue to share these travels together from around the globe!

Chris Kullstroem

www.MonstersAndBooks.com

Probated Stones – Genealogists we need these!

Below you'll see a section from the accounts of Rozel Cook of Montville, CT. Nancy Pexa was doing some research when she came across this entry and passed it on to Ruthie. This is how we document work done by a particular stone carver. Assuming of course that who was paid for making gravestones, IS indeed the carver and not an agent. Then identifying similar works we discover patterns and distinguish who these tradesmen were.

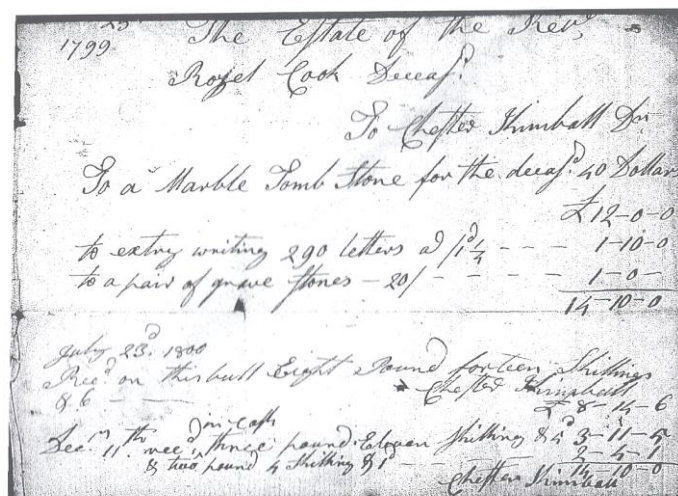
The partial slip below states the following:

Receipt of payment from The Estate of the

Rev. Rozel Cook deceased, on July 23, 1800 by

Chester Kimball for a marble tombstone, priced at \$40.

A closer look shows the receipt is broken down into lbs and schillings for writing 290 letters and a pair of gravestones.



Reminder:

The Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions, which is property of the Connecticut State Library, has been microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and is available through LDS Family History Centers, and **is NOW available on Ancestry.com.**

Original Burial Permits ARE Important.

The following was a case about the selling of old original records, Burial Permits. It wasn't a crime and the person at the front of this discussion actual did a great service to the community because he first transcribed all the permits and made a database of them which he freely shared.

The problem came when they were viewed as "for sell" on ebay by those of us that are constantly searching for records of those

souls that were buried without grave markers. All too often we have cases where we know that areas of certain cemeteries contain unmarked burials with lost or missing records, and do not have any way to know who may lie in these graves. When the town clerks were addressed we found that long ago it was decided by their organization that burial permits did not have to be classified as vital records. However in the cases as I described above we found these slips "are" often the only record that provides us with confirmation of a named person that was in fact buried in specific cemetery and in some cases even with the lot references. August DeFrance; genealogist and Middletown's Old Cemetery Association Superintendant asked about this situation, as he wanted the records as they applied to one of his old burying grounds. Ruthie then went to the Public Records Department at the State Library and LeAnn R. Power, Public Records Administrator, who after reviewing the case then contacted the General Attorneys office and worked to get this situation resolved. This first person was very cooperative with the Public Records office where as another case that popped up during this investigation was not able to find. The point is these records have value but in the past have been housed outside of the city offices in the homes of those that handled the permits.

Below is a reprint of her article as it was published in the Connecticut State Libraries own newsletter called the Connector. Vol. 13, No. 4 Page 13

Connecticut State Library Connector Article

Recovery of Public Records in Connecticut

by LeAnn R. Power, Public Records Administrator

City of Middletown burial permits dating from 1888 to 1900.

In 2004, The Council of State Historical Records Coordinators, The Society of American Archivists, and The National Association of Government Archives & Records Administrators (NAGARA) issued a —Statement Regarding the Sale of Historical Public Records through Online Auctions. This was because of the increasing number of official government records becoming available for purchase over the Internet. In January 2011 it was discovered that original burial permits from the City of Middletown, Connecticut, were being offered for sale on eBay, each with a starting bid of \$9.99. The group of 164 records, dating from 1888 to 1900, had been purchased at a tag sale for \$25.

The Connecticut General Statutes §11-8c stipulates that —upon complaint of the State Librarian, the Attorney General shall replevy any public records which have been unlawfully transferred or removed in violation of §§1-18, 1-210, 7-109, 11-8 and 11-8a. Such public records shall be returned to the office of origin and safeguards shall be established to prevent further recurrence of unlawful transfer or removal. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/pub/chap188.htm#Sec11-8c.htm>].

The Public Records Administrator (PRA) emailed the individual who was selling the permits on eBay to gather additional information about these important documents. She then contacted the Assistant Registrar of Vital Statistics at the City of Middletown Health Department. It was determined that these records were missing from the town's collection, which dated back only to 1901.

Burial permit records are the property of the town and they are permanent records in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §7-65 et seq

[<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/pub/chap093.htm#Sec7-65.htm>] and Connecticut Municipal Retention Schedule M5: Town Clerks and Registrars of Vital Statistics Records, Item M5-510 [<http://www.cslib.org/publicrecords/retclerks.pdf>].

The goal was to prevent the sale of these historical public records and to ensure that the records were returned to the City of Middletown Health Department. The PRA contacted the Assistant Attorney General and the Middletown City Attorney for assistance in the

The following articles are last year's news and I apologize but none the less we need to know what's happening in our various towns so we can support their work. Ruthie Brown

From Member Ellen Zoppo;

City of Bristol Cemetery Commission Chair

The Bristol Cemetery Commission has been very active in the last couple of years, culminating with the recent hiring of a conservator to repair several stones in the Downs (Old South) ancient cemetery. We raised over \$6,000 in private grant funds to have these stones done, and will be starting on a second phase this spring. We also engineered a contract between the City and West Cemetery Association for continued maintenance of the ancient cemeteries with a line item in the budget, something that has been sorely lacking for 80 years, and have been doing walking tours twice a year to raise awareness. We have gotten great attendance at these, and have thus used that public support in our fundraising efforts. I have attached two examples of our press coverage. We definitely see a groundswell of public support for the cemeteries in town have forged successful partnerships with the veterans, Eagle Scouts, genealogists, DAR and others

For calendar purposes, we will be part of the Bristol Historical Society's regular Third Thursday lecture series on April 18, 2013, starting at 7pm. Our presentation is entitled "Candace Roberts Resurrected (her gravestone that is!)" and will focus on the restoration of this particular stone. The program will have 4 15 minute segments - overview of our 4 ancient cemeteries; remarks by the person who did the restoration work; a 15 minute segment on Candace (an early painter of clock dials in the clock industry who wrote a diary of life in the early 1800s that has been published) and a final wrap up by me on how the Cemetery Commission does its work and finds the funds, etc. This program serves as a "bounce" to the annual spring walking tour we are doing on Sunday, April 21, 2013, 1:30pm, in the Downs Cemetery to showcase all the improvements there. The walk is free and open to the public. Check out their calendar for

this years annual spring walk!

<http://bristolhistoricalsociety.org/events.php>

Theft is still happening reports...

Theft is still an issue whether it be gravestones or metal markers. Just this week I heard from Scott Babbitt about a missing old stone in one of the Babbitt cemeteries in East Killingly. Unfortunately they do not presently have a photo to help identify it as it was an old difficult stone to photograph. Perhaps they will find an older photo that will help identify it as time passes.

Mirrors people – mirrors! In most cases this will help you to photograph even the most difficult or eroded stone.

Here are some stories from last year that have been sent in by some of our members. (and YEAH – an arrest even!)

Dana Laird has sent in this article about cemetery theft. This guy they caught!

City Man Arrested for Stealing Bronze Plaques from Tombstones See the full story on the Norwalk Patch site <http://norwalk.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/city-man-arrested-for-stealing-bronze-plaques-from-cemeteries>

Memorial vases stolen from St. Joseph Cemetery in Winsted

Sent to us by Ken Buckbee

<http://www.registercitizen.com/articles/2013/07/17/news/doc51e74bfd0cb9197124931.txt>

The [Wallingford Patch](#) reported the vases were roughly the same type, size and price tag (\$5,000) as those stolen from St. Joseph.

The vases can cost families thousands of dollars. One pair of vases reported stolen to the Winchester Police was assessed at \$3,300.

And In March, **St. Sebastian's in Middlefield** was hit... [10 metal and granite vases went missing from St. Sebastian Cemetery in Middlefield.](#)

From a colleague on Long Island, NY.

Anthony Pisciotta & volunteers at Bayside Cemetery

http://m.qchron.com/mobile/editions/south/pilfered-plaque-to-be-rededicated/article_6a3cbcf5-6e8b-5a16-9f1c-d80beb29a74b.html

Anthony - I don't know if I had told you about this. I located the grave of a hero US Marine that died in action in 1930; he was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously for his unbelievable bravery. He was shot in the arm and nearly lost it, he continued firing a pistol with his other hand to help and defend his comrades, he did this for over an hour until he was killed.

Unfortunately, the plaque on his stone had been stolen at some point. After contacting various military groups the Marine Corp League stepped up and had the stone repaired. They decided against using a brass plaque again since its safety could not be assured, they had it engraved into the granite. The photo in the news article shows a temporary plastic plaque that I had made and attached so that his name was on the stone.

They are planning on rededicating the stone on August 4 with a US Marine Honor Guard.

<http://www.thejewishweek.com/features/lens/re-honoring-fallen-marine>

Lucy's stone is back at the Plymouth Burying Ground

The gravestone of a Colonial era baby girl, which had been missing for years, was repaired and returned to its rightful place in the Old Plymouth Burying Ground. Jerry Milne who will be giving a talk about the Plymouth Burying at our symposium will tell about this story. The link below will get you to the headlines but you may have to search further for the full story as it's no longer current.

<http://www.bristolpress.com/shared-content/search/index.php?search=go&l=20&s=recent&r=&d1=12-1-2000&d2=today&q=Gravestone+Lucy>

Join us at an event

It was our intent to schedule CGN meetings on more regular basis last year. Many of us are already working with several other organizations making it difficult to find convenient times.

This year we will schedule meetings on Sunday afternoon's and they will be posted on the website.

Please do communicate to us your interest and availability as we wish to accommodate the majority.

Thank you – Ruthie

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Two more this spring – keep tuned.
Some days have yet to be defined.

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April 5th or 12th - Spring Clean up & Youth Service Day

Ruthie will be giving a tour at 1:30 pm.

Center Cemetery East Hartford

Annual Activity Day May 14th or 17th 10am-3pm

Stone Cleaning Workshop for Genealogist -
Open to the public for those that want to learn about
photographing, cleaning and resetting stones

Friends of Danbury Cemeteries

Workshop schedule and meetings

The Friends of Danbury Cemeteries
works to restore the abandoned, and underserved
cemeteries in the City of Danbury
catch them on facebook **Or contact**
Ed Siergiej directly at Esiergiej@aol.com
to receive their e-newsletter.

Lichen workshop

May 24th – 10am deKoven House

Washington St– Middletown

for the indoor presentation

Outdoor afternoon at a near by cemetery.

More details soon –

Email us if you are interested.

Alison Guinness wjguinness@snet.net

Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford

website for spring tours and programs

<http://www.cedarhillcemetery.org/>

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Directions: Senior Center is on the East Hartford Glastonbury town line,
Maple Ave. -off Route 2 E - E bound use exit 5c – west bound use 5 b and reverse direction
by turning left (at Wendy’s) and left at light back up on hwy and use exit 5c..then follow signs

Pictures from our 2013 CGN Symposium



**Lots to learn
and discuss**



Good Friends



It's a GOOD DAY..

**COME
ON
DOWN**

Thanks to all that have contributed, helped with editing and otherwise been very patient.

Next Newsletter (we hope) April 10th , 2014
cemetery news, articles and related events

APPLICATION - NEW MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014- Please circle new or renewal
(photo copy of application to accompany payment is appreciated)

Name _____

Address: _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip+four _____

Telephone: (Home) () _____ - _____ Work () _____ - _____

Please print clearly - Email _____

Voluntary Information:

Interests in Gravestone Studies: Check which apply:

Restoration _____ Carvers _____ Genealogy _____ History _____

Other Comments _____

If a New member - Where did you hear about CGN ? _____

Fee: \$10.00, Make -Checks Payable to " CGN" - Mail to 135 WELLS St. MANCHESTER, CT 06040-6127