

Discover WOODLAND

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Calendar of Events

We are starting to put together our Calendar of Events for the 2006 season. The following programs will be held, although dates and times have not been established.

- **“Pictures Tell the Story”** — A photo exhibit featuring the works of the photographic staff of the *Dayton Daily News*.
- **Photo Clinic** featuring Skip Peterson, Senior Photographer of the *DDN*. Skip will demonstrate how to use the computer to alter, recreate or define your photos.
- **Photo Clinic** led by Nancy Draves, winner of two honorable mentions in the 2005 Photo Contest, will demonstrate the art of mosaic photographs.

May 27, 28, 29, 2006
Woodland Memorial Day Weekend Flower Sale. 10 am to 5 pm each day.

June 10, 2006
Third annual **“Woof Walk”** at Woodland Cemetery, co-sponsored by the Greater Dayton Humane Society. 9 am to 12 pm.

October 15, 2006
Discover Woodland Day. 12 to 4 pm. ↑

2005 BUSY YEAR FOR WOODLAND



The Woodland Foundation hosted a wide variety of events this year, attracting new visitors and garnering lots of publicity for the area's oldest and finest cemetery.

Woodland's hundreds of flowering trees were a great backdrop for the many local artists displaying their crafts during our May Stained Glass Festival and the first Women of Woodland Tour led by Mayor Rhine McLin. The annual Old Fashioned Flower Sale was a big success with thousands visiting the cemetery during the Memorial Day Weekend and generously making donations for the Foundation's Education programs.

In June we held our second “Woof Walk,” co-sponsored by the Greater Dayton Humane Society, with over 150 dogs (and their human beings) joining us on a tour of the cemetery led by dog lover and *DDN* columnist Sharon Short. Later in the month, our first Photo Clinic attracted many of the area's amateur and professional photographers who shared tips for taking that perfect picture.

The United States Air Force Band performed a September 10th concert for our “On Hallowed Ground” program to honor the thousands of military men and women buried at Woodland.

In its fourteenth year, Woodland's Photo Contest received a record number of entries — 251 photos. Winners were announced at our annual Discover Woodland Day on October 16th. First Place winners were: Division A - Ryan Gray and Division B - Dan Stephens. All entries are on display in the Mausoleum until November 15, hours 10 am-4 pm.

We ended the year with a night tour of the cemetery in October. The event was such a

success we will plan on scheduling an evening tour in the spring and again next fall. ↑



David FitzSimmons named new CEO

David FitzSimmons became CEO of Woodland Cemetery, Foundation and Arboretum on October 1 replacing retiring Director Gene Buckingham. Dave previously served as President of Legacy Management Partners in Tallahassee, Florida; Senior Vice President of Rock of Ages Corp. in Lexington, Kentucky and President of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. Dave received his Masters at Xavier University and recently was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters from the Commonwealth Institute in Houston, Texas in recognition of his service to the death care profession. ↑



Brett Bogan, Penny Bell and Kris Prenat, all employees in the Customer Support Department at Lexus/Nexus, volunteered this summer at Woodland. Lexus employees are encouraged to volunteer two days a year, on company time, for a non-profit organization. We were delighted to have them select Woodland. The cemetery is now included on Lexus' Community Relations list for suggested volunteer sites.



If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering at Woodland please call **Denise Darling** at 228-2581. ↑

Andy Bertsch, Assistant Director of Woodland for seven years retired on November 3. A native of Sidney, Ohio, Andy previously worked for Bank One for 20 years, his last position was District Retail Banking Manager. Andy will be spending his free time motorcycling (sport-touring), Superbike & MotoGP racing (spectator), enjoying good music and great wine. His humor, support and love for Woodland will be missed by all. ↑



Woodland was selected as one of six sites for the Dayton Visual Arts Center's (DVAC) 2005 Plein Air Artworks program. Evie Mahrt, Shelia Doebereiner and Connie Hanselman, as well as other artists, spent the day painting and sketching scenes of Woodland. Their paintings can be seen at the DVAC. ↑

www.woodlandcemetery.org

"Wow ... haven't been on the web site in quite a while ... it looks really, really nice..." This comment by a recent visitor to Woodland's web site is an example of the overwhelming approval we have received for our site's redesign by UD's Research Institute's Information Group. In the near future Woodland plans to add a site listing all 100,000+ of its burial records. The Montgomery County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society is partnering with Woodland on this project.

Woodland sales and merchandizing information will be added in 2006. ↑

"MAPPING PROJECT" Attention Woodland Families!

Woodland is about to embark on a project of mammoth proportions!

At the request of many of our lot owners, relatives of lot owners and genealogists, we are attempting to update the records of over 100,000 burials at Woodland.

Hopefully, in the years and months ahead, we will be able to provide you with a "map" containing the locations of your loved ones. This will facilitate visits and family research, as well as, enable future generations to pay tribute to their ancestors.

A form has been included in this mailing for your convenience.

Your participation will ensure your family's inclusion in the process and the success of the project. ↑

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