



Opportunities for Master Gardeners, Garden Clubs, Community Groups & Individuals

At Whipps Garden Cemetery, UME Master Gardeners and volunteers plant and maintain heritage and native species in a variety of different settings, interspersed by pathways, benches and gravestones.

Whipps Garden Cemetery educates and inspires Howard County residents and visitors to preserve old cemeteries as small community parks, showcasing local history and culture in the style of famous 19th century garden cemeteries.



Work Day

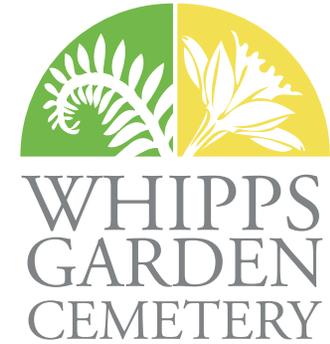
Gardening volunteers are welcome every Thursday from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. from March through October, as weather permits. Other work days/times are possible.

We rely on your kind donations to maintain this beautiful historic oasis. Friends of Whipps Cemetery and Memorial Gardens, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization - EIN 52-1988230. Your donations are tax-deductible.

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A 19th Century Cemetery
Rescued and Restored -

Now a
Heritage-Garden Park
in Ellicott City



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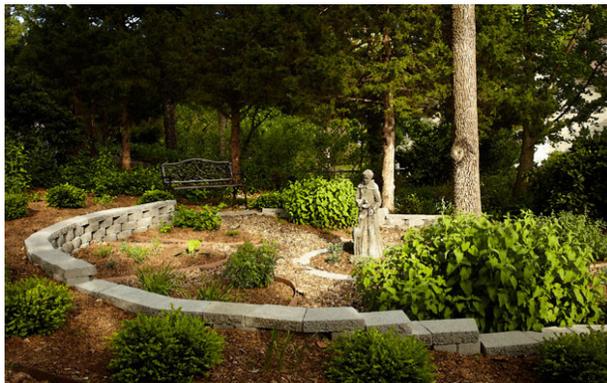
3651 St. Johns Lane | Ellicott City, MD 21042
(about 2 blocks south of the Frederick Road Intersection)

History

A one-acre site, located on St. Johns Lane, was purchased by William Whipps in 1855 to serve as a family burial ground for the Whipps family of Howard County. The Whipps were well-known farmers and merchants of the day who also served as blacksmiths at Oakland Manor – now Oakland Mills in Columbia, Maryland. In the later 1800s burial lots were sold to other families. The last burials took place in the early 1900s. After that, the site became increasingly overgrown and vandalism took a heavy toll. Many gravestones were damaged, destroyed or stolen.

Restoration

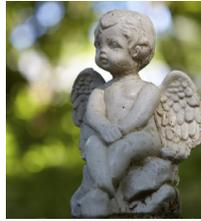
In 1987, neighbors and members of the St. Johns Community Association, in cooperation with the Whipps family, began the undertaking of restoration, protection and preservation. Efforts continue today to maintain the site as a model for historic and environmental preservation.



Goals

- HISTORIC PRESERVATION
- HORTICULTURAL
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
- EDUCATIONAL

The restoration and maintenance of the cemetery gardens and grounds is under the supervision of the governing Board of the Friends of the Whipps Cemetery. However, the ongoing work could not be accomplished without a cadre of dedicated volunteers.



Volunteer Opportunities

Maintenance - Help by planting, weeding, pruning, watering and general gardening tasks.

Special Events - Volunteers help with public events and fundraisers including Daffodil Day and the annual spring Plant Sale.

Research - Volunteers interested in history and genealogy help to better understand the circumstances of those buried here and their place in local history.

Who is Buried Here?



There are 16 members of the Whipps Family known to be buried in the cemetery. The earliest headstone is dated 1828 and is that of William Whipps'

father-in-law. There are 40 additional gravestones belonging to members of the general public. Many of them are the graves of infants and children – a sad reminder of the poor health conditions prevailing in the 1800s as compared with modern medical science.

Plain fieldstones often mark those lacking the means to purchase a carved gravestone, or by those of the Quaker faith who believed an ornate headstone was ostentatious.

Numerous headstones and ironwork are engraved with the symbol of a three-link chain signifying membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Early members of this fraternal organization were often blacksmiths by trade including William Whipps and his descendants.

