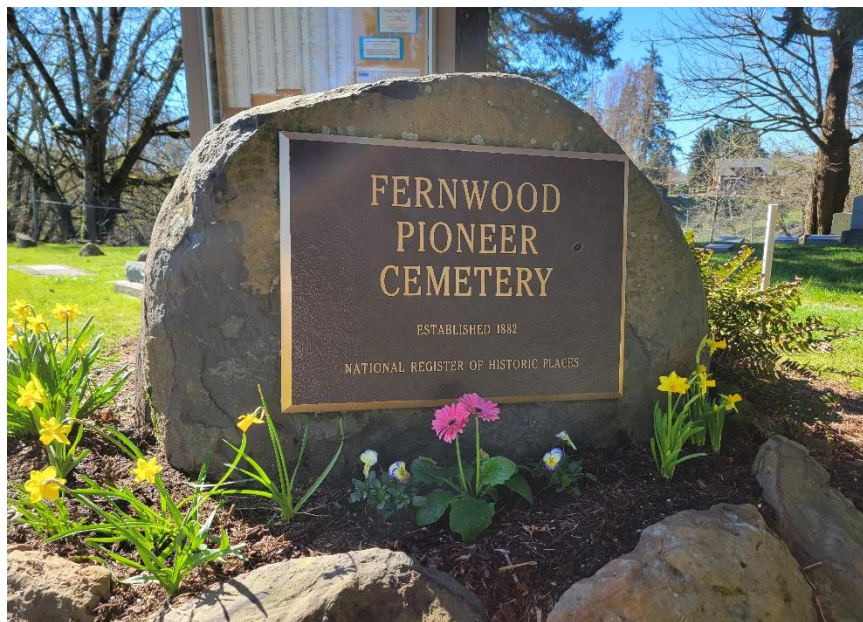


# THE FERNWOOD PIONEER

Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery  
Association

*(Non-Endowed Care)*



## ***Greetings friends, families and donors of Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery***

Have you visited Fernwood recently? If not, may I suggest you stop by and greet Talle, the new Sexton, and thank her for all the support she gives us. Ask her to show you the location of the new security cameras. Then walk to the side fence area to see how vegetation has been removed getting ready for new fencing that will provide a buffer from the woodlot.

Fernwood Cemetery looks good and is well maintained because there is a volunteer extraordinaire who loves Fernwood as much as Ron Parrish. Teri Council keeps the Board organized and informed as well as keeping a close watch on any needs the cemetery might have. If you have a chance send a thank you to Teri and Ron at the Fernwood Cemetery address P. O. Box 3, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

We are very appreciative of the donations received in 2023 and into 2024. They help with current needs while also supporting the future of Fernwood. Thank you for your support and confidence in all the Board members.

Dinah Hemphill - Vice President

## **2024**

**SPRING NEWSLETTER  
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## **2023-2024 Fernwood Board of Directors**

President - Todd Windsor  
Vice President - Dinah Hemphill  
Secretary - Barbara Brutscher-Leisman  
Treasurer - Michele Cardwell Crisman  
Member at Large - Sonia French  
Member at Large - Sharon Lucas  
Member at Large - Ladd Brothers  
Property Manager - Teri Council  
Historian - Ronald W. Parrish

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# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP KEEP FERNWOOD PIONEER CEMETERY THRIVING FOR THE FUTURE

**Continue with your donations, no matter how big or small. They are so appreciated as we try to build the "Financial Future of Fernwood".**

**Identify an amount or a percentage in your will or trust to go to Fernwood**

**Purchase lots and/or niches**

**Encourage others to purchase lots and/or niches**

**Sponsor our Liability Insurance yearly cost - \$600**

**Sponsor our postage expense for 2 newsletters - \$400**

**Meet the Dinah Challenge - \$2500**

**Get involved - attend the Annual Meetings -encourage younger family members to attend too.**

**Talk to younger family members about the cemetery and the history and why it's important to keep the Fernwood relatives involved to assure the cemetery is well taken care of into the future.**

**Add family members to our mailing list - send addresses to [teri.council@gmail.com](mailto:teri.council@gmail.com) to be added**

## Fernwood Financial Investment Update

Recently a few board members (Michele, Sonia, and Teri) along with past board members Scott McKern and Patricia Baker met in person with our Edward Jones account manager for our annual account review. Heath Cornick; our local Edward Jones account manager explained for our "long-term investment goals" we have a mix of stocks and bonds in the Franklin family in the low-medium risk category. He did advise us to consider moving more of our "excess" funds currently kept in our checking and savings to an Edward Jones government money market fund which is currently paying 4.8% interest. If we ever need to access this it can be deposited directly into our US Bank checking account. We will discuss this at the upcoming annual meeting. We will continue to meet annually with Heath to review the account activity.

*See Treasurer's report later in this issue for more details*

## DONATION CHALLENGE

Dinah Hemphill, current board member would like to remind everyone of her 2020 challenge. She donated \$2500 towards the "Future of Fernwood" and would like to challenge at least 3 others to meet her challenge to secure \$10,000 to invest for the future.

**WOULD YOU MEET THE CHALLENGE?**

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## SAVE THE DATE

### 2024 Annual Meeting

**May 18, 2024**

**11AM\*\***

**\*\* we are combining the board and open mtg  
Fernwood Grange #770  
216 N. Springbrook Road**

**We encourage you to invite the younger generation and try to spark their interest in serving at Fernwood**

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## 2023-2024 In Loving Memory

Richard LeRoy Baker  
1948-2023  
Dr. Edith Nadine Parrish  
1934-2023  
Frances Helen Janssen Lundy  
1924-2023  
Lawrence Craig Renne  
1932-2023  
Bud Leon Brown  
1949 - 2022  
Gary Garland Everest  
1941 - 2023  
Carl Ace Rosendahl  
1944 - 2024

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We are a 501c-3 non-profit organization so your donation may be tax deductible

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## GET TO KNOW YOUR 2023-2024 BOARD MEMBERS

### **President: Todd Windsor**

I was born and raised in Newberg and still live here. I am related to the Everests on my dad's side of the family. Eva Nadine Windsor (Green) was my Paternal Grandmother. Grandma Nadine's mother was Laura Green (Everest). Great Grandma Green's father was Reuben Everest, one of the sons of Richard and Jane Everest. I became a Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery Board member after attending one of the annual board meetings. I was very impressed with the board's passion to keep our cemetery funded and looking beautiful. I am honored to be a part of this group.

### **Vice President: Dinah Hemphill**

You may be curious as to how someone from Pendleton in Eastern Oregon became a Fernwood Cemetery Board member. A few years ago, while on a trip to the beach, we stopped in Newberg so I could look for the graves of my Grandparents (Clayson) in Fernwood and my Great Grandparents (Hinshaw) in Friends Cemetery. Mark was in the office and helped me to locate the graves. Later I received a call from Ron Parrish and he was excited to find a contact person for information on the Clayson family. I sent him what I had and later he asked if I would consider being a member of the board for Fernwood Cemetery. I agreed and am currently in my fourth year on the board. Ron's love for Fernwood Cemetery is immense and he has worked hard to do whatever he can to ensure Fernwood is taken care of for all the loved ones buried there.

### **Treasurer: Michele Crisman**

My Great-Grandparents John & Susan Sprecher were members of the Fernwood Community. In 1987 I moved to Newberg, residing in my Grandparents (Robert & Ida Sprecher) previous home. From childhood on I heard stories of how Grandpa & Grandma would pack lunches and take the whole family to Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery for a day spent weeding and caring for our family plots, in preparation for the Memorial Day Weekend. They placed flowers that had been cut fresh from their yard on the gravesites, in remembrance of each loved one that had passed. This tradition has been handed down from generation to generation...it continued with my parents, Sammie & Helen (Sprecher) Cardwell...and I proudly carry on that legacy to date. Serving in some capacity has always been important to me; and since retiring from the local "phone company" in 2019 I found myself not only with some extra time on my hands, but the desire to be part of something more. Having received a Newsletter, I felt a need to learn more about our beloved Cemetery and decided to attend the annual Board Meeting. Next thing I knew, I was considering the open position of Treasurer. After consulting with my aunt (Carolyn Lacy) who had once been Treasurer for Fernwood, I felt very encouraged and excited to step up to bat...and I thoroughly enjoy doing just that!

### **Secretary: Barbara Brutscher-Leisman**

My Great, Great-Grandfather, Sebastain Brutscher, who is buried at Fernwood, was Newberg's first postmaster, and instrumental in the naming of Newberg after his hometown in Neuburg, Germany. After much loving persistence on the part of Ron Parrish, I acquiesced to becoming part of the board. I am so very impressed with all the people that are involved with the cemetery and its care and operation! I live in Sheridan with my husband; we are both retired educators. After becoming involved with Fernwood, we were delighted to purchase our niche, with a view of peaceful beautiful Fernwood.

### **Member at Large: Ladd Brothers**

My wife Donna and I are longtime residents of Newberg. When I was asked to serve on the Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery Board this past year, it was with a great sense of honor and pleasure that I accepted the role. The cemetery means a great deal to us because members of our family are interred there, including my Great, Great Grandfather and Grandmother, Sebastian and Mary Everest Brutscher. They are the founding members off Newberg. I want to help to preserve this cemetery for family connections, the history and the sense of peace it provides.

### **Member at Large: Sonia French**

My partner Mark Raia and I relocated to Newberg, OR in April of 2021, which was a new town for us. Initially, we didn't have any acquaintances or family in the area. After a few months, we started to meet new people and make friends. One of our newfound friends is Ronald W. Parrish. Ron realized that I had a last name that matched a Fernwood Pioneer family and was convinced that we were related. Having access to the Ancestry Family Search website I ran a query to see if I was related to one Robert Augustus French. I thought it might be a long shot to find a connection since the last name French is quite common, similar to Miller or Davis. As it turns out, my initial assumption was correct - I am not related to Mr. French. However, I discovered something quite surprising - I am distantly related to his wife, Margaret Anna Embree. Margaret was born on September 8th, 1875 in Montgomery, Iowa, United States, and she passed away on September 21st, 1964 in Newberg. She is my 12th cousin through my Paternal Grandfather's family, whom I have never known. I am thrilled to join my newly discovered cousins on the Board today. Finding out that I had family, even if they were distant, in the area gave me quite a thrill. I then tried searching for Mark's name on FamilySearch.org and ran a search on Ronald W. Parrish as well. Sure enough, we found another relationship, as Mark turned out to be an 8th cousin to Ron! All of this seems rather fitting, as Mark and I moved into a small apartment in an area formerly known as Fernwood. We became member volunteers at the Fernwood Grange #770 in 2022, I became a member of the Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery Board in 2023, and we both joined the Newberg Charitable Organization's Thrift Shop volunteer core, also in 2023. We have tried searches for a few other long-term families in the area, but it is the Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery lineage to which we are related. It is truly amazing how our paths have led us to this tight-knit community, and it is clear that fate has played a role in our journey. Additionally, it appears that Ronald W. Parrish has a keen ability to identify his family members at a glance only God could have graced him with this special gift of natural intuition.

### **Member at Large: Sharon Lucas**

My Grandpa and Granny were Wallace and Ruth Jones. Grandpa's parents homesteaded in Newberg. They and more than twenty other Jones family members are in Fernwood. The Jones family has connections to the Parishes and the Shucks of Newberg, going back generations. My Grandpa was amazing and an avid learner. Growing up, we had a treehouse with rings at our home in Damascus. In his seventies, Grandpa could do flips on the rings. The creative bug runs deep in my family. Grandpa learned to paint, hook rugs, crochet, do bead work and, in his later years, wrote a small book about life growing up in Newberg. My mom could do all of those things, except do flips. My brother, myself and our son all enjoy doing artistic things. My Granny was also creative and one of her relatives was a silversmith for Napoleon Bonaparte. I feel an attachment to Fernwood as many of my family members are buried there. Two years ago in 2021, we lost our son, Eric, at 42 years old. We wanted him to be buried at Fernwood to be with family. Dave and I will also join Eric there some day. I currently live Wilsonville with my husband Dave. I retired in 2018 after 37 years of working at Freightliner/Daimler.



## FERNWOOD MILITARY LOVED ONES



**GIVE THANKS FOR EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVED FOR OUR FREEDOM**

Arnold, Paul Everett	Row 10, Lot 40S-A	1934-2011
Baker, Henry Edward	Row 11, Lot 45S	1915-1999
Baker, Henry Newton	Row 11, Lot 48S	1867-1947
Bowman, Lester Wayne	Row 12, Lot 17S	1919-1993
Bowman, Otto Dewey	Row 12, Lot 19S	1896-1925
Broemeling, Roger James, Jr.	Row 16, Lot 15S	1932-2007
Council, Doyle Edward	Row 2, Lot 18S	1930-2005
DeVore, J.C. (Jack)	Row 5, Lot 29S	1926-2010
Dose, Leroy Ellsworth, Sr.	Row 2, Lot 16S	1939-1996
Everest, Archie Charles	Row 2, Lot 34S	1903-1987
Everest, Nathan Wesley	Row 13, 31/32S	1890-1919
Gish, Forrest Reid	Row 14, Lot 17S	1912-2008
Harrison, Fred Ross	Row 15, Lot 13S	1895-1978
Heater, Albert William	Row 12, Lot 11S	1886-1957
Hutchens, Tyra Thornton	N 36,1	1921-2016
Irvin, Paul Vernon	Row 9, Lot 35S-A	1926-1997
Janssen, George	Row 5, Lot 36S	1927-2000
Janssen, Owen Robert	Row 5, Lot 35S	1920-2016
Jones, Emery Orrin	Row 4, Lot 30S	1893-1956
Jones, Ralph Edgar	Row 7, Lot 45S	1923-2014
Jones, Wallace Edgar	Row 7, Lot 43S	1893-1980
Kersey, James Alton	Row 8, Lot 14S	1844-1918
Kersey, Melvin Chester	Row 12, Lot 36S	1913-2009
Lichtenthaler, Leonard Dewey	Row 13, Lot 24S	1894-1966
Livengood, Adlai Stevenson	Row 4, Lot 8S	1892-1969
Livengood, Eunice Sanders	Row 4, Lot 7S	1891-1980
Lundy, Kelly Patrick	Row 5, Lot 37S	1951-2008
McKern, Elery Gene	Row 6, Lot 27S	1924-2019
McMahon, Robert Dwain	Row 6, Lot 39S-A	1953-2010
McVey, Lloyd Thomas	Row 14, Lot 8S	1910-1969
Nicklous, Martin Thomas	Row 7, Lot 23S-A	1933-2016
Parrish, David Monroe	Row 6, Lot 41S	1881-1937
Parrish, Leslie Watson	Row 7, Lot 20S	1894-1961
Renne, Lawrence Craig	Row 5, Lot 8S-A	1932-2023
Rosendahl, Carl Ace	Row 6, Lot 39S-B	1944-2024
Rosendahl, Robert George	Row 6, Lot 36S	1948-1971
Sprecher, Robert Daniel	Row 8, Lot 37S	1897-1986
Streight, Richard Alan	Row 10, Lot 5N	1954-2020
Thomas, John P.	Row 12, Lot 21S	1843-1908
Whitney, Sam Merton	Row 16, Lot 22S	1918-1995
Windsor, Rodney Kent	Row 15, Lot 20S	1943-2021

## MEMORIAL DAY REMINDER

**Our beloved Historian; Ron Parrish loves to spend as much time as possible at the cemetery during the Memorial Day weekend. This allows him to greet visitors, connect with old friends and make new contacts. Please stop and say hi if you are lucky enough to visit the cemetery while Ron is there.**

### FERNWOOD PIONEER CEMETERY CURRENT PRICING AS OF 2023

Lots: \$700

Niche Top Row: \$700

Niche Middle Row: \$600

Niche Bottom 3 Rows: \$500

Second Right Burial Fee: \$250

Memorial Flag Holder: \$495

Fernwood Office Processing Fee: \$150

Each lot can contain 1 burial; 1 burial and 1 cremation; or 2 cremations

Second Right Burial fee is when there is a request to have cremains buried with an already purchased lot. It was not planned for in the original purchase.

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Do you have an idea for a future article? Is there information you feel others might benefit from or just enjoy reading?

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# Property Manager Report

By Teri Council

This past 6 months have slowed down for me as Property Manager. We haven't had any services and only one plot purchase. I've made a commitment to update the sign board each October with any changes. I went through all our files to identify every military loved one buried in Fernwood and was surprised we have 41 to celebrate and give thanks for their service.

Update on the recent grant we received to purchase supplies and update the chain link fencing on the left side of the cemetery - all supplies have been purchased and the clearing of branches completed. I ran into a slight snag when contacting a fence contractor to help with the slats. It seems our fence is a bit worn-out and has no support rails needed to help support slats so I'm in the process of gathering pricing for a full/partial replacement or looking at other options such as wood. I feel our #1 goal should be what will last the longest for the future of Fernwood. We will be discussing options at the upcoming annual meeting.

We were recently audited by the Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board. It included on-site facility inspection, document review and permanent records review. I have to show all our current forms, records of the last four plot/niche sales and the last four interments. This type of audit is mandatory every two years. We just got word we passed with no violations!!

Please if you have opportunity to inspire any of our younger generation to get involved with the cemetery encourage them to attend the upcoming annual meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>. That is the key to assuring we will always have an active board of directors to look out for the future of Fernwood.

## FRIENDS CEMETERY MANAGER ASSISTS FERNWOOD FAMILIES

Talle Malmstrom, can be reached at **503-538-5489** or [talle@newbergfriends.org](mailto:talle@newbergfriends.org). She helps with most details for burials/inurnments, casket or cremains container purchases, funeral or celebration of life services, headstone ordering and installations, as well as all the required state paperwork filing.

Teri Council, Fernwood Cemetery Property Manager, can assist with locating and/or purchasing lots and niches, and transfers of ownership when needed. She also tries to attend every Fernwood service to represent the board. She can be reached at **503-550-9281** or [teri.council@gmail.com](mailto:teri.council@gmail.com) to help with any questions you might have.

## Treasurers Report as of March 29, 2024

By Michele Cardwell Crisman

**Checking: \$ 12,855.00      Savings: \$8355.34**

**Edward Jones: \$41,419.81**

**Monetary Donations: \$10,270.00**

**In Memory or Honor of Donations: \$300.00**

**Goods & Services Donations: \$119.15**

Since the last report in Nov. '23 we've experienced no out-of-the-norm expenses. We used \$1659.76 of our Grant Funds for some planned "extensive" clean-up along the left fence line and we also purchased "grounds supplies"; which leaves \$1590.24 in that fund. With the Boards recent approval, I have transferred those remaining Grant Funds and the generous donation of \$3000 for "1 Year Lawn Maintenance" from our Checking Account to our Savings Account so they no longer appear as general funds; I believe this will also help to ensure these funds are set aside for their intended uses. And lastly, I am happy to report that our Edward Jones Investments have been on the rise. In May '23 we invested an additional \$5000. Our account has grown to \$41,419.81.

### **DONATIONS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF THE FOLLOWING**

**Gary Wohlgeomuth - to cover cost of lawn care for one year**

**John Reed & Karen Overstreet - On Behalf of "Smith, Baker and Reed"**

**Sheryl (Parrish) Cope - In Memory of Dr. Edith Parrish**

## JULY - MARCH DONATIONS

**Philip & Melvina Adolf  
Dr. Patricia Baker  
Raymond Cardwell  
Sheryl Parrish Cope  
Robert Cornelius  
Jeff & Teri Council  
Michele Crisman  
Katherine DeVore  
Jeff & Kim Ferrell  
Gail Foster  
Linda Gawrylow  
JR & Laura Harding  
Charles & Dinah Hemphill  
Barbara Hesler  
Dr. Harold Jones  
Carolyn Lacy  
Jeff & Barbara Brutscher-Leisman  
Todd Lovell  
Sharon Lucas  
Janice Lundy  
Gerald & Marie McCabe  
Jo McMahon  
Raymond & Carol Michael  
John Reed & Karen Overstreet  
Nathan Parrish  
Ina Peterson  
Sue Sample  
Bruce Tabor  
David Waterbury  
Jesse & Elaine West  
Donald & Arlene Windsor  
Gary & Marcia Windsor  
Gary Wohlgeomuth**