

People on the Move



Mark Funke, OCA Board Member

Senior Manager At Spring Grove Cemetery - Cincinnati, OH

Mark began his career with Historic Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum in 1980. He was promoted to a Grounds Manager in 1995 and currently manages the Spring Grove Horticulture Department, Turf and Marker Division in addition to Customer Service. Mark also manages the Grounds Operation at Spring Grove's Oak Hill Cemetery in Glendale, OH.

Mark is instrumental in the cemetery's Community Outreach programs. He also shares green industry techniques used at the cemetery, with the community. Mark teaches various arboretum programs at Spring Grove and the University of Cincinnati's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (O.L.L.I.), including the popular 'Ten Steps to Terrific Turf' seminar.

In addition to being a valuable member of the board of directors for the Ohio Cemetery Association (OCA) he is a Past President of the Greater Cincinnati Association of Cemetery Superintendents and Officials and a member of the Ohio Turf Grass Association.

A list of his credits:

Certificate of Achievement - College of Cremation Services
Certificate of Completion - Certified Crematory Administrator
Certificate of Completion - Certified Cremation Arranger
Certificate of Completion - Certified Crematory Operator
Diploma from ICCFA

October, 2012

The ICCFAU 2012 graduates with Chancellor Ernie Heffner, CFuE (top left), and ICCFA President Jeff Kidwiler, CCE, CSE (top right).



Front row, from left: William Phelps, Gwen Mooney Funeral Home, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mark Funke, Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati; Kevin Ronayne, Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Brooklyn, Farmingdale, New York; Poul Lemasters, Lemasters Consulting, Cincinnati; Luke Thomas McGarry, Albany Diocesan Cemeteries, Menands, New York; Michael Gipson, Tidewater Cemetery Corp., Virginia Beach, Virginia; Meg Bergh Mihalko, Albany Diocesan Cemeteries; Judith Jauregui, Ingle-wood Park Cemetery, California

Back row, from left: Amey Stuart-Garza, Laurel Oaks Funeral Home, Mesquite, Texas; Lauren Blevins, Williams Funeral Home, Columbia, Tennessee; Brian Tange, French Family of Companies, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Kathleen Doran, The Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, New York; Mark Brown, Spring Grove Cemetery; Harry Antram, CFSP Dioces of Phoenix Catholic Cemeteries & Mortuaries, Arizona; TJ Brammer, Gibraltar Remembrance Services, Indianapolis, Indiana; Armando Mora, Cypress Lawn Cemetery & Funeral Homes, Colma, California; and Andres Aguilar, Los Parques, Guatemala.

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Gerald Wantz

Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati. Ohio

Gerald will move from Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland to become the Vice President of Operations. The current person in that position, Tom Smith, will be retiring, at the end of December 2012.

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