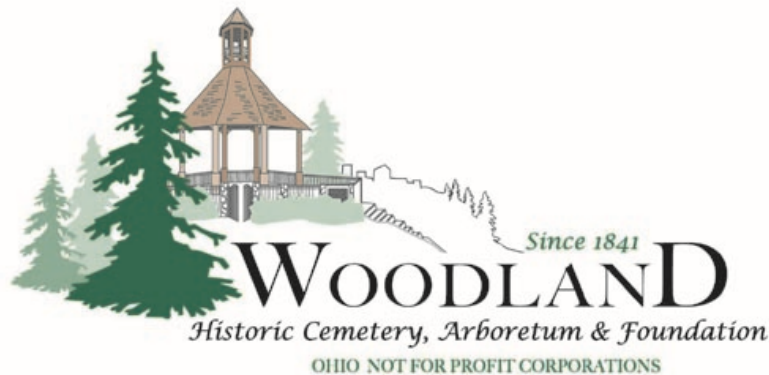


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### ***Resident Spotlight: Robert W. Steele***

Robert Steele was born in Dayton on July 3, 1819. He was the son of Captain James Steele who defended Dayton's honor in the War of 1812. He would have followed in his father's footsteps if not for a medical problem that made it necessary for him to pursue a less active vocation. During the Civil War, Steele devoted his war efforts by caring for the wives and children on the home front and served on the Military Committee of Montgomery County.

Mr. Steele received his basic education in Dayton and prepared for college at the Dayton Academy. He graduated from Miami University in 1840. Two years later, he was appointed as a member of the Board of Education serving with that organization for thirty years, twelve of which he sat as the Board's President.

He was probably the most noted educator that ever taught in Dayton schools. Steele High School was named for him and it was said to have been an honor for graduating students to have his name inscribed on their diplomas. In 1844, Mr. Steele was one of the incorporators of the Cooper Female Seminary and served as one of the trustees. In 1847, he helped found the Dayton Library Association.

Robert was elected as Secretary of the Woodland Cemetery Association and served from February 18, 1853 until September 14, 1858 and upon the death of John Van Cleve, was elected President, serving from September 14, 1858 until the time of his death on September 24, 1891. Mr. Steele followed in the steps of John Van Cleve, taking special interest in caring for the future growth and beautification of Woodland Cemetery; he was often seen, down on his knees, planting trees, bushes and flowers throughout the cemetery.

Robert W. Steele died on September 24, 1891 at the age of 72. He is located in Section 77 Lot 24.

## ***Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum Names New Board Member***

The staff and current board of Woodland Cemetery are happy to welcome new board member Vail Miller, Jr., Chief Executive Officer at Heidelberg Distributing Company.

Board Chairman Robert Laing, Jr. stated, "Vail will strengthen our boards breadth of talent and background, and we are delighted to have him serve with our organization."

Vail's history with Woodland Cemetery reaches back to his grandparents, Albert Vontz, Jr. and Esther Lueders Vontz who are interred in the Woodland Mausoleum.

Albert's father was a German immigrant who settled in Cincinnati in 1907. Trained as a brewer, he invested in several taverns and helped open a local brewery. Albert would drive a truck to Dayton every day to deliver products for Heidelberg Brewery that was located in Covington, Kentucky. When the brewery closed in 1946, Albert took the name and continued to deliver beer and wine products in the area. When Albert, Jr. returned home from World War II as a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, he became active in the business.

Today, Heidelberg Distributing Company is a family owned company serving retailers throughout Ohio and Kentucky.

Vail joins a five-member board that oversees Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum's finances, cemetery and arboretum policies and procedures, strategic planning and community outreach.

## ***Tony Huffman to serve as Campaign Chairman***

Tony Huffman, well known for his long term and wide ranging support of the Dayton community, will serve as Chairman of the upcoming Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum Capital Campaign. "Woodland is extremely fortunate to have someone with Tony's passion, vision and experience leading this important campaign," noted Bob Laing, Woodland Board Chairman. The campaign will launch in Fall 2015 with a goal of restoring the Historic Chapel, Entry Gate and Administration Building on the grounds at Woodland Cemetery.

Tony is the Founder and Chairman of Huffman Travel International, a luxury travel consulting firm. Before founding Huffman Travel, Tony spent 20 years as Chief Marketing Officer for a Fortune 500 company. For the past 40 years, Tony has been a driving force behind the fundraising efforts of Dayton's most prominent not-for-profit organizations including the Dayton Philharmonic, Cox Arboretum, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton Metro Parks, Wegerzyn Gardens and Dayton History.

Most recently, Tony founded and led the Greater Dayton Bikeway Committee, later known as The Miami Valley Regional Bicycle Council (MVRBC). Tony's father, Horace, had a passion for the outdoors and biking and saw a need to establish bikeways near the river corridors in Dayton and to enhance the pathways with the planting of trees. Horace often biked to work and rode about 15 miles a day. "He would be ecstatic over the new Bike-Share program," said Tony of his father. Horace was unknowingly instrumental in the new Bike-Share program that was launched this

past summer in Dayton. "I know he would have been not only supportive of it but also a force behind making it happen," continued Tony.

The Huffman family established themselves in Dayton in 1812. Family members George Huffman founded Huffy Bicycles and Torrence Huffman was a major real estate developer and owner of Huffman Prairie, where the Wright Brother's perfected their flying machine after returning from Kitty Hawk. The family has always had a very community minded philosophy of giving back to the community what they've taken out of it. And this mindset continues today with the current Huffman family generation.

### ***Garden Talk with Mark Webber***

President of Mark Webber's Landscaping Co., Nursery & Farm

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### **Swamp White Oak**

#### **"Adaptable and Long Lived Urban Tree"**

Called the Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*), this underutilized tree in the urban landscape today has a tried and true record of becoming an important sustaining contributor to the urban forest canopy. When you find this species of oak tree growing in natural conditions, it grows in groves of like species of Oak, Hickory, and Elms. One of this trees greatest assets is its bright shiny leaves that makes it a very handsome edition to the garden, if it's given plenty of sun to grow. The Swamp White Oak is tolerant of partial shade conditions and is a nice tree to integrate when one is trying to create understory trees to replace a nearby declining tree.

### **Site conditions**

The Swamp White Oak is tolerant of high pH soils like what is found in new construction sites and can be tolerant of wet to very dry soils. This tree also thrives in low oxygen soils that are heavily compacted. Surprisingly, the Swamp White Oak has a cold tolerance to zone 4 and has the biological potential to survive for at least 300 years.

### **National and Ohio champion trees**

According to the American Forrest website, the national champion Swamp White Oak is located in Franklin Twp., New Jersey and is 97 feet tall and 101 feet wide. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry indicates our state champion tree is located in Licking County and is 70 feet tall and 76 feet wide.

### **Important wildlife tree**

Swamp White acorns are noted to be some of the sweetest acorns of any of the oaks grown in North America. In fact, this species of oak is the food of choice for squirrels and other rodents.

## **Easy to grow**

The Swamp White Oak can be grown and transplanted by nurseries in a variety of methods. Unlike other Oaks, the Swamp White can be dug and harvested in the fall with a great deal of success into today's urban landscape. If you are looking for a tree that can replace Ash trees or need a quick growing shade producing tree that will thrive into today's urban conditions, then Swamp White Oak maybe a good choice for your tree needs.

Mark Webber is a Board Certified Master Arborist and trusted resource to Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum

## ***Moments in Time from our Friends at South Park Historic District***

William Oelman was born in 1852 to German immigrants in Cincinnati. Moving to Dayton, he founded a dry goods store in the early 1880s, first at 1133, then 1101 Wayne Avenue, where the Pizza Factory restaurant is now. He, his wife, and their four children lived above the store. After a brief partnership with a dry goods store on Third Street, William F. Oelman & Co. moved to its final location in the Kuhns Building at the northwest corner of Fourth and Main where the store eventually occupied five floors.

Oelman became a prominent businessman and leader in the community. When the store moved downtown, the family also moved to a house fitting their rise in status but still in South Park. They purchased 309 Park Drive, a massive Queen Anne brick house. When they later downsized, they moved next door to half of 303 Park. William's son Walter carried on the family business. Despite going blind from glaucoma at the age of 37, he became the mayor of Oakwood. Walter's son Robert became CEO of NCR and the founding chairman of Wright State University. Oelman Hall is named for him.

William F. Oelman died on February 2, 1922 at the age of 69. He is located in Section 113 Lot 152.

## ***Windows of Woodland***

Hiawatha

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"Give me of your bark, O Birch Tree!

... I, a light canoe will build me ..."

The noble Hiawatha, vividly described by Longfellow, is shown building a canoe of birch, cedar, tamarack, fir resin, hedgehog quills and berry dyes. Behind him is a forest not unlike the rich, wild greenery which stood on Woodland's site 200 years and more ago.

Many of the windows in the Mausoleum are fashioned after woodland themes in literature and poetry, and this window is no exception.

The marble in this room is Italian Cremona in the front corridor; it is from Italy, while the marble in the alcove is St. Florient Rose from Portugal.

Both marble and stained glass artwork are beautiful to behold. Visit the Mausoleum and all the windows contained within daily from 9am to 5pm.

## ***Upcoming Fall Tours and Events***

### **Discover Woodland Days**

#### **Sunday, October 4**

Two-hour Historical Tours depart at 12:00, 12:30 and 1:00 PM. Join us as volunteers portray the residents of Woodland in this unique tour. This year we welcome the Oakwood Historical Society who have added Oakwood residents resting at Woodland to the tour. Free and open to the public. For more information, please call Debra Mescher at 937-228-3221.

### **Woodland Historic Tour**

10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 7

Saturday, October 10

### **Woodland Mausoleum Tour**

9:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 8

### **Women of Woodland Tour**

10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 10

### **Let's Talk Trees**

2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14

### **Woodland Upper Loop Tour**

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 15

### **Sports Legends Tour**

10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 17

### **History, Mystery, Mayhem & Murder**

6:30 p.m. Lantern Tour

October 1, 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22, 26, 27, and 28

Reservations are required for all tours. Please call 937-228-3221. Meet at the Fountain in front of the Administration Office. Your early arrival will ensure that the tour will depart on time. All tours are given weather permitting. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

### **Flag Retirement Ceremony**

11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 11

During our Flag Retirement Ceremony, both Ohio and American Flags will be properly disposed of: "When the United States flag (Old Glory) becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag, and the old flag should be 'retired' with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag. The traditional method of retirement is to incinerate the flag..." Please join us for this yearly event.

Flags can be dropped off at our Administration Office throughout the year or you can bring them the day of the event.

### **Holiday Memorial Service**

6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 4

This service will be held in the Woodland Mausoleum in honor of loved ones buried at Woodland Cemetery, with special emphasis on 2015 families. All families and friends are welcome to come together for a service of remembrance . Reservations are required.

### **Holiday Floral Display and Ornament Decorating**

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily

Saturday, December 5 through Wednesday, December 31, 2015

Friends, families and guests are invited to decorate an ornament and place it on our Memory Tree. Ornaments and decorations will be provided or you may bring in one of your own. We regret that we cannot be responsible for valuables. Ornaments can be retrieved until January 3, 2016.

For more information on these programs, please call 937-228-3221

### ***Support Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum at local Grocery Stores!***

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Are you a ClubDLM or Kroger Plus Card holder? Would you like to support the Woodland Arboretum Foundation by doing your normal grocery shopping? You can when you register your shopping card to our organization!

Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) and link your Kroger Plus Card to Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum #28721.

**You must sign up each year for your PlusCard purchases to count towards Woodland's fundraising account.**

Go to [dorothyane.com/ClubDLM](http://dorothyane.com/ClubDLM) and link your ClubDLM number to Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum #821.

Our Foundation continues to focus on the restoration, preservation, horticultural and educational projects needed to keep Woodland a cultural resource for Dayton and Ohio.

## Support Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum!

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