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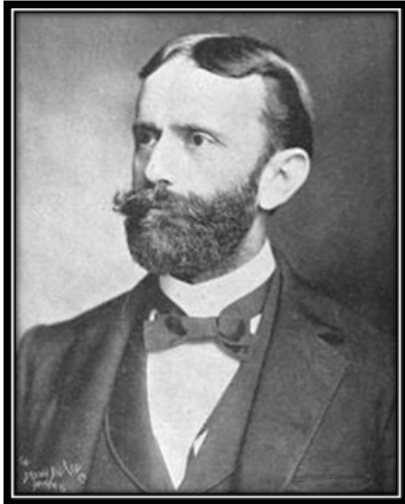
HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



Back to School

Each year, Woodland is pleased to welcome dozens of students. Third and fourth graders learn the fundamentals of science, high school art classes practice photography, and older students do research on a variety of topics. Woodland is a great resource for learners of all stripes—as well as the final resting place to some of Dayton’s most beloved and esteemed teachers. As the leaves begin to turn and the school bells ring, let’s go back to school with some of Dayton’s best-remembered educators, and the kinds of things their students might learn by visiting Woodland!

Science



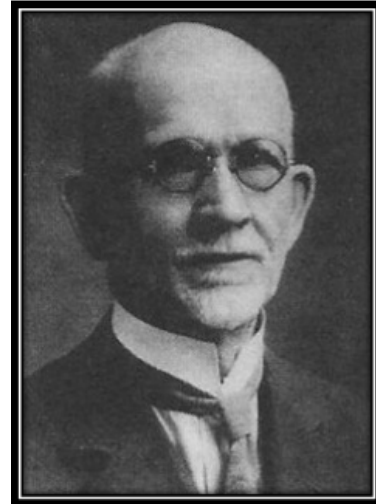
William Werthner

A biology teacher, William Werthner brought his students (including Orville & Katharine Wright!) to Huffman prairie and asked them to collect, identify, and diagram leaves and seed pods they found.

As an arboretum, Woodland is delighted to share our love for and wide variety of trees! Students of all ages collect leaves and seed pods while learning about the irreplaceable role of trees in our ecosystem.



William Werthner died in 1929. He is buried in section 109, lot 2332 at Woodland.



Dr. August F. Foerste

Dr. August Foerste was an internationally respected geologist and paleontologist who published over 5,500 pages on geology and produced over 650 photographic plates of fossil material.

Just like teachers today, he taught his students about how different types of rock are formed. Woodland is a great place to illustrate this lesson—with the hundreds of markers, monuments, buildings and boulders, students see geology close up. Dr. Foerste died in 1936. He is buried in section 126, lot 55 at Woodland.



History



Margaret Peters

Margaret Peters was a noted historian, author, community activist and volunteer. Beginning her teaching career in the Dayton Public Schools, Margaret was a staunch advocate for opening opportunities to all children. She was instrumental in implementing Black history in the middle school curriculum, ensuring that chapters of Dayton's history are not forgotten.

Woodland is a treasure trove of local history—within 200 acres, students can discover heroes and villains, famous faces and ordinary folks who made Dayton what it is today.

Art



Martha K. Schauer

Martha taught at Stivers High School for 45 years. She also founded and directed the Saturday school at the Dayton Art Institute. A renowned water colorist in her own right, Martha emphasized good design, drawing



Robert H. Whitmore

A graduate of Steele High School, Robert Whitmore studied art in Chicago and graduated from the Chicago Academy of Art. He held a studio at the U. B. Building in downtown Dayton until he was drafted into

skills, and good color.

Two of Martha's students became famous and successful artists: Milton Caniff- '25, cartoonist of the nationally syndicated "Terry and the Pirates" and "Steve Canyon" comic strips; and Lloyd Ostendorf '39, an Abraham Lincoln scholar and artist.

WWI. Robert was assigned to Company F, 25th Engineers at American University camp in Washington, D. C; using his artistic talents to benefit the camouflage division. After the war, Whitmore became an associate professor of painting at Antioch College.

Upcoming Events!



History, Mystery, Murder & Mayhem

Whose deathbed confession solved the cold case of 18-year-old Christine Kett?

Did a serial killer really walk the streets of Dayton in 1905?

Who did Jacob Harvey escape prison to kill?

Learn about Woodland's brushes with the law in these true stories of History, Mystery, Murder & Mayhem!

Upcoming Tours:

9/17 @ 6:30pm

9/21 @ 1pm

9/24 @ 6pm

9/25 @ 6pm

Click [here](#) to register!

Please Note:

This tour takes approx. 2 hours, and is sometimes described as "strenuous"; young children or elderly persons may struggle with the terrain. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a water bottle if needed. Tours will launch rain or shine, except in the event of thunder or lightning.

This tour relates actual accounts of murders that took place in Dayton. Content may not be appropriate for all audiences—participant discretion is advised.



Woodland Historic Tour:

Founded in 1841, Woodland is one of the oldest rural cemeteries in the United States.

Explore the grounds and visit the final resting place of the Wright Brothers, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Erma Bombeck, James Ritty, the Stanley Family, the Mead Family, George Newcom and many other famous and infamous Daytonians.

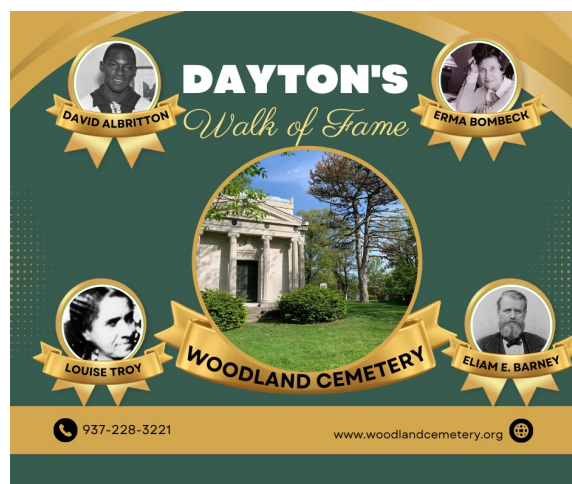
Upcoming Tours:

9/19 @ 6pm

9/23 @ 5:30pm

9/26 @ 6pm

Click [here](#) to register!



Dayton Walk of Fame Tour:

Dayton's Walk of Fame was created in 1996 as part of the City of Dayton's Bicentennial Celebration. Many of those inducted into the walk are resting peacefully at Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum. Some of the featured inductees include Rev. DeSoto E. Bass, Dr. August F. Foerste, E. E. Barney, Jacob O. Joyce, John A. McMahon, Katherine Kennedy Brown, Charlotte Reeve Conover, Lewis Gunckel and many more.

Upcoming Tours:

9/26 @ 11am

Click [here](#) to register!

Support Woodland:

Woodland is proud to remain an active part of the Dayton community as a popular place to walk, relax and enjoy.

We invite you to contribute to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation to ensure that what's meaningful to you today, continues tomorrow! Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

Thank you for your generous support of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

DONATE ONLINE!

Come Visit Us!



Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8am-5pm

If you need help finding where someone is buried, need directions to a particular area, or have questions about pre-planning or funeral services, Woodland's Staff is here to assist you!

Volunteer opportunities

Woodland is seeking volunteers to give presentations to community groups on subjects such as local history, notable biographies, and trees.

Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

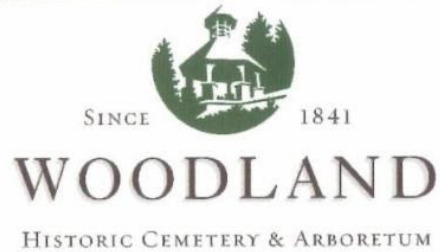
*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!

Tours & More:

We welcome walkers, runners, and wanderers -- leashed dogs & school groups.

Register for a guided tour: visit the Woodland Cemetery website! Learn about fascinating Daytonians resting peacefully in one of

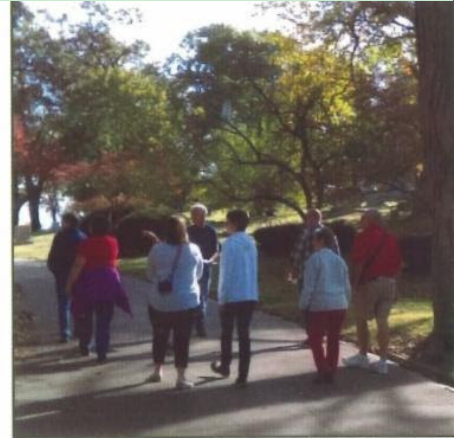
America's oldest rural garden cemeteries!
Or check out our [virtual tours](#)! (if you really
don't want to go outside)



Committed to providing dignified and
caring funeral services and burial options
to families of all faiths since 1841.

Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum
118 Woodland Ave.
Dayton, OH 45409
woodlandcemetery.org

Beautiful. Timeless. Still Available...



Discover the men and women who made
it great in Dayton on a guided walking or
bus tour. Self-guided tours are available
on our mobile app.

For information call 937-228-3221 or
e-mail info@woodlandcemetery.org

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