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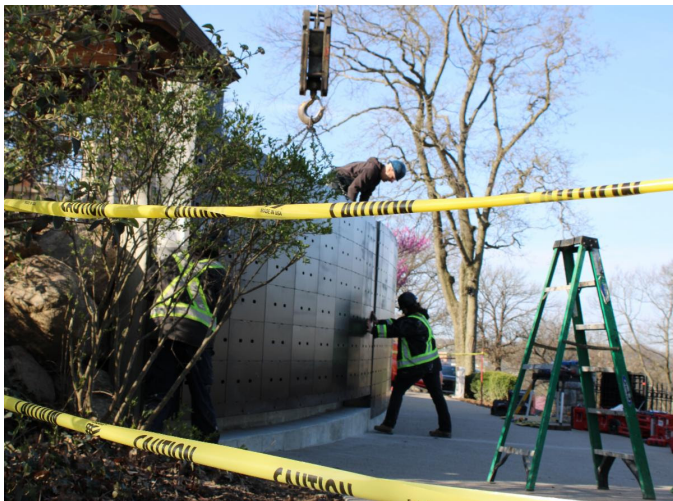
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WOODLAND

HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



New at Lookout Terrace:



Did You Know: Cemetery Vocab



At Woodland, we are proud to expand our availability at the iconic Lookout Columbarium, adding 55 single niches and 144 companion niches to this serene sanctuary. Offering panoramic views of the cityscape and beyond, this unique memorial space is an ode to those who cherish Dayton's vibrant history, its natural beauty, and the legacy of Woodland itself.

For more information about these niches, including pricing and pre-planning options, please contact our Main Office at (937) 228-3221.

Above (left): the crew uses an enormous crane to lower the new columbarium in place. The crane is behind the gazebo, and its operator relies on the team's instructions to avoid mishaps.

Right: Nesting holes on inside walls of an old dovecote, Palazuelo de Vedija (Tierra de Campos), Spain. Photo courtesy [Luis Fernández García](#) - Own work, CC BY-SA 2.5 es.

A columbarium is a structure for the placement of funerary urns; essentially, a wall of niches. The term comes from the Latin *columba* and originally referred to housing for doves and pigeons, also called dovecotes.

Though shapes and designs have changed over the centuries, the purpose of a columbarium remains the same. Whether indoors or out, a columbarium is a permanent resting place for those who choose cremation.



What's Blooming:

Tulip:

Tulipa gesneriana



Growing wild throughout the near East and central Asia, tulips may have been cultivated in Persia as early as the 10th century. In fact, the name 'tulip' entered the English language in the 1550s by way of the Ottoman Turkish *tülbend*, meaning 'muslin' or 'gauze'.

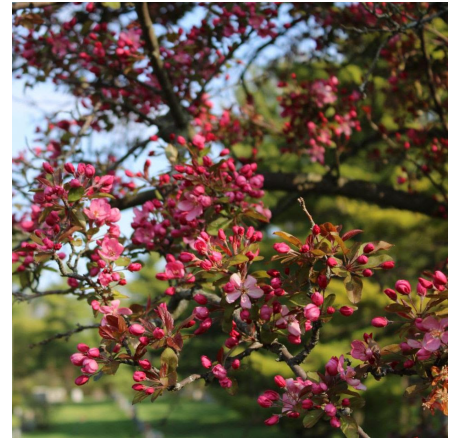
Some say this is due to the shape of a tulip flower being comparable to that of a turban, but others maintain that the name is due to a translation error—after all, during the Ottoman Empire, it was fashionable to wear a tulip on your turban; the translator may have confused the flower for the headwear.

The oft-maligned 'crabapple' refers to a genus of about 32-57 species of shrub or small tree in the family Rosaceae; also including the domesticated orchard apple.

Crabapple trees are often planted in commercial orchards because they are an excellent pollination partner for domesticated apples. The crab apples themselves are commonly used to make a tart jelly and as a natural source of pectin, which is used in setting jams.

Apple wood was burned by the Celts during fertility rites and festivals. In Ireland, a yellow dye extracted from the bark was used to color wool.

Crabapple:
Malus sylvestris



Symbols of the Season

Acorns & Oak Leaves:



Oaks are hardwood trees or shrubs in the genus *Quercus* (of the beech family). It is widely distributed in the Northern Hemisphere; including some 500 species, both deciduous and evergreen. Fossil oaks have been found dating all the way back to the Middle Eocene.

As a symbol, the oak leaf is widely used to indicate strength and endurance, its acorns: masculinity and fruitfulness. As a religious symbol, the acorn is often linked to the idea of spiritual growth from a kernel of truth. Christian mythology uses the example of an oak as a metaphor for faith standing strong in the face of adversity.

Upcoming Events!



Historic Woodland 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:

4/16 @ 6 pm
4/17 @ 6 pm
4/21 @ 5:30 pm
4/22 @ 6 pm

Click [here](#) to register!



Free Your Sole 5k & 10k Run/ Walk:

This race through Woodland Cemetery is challenging.

It's a pretty hilly course, so maybe not the race if you are looking to PR, but if you want a great workout, some amazing views of Dayton, and the opportunity experience some Dayton history, this event is for you!

Proceeds to benefit the Woodland Foundation.

Early packet pick up: April 26th, 2pm-4pm at [Up and Running in Dayton](#) (6123 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, 45459).

Race day packet pick up starts at 8am at Woodland Cemetery. Shirts guaranteed to all those registered by April 14th!

We hope to see you on the beautiful hills of historic Dayton, OH!

Annual Event:
4/27 @ 9am

Click [here](#) to learn more.
Register [here](#).

2025 Adornment Removal Calendar

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Easter 4/20		

2025 Adornment Removal Calendar

Don't get caught by surprise! Check this space for Woodland's adornment removal calendar each month to stay on schedule.

Key:

Dark Green = Weekly Clean Off

Orange = Do Not Clean Off

Soft Grey = At Woodland's Discretion

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.

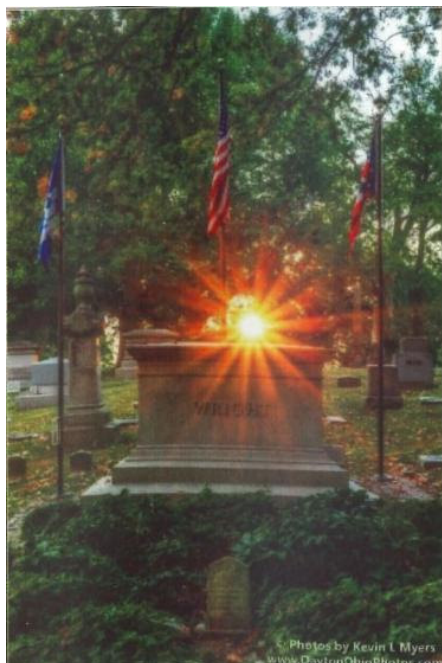
Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

*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)



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