

#GivingTuesday 2021

Dear Friends and Family of Woodland,

Thanks to your generosity Historic Woodland Cemetery, Arboretum, and Foundation has achieved much success in 2021 in regards to our preservation, horticulture, educational and community events. On behalf of the Woodland board, staff and visitors, thank you for your assistance in making Woodland a special destination for current and future generations to enjoy.

Below is a sampling of how your donation was utilized over the past year.

- March 2021: The Chapel was wrapped in scaffolding as work began on restoring the exterior of the historic building. LRT Restoration Technologies worked diligently to physically tap, mark, and measure the 500+ stones that give both the historic Chapel and Administration Building its Richardsonian Romanesque style. The contractor also digitally scanned the highly ornamental red sandstone elements as well as the decorative sunburst and herringbone motifs that adorn the Chapel facades and will create mock-ups for the decorative motif replacements. The carefully matched replacement stones will be on site in February of 2022 and the heavy lifting will officially begin. The anticipated exterior restoration completion date is May of 2022. Once the masonry restoration is complete, the recently restored stained glass windows will be placed back in their original location. The stained glass windows will then be protected by new and custom storm windows.
- March 2021: Progress on the Tiffany windows was coming along nicely. We cannot say thank you enough to the artisans at BeauVerre Riordan Studios in Middletown who have taken such care of our windows. Their meticulous restoration work will be a sight to behold once the windows are replaced in the Chapel.
- May 2021: The cemetery is always at its busiest in May as we clean up from the winter months, welcome spring flowers, and prepare for Memorial Day weekend. One remarkable woman and two notable brothers received an upgrade to their grave sites. Erma Bombeck received a plaque as directed by her children. The Dayton Garden Club updated the work they did in 2006 by reworking the landscaping and garden at the site of the Wright Brothers grave.

The new plaque on Erma's rock reads:

"I've seen the motherhood role played by men grandparents, friends, aunts, and even social workers. It doesn't matter who plays it. What does matter is that when the curtain goes up each day, someone is there to dazzle, ad-lib, support, comfort, listen, and fulfill what I feel is the most important role I'll ever be offered in my life. It's the only one I'll be remembered for."
~Erma Bombeck

- May 2021: The Dayton Garden Club worked with Siebenthaler's Nursey and selected new plants and flowers that filled in quite nicely by mid-summer. The plants and flowers that had been in the space were replanted in gardens including at Carillon Historical Park. The granite pavers that had once been the walkway around the Wright family graves were repurposed and used to create a walkway to the Johnny Morehouse monument.
- June 2021: Interior work in the Chapel began with an evaluation of the plaster walls and the interior stone and brick structure.
- By mid-June the Wright Brothers plantings began filling in their new home and the grave site was looking great.
- On June 27th, the 149th birthday of Paul Laurence Dunbar, community members along with administrators and students of Dunbar High School in Dayton flew their flag over the gravesite of Paul Laurence Dunbar. The first school to do so in the "Fly your Flag" program co-sponsored by Woodland Cemetery and the National Park Service in Dayton.
- July 2021: Another visit was taken to BeauVerre Riordan Studios to see the progress on the Tiffany windows. Down to the last section of the signature window, you can see how much dirt settled within the layers of glass at the bottom.
- Volunteer Terry Buchanan worked between 12 and 15 hours each month to keep the grounds, flowers and plantings at Lookout looking beautiful and well-manicured. Thank you Terry for your service to Woodland.
- In late July, Woodland received an updated National Aviation Heritage Area sign and map locating all of the aviation sites in and around the greater Miami Valley area.
- August 2021: It may have been the "Dog Days of Summer" but the gardens at Woodland were looking bountiful with their lush green plants and colorful flowers. The same was true with the flowers and details in the last section of the Tiffany signature window. And while sunsets have their own beauty, sunrises at Woodland are spectacular as well.
- September 2021: We held only one Headstone Cleaning Class this year but it was as successful as ever.
- October 2021: It was a busy month for tours and programs as we again offered our History, Mystery, Mayhem and Murder Lantern Tours. All tours reached maximum capacity and the weather allowed us to have all but one tour.

- November 2021: Dedicated volunteers, 19 in all, offered 130 tours or programs with over 1,800 in attendance by November 27th. Volunteers also gave their time for the Paul Laurence Dunbar "Fly your Flag" event, cleanup of the cemetery, and work in special gardens.

Woodland remains committed to the families that we serve, our community and to you in responsibly managing your gift in regard to the renovation and preservation of our historic grounds and structures. The Gateway to Woodland, featuring the Chapel, Gates and Administration Building will welcome visitors of all ages to learn more about the residents, history, art and culture of past, present and future Daytonians. Lectures, informative tours and special program events will be held in the beautifully restored Chapel, with magnificent Tiffany artwork for all to enjoy. All this made possible by your generous support of our shared mission. THANK YOU!

I respectfully ask that you consider a gift today to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation in support of Woodland, our community and over 111,000 souls entrusted to our care.

Sincerely,

Sean O'Regan
President and CEO
Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum



The Chapel is prepared for major stone work repair and restoration.



Exterior stone work evaluation.



Restoration work on the signature Tiffany window.



A plaque is attached to Erma Bombeck's stone.



The Wright Brothers grave site gets an upgrade.



Johnny Morehouse gets a new stone path walkway.



Chapel interior wall evaluation.



Paul Laurence Dunbar
"Fly your Flag" event.



Volunteer Terry Buchanan
takes care of the Lookout area.



The new National Aviation
Heritage Area signage.



Final restoration of the
signature Tiffany window.

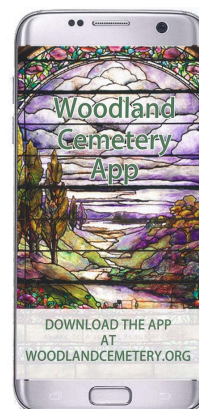


Misti Spillman conducts a
Headstone Cleaning Class.

You can take your own walking tour at the cemetery or a virtual tour from the comfort of your couch by visiting our website at: woodlandcemetery.org/tours.

From your phone you will be prompted to download our app. Take one of 12 walking tours we have available for your enjoyment at the cemetery. If you are on your desktop, laptop or tablet, you can take the tour right from the tour page. We will be adding more tours so come back often to learn about the men and women who made it Great in Dayton.

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