

# The Legacy

East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation

April, 2014

## 2013— A Year in Review

Wayne and I and our spouses started back at the cemetery this month after getting snowed out too early last fall. A dent was made in the leaves in the fall but not all got blown to the road. So the first weekend in April we headed back to get the balance of the leaves blown to the road.

It was an extraordinary year in 2013 with the collaboration with The Sculpture Center and all the events that occurred at the cemetery and around town as part of the Made In Mourning series of events spearheaded by Nicholas Fennell. Some of you may remember Nicholas' name as he was the Cleveland Institute of Art student who completed his senior project at the cemetery a few years ago. Nicholas was the curator of the entire series of events and is shown in the photograph to the right.

In 2013 we also contracted with Apartment Services for lawn mowing. This is the same company who does grounds maintenance at Lake View Cemetery. It is because of your donations and on-going support that we were able to bring a whole new level of care to the cemetery grounds. Thank you!

Springtime is back at the cemetery and the wild flowers scattered about the grounds are in bloom—we are all glad to be back for another year and glad you are here with us!

Regards ~ Nancy Adams



Nicholas Fennell, Curator



# The Sculptures

There are three pieces of sculpture that were placed at the cemetery two on the grounds and one in the chapel.



Adam Frelin, *Drifter*, 2013, Wood

*Drifter*, a sculpture created especially for this exhibition, evokes the physical aspects of internment, what is visible and what is buried below, through a wooden, carved object partially buried at a 50° angle in the earth at East Cleveland Township Cemetery. *Drifter*, artificially and ultimately naturally weathered to ac-

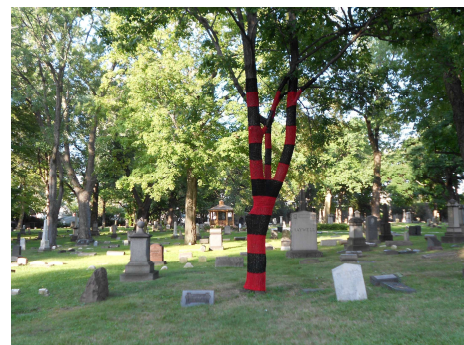


Lauren Herzak- Bauman, *Sinter*, 2013, Ceramic

The fleeting qualities of life and its brevity inspire Lauren Herzak Bauman's installation *Sinter*. Over the course of the exhibition, water, essential to the very core of human existence, slowly deteriorates and dissolves the ceramic votive forms. These "candles" have been fired below the sinter temperature that would vitrify them.

Carol Hummel, *Tribute Tree*, 2013, Macramé cord

Gun violence is a growing political concern accelerated by multiple years of school shooting tragedies. *Tribute Tree*, in the school colors, was first created as a timely response to the February 2012 Chardon High School (OH) shooting. It was a highly visible public statement of mourning and grief for the victims intended to make a powerful statement of hope and unity for that community. *Tribute Tree* is recreated in the East Cleveland Township Cemetery grounds.



# *Memorial Day*

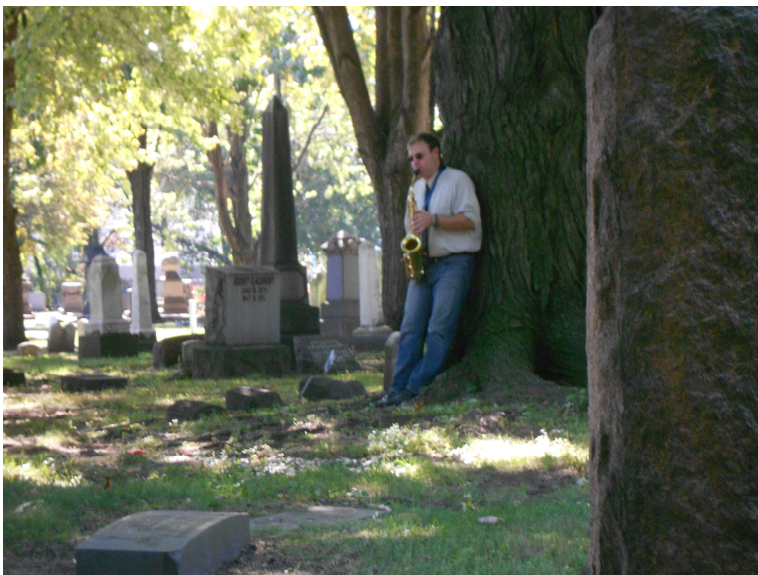
The 9th annual Memorial Day event was held the Saturday before Memorial Day and we placed flags on each of the Veteran graves to remember their service to our country. The same Boy Scout troop that started with us 9 years ago continues to assist with the process—it is so amazing to watch how much they grow and mature each year and as the next generation joins the groups and learns from the older boys.

As part of that event a new flag was raised by the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in attendance on the flag pole at the main entrance to the cemetery, and making certain the old flag is retired appropriately.



# *FiveOne Experimental Orchestra*

As part of the events with The Sculpture Center we had the Five One Experimental Orchestra hold a concert on Saturday, September 28th. It was so amazing to listen as they played for not only those in attendance but for all the permanent residents in the cemetery. After the formal concert was over the musicians went out into the cemetery to play. It was beautiful to listen to the music as it reverberated from the trees.



Who would have ever thought we would have someone playing the saxophone and violin in the cemetery.

**It was amazing!**

# Chapel Repairs

The chapel roof was completely repaired by Absolute Roofing based on the generosity of The Abington Foundation. Each tile had to be removed, the underlayment replaced and then each tile put back in place. The project took approximately 6 weeks from start to finish. Thank you to The Abington Foundation, the chapel is over 100 years old and it appeared this was the first time the roof had been completely redone.



Once the roof was repaired we started repairs on the exterior of the chapel that had been damaged to the extensive leaks in the roof.

The goal for this year (2014) is to finish the exterior repairs and repaint the exterior of the chapel.



## *2012 Halloween Tour*

We held our 4th annual Halloween Tour on Saturday, October 20th. A good time was had by all including Wayne Rhine and Nancy Adams who were the guides for the tours, we had another great turnout and ended up adding additional tours to meet the demands.



# *The Leaves Fell and the Scouts came to help again along with Theta Chi Fraternity!*

The Scouts helped us get started on the raking and piling of the leaves again this year as did the Beta Nu Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity at Case Western Reserve University. Over 10 pounds of rigatoni along with two different sauces was served to the team - what a great day and successful!

**Thanks to All!**



*Great Job  
Everyone!*

# The Biggest Project of the Year—Repair the Cemetery Drive

Just after Memorial Day last year, we all decided it was time to address the cemetery drive, after a heavy rain there would be large puddles, the drive itself started to encroach on family lots and it was time to redirect the road and fix the holes.

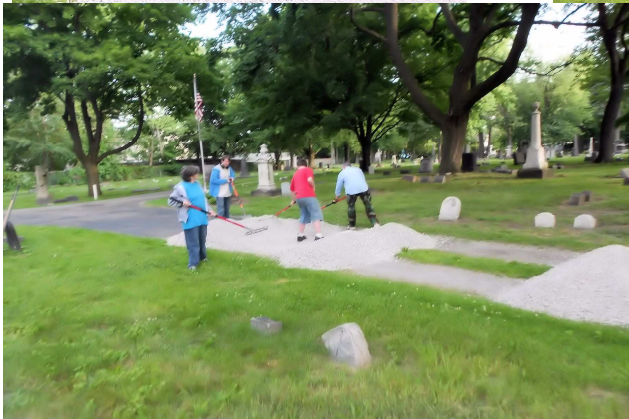
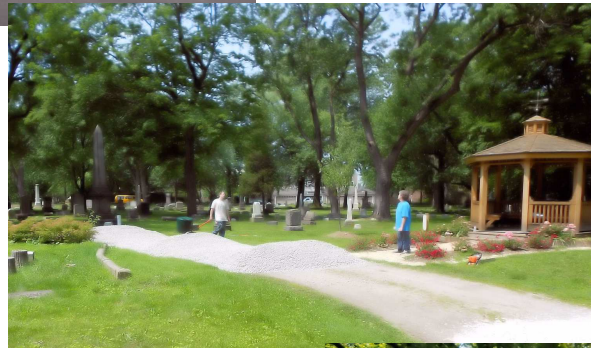
So with some money that was left from The Abington Foundation grant for the roof and support from one of the Trustees of the Foundation we ordered **100 tons** of gravel. That's right **100 tons** of gravel, how hard could it be to spread **100 tons** of gravel?

Well we are here to tell you it is very hard, back breaking work to spread **100 tons** of gravel.



**Let the games begin—this was the first of four truck loads of gravel. Each truck load brought 25 tons of gravel each!**

**The truck driver was great as he worked with us to slowly spread each load on the road to make it easier for us to manually spread.**





## Cemetery Drive—Continued

We set aside an whole weekend to do this project. We actually started on a Friday morning, figuring we had Friday, Saturday and Sunday to get the job done. We made great strides on Friday but we were tired and sore!

Wayne put out a call on the Cemetery’s facebook page asking for assistance on Saturday and we were surprised and happy to see **Matt Derrickson** (son of Trustee Mark Derrickso) on Sunday with their BobCat to help move and spread the gravel. We were so thrilled to see him and *can’t thank Matt enough for his help!!!!*



# *2014 Calendar of Events*

## *Memorial Day, Saturday, May 24th at 10:00 AM*

ECTCF will host our 10th annual tradition of placing flags on the graves of the 435 veterans in the cemetery. The activity begins at 10:00 AM and takes only a couple hours to complete. We invite those assisting to join us for hamburgers and hot dogs after we complete the placement of the flags. This time is used to remember and honor our veterans. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 216-536-7432 otherwise we look forward to seeing you again!

## *Halloween Tour , Saturday, October 25th*

ECTCF will host the 4th annual Halloween tour on Saturday, October 25th with tours starting at 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM. The walking tour will begin at the cemetery chapel, please bring a flash light and dressing in costume is optional.

## *ECTCF—Memberships*

The on-going maintenance of the cemetery grounds including the office/chapel and gardens generates on-going expenses that include utilities, equipment maintenance, supplies, etc. None of the Board members are paid for the hours of work we put into the foundation/cemetery every year. We donate our time and resources.

We count on donations from the families of our permanent residents and others who enjoy the urban park we have created and those that participate in our tours. We are excited about our annual newsletter that lets us share with you everything that has occurred over the past year, however, there are costs associated with the newsletter as well. With a mailing of nearly 500 newsletters this cost is substantial. We want to continue to share our successes with you and are therefore initiating an annual membership to the East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation that includes the receipt of the annual newsletter and continued notification of our annual events. We have several levels of membership:

**Individual**—\$25.00—Includes annual newsletter and advance notification of all events.

**Sustaining**—\$50.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events and helps to support the on-going preservation of this historical site.

**Patron**—\$75.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events, supports the on-going preservation of this historical site and includes a free copy of the book: *To Dwell With Fellow Clay, The Story of East Cleveland Township Cemetery* .

**Lifetime**—\$250.00—Includes annual newsletter, advance notification of all events, supports the on-going preservation of this historical site and includes a free copy of the book: *To Dwell With Fellow Clay, The Story of East Cleveland Township Cemetery* along with a new updated East Cleveland Township Cemetery t-shirt.

Because of the Foundation's non-profit status (501(c)3) status your membership is tax-deductible and allows you to continue support to preserve the pioneer Victorian legacy for your children and grandchildren. Please utilize the enclosed form to submit your membership application.

We thank you for your on-going support of us and the East Cleveland Township Cemetery!

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*The mission of East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation is to provide educational and patriotic events for the community in an urban park setting that demonstrates the honor and respect due the early pioneer settlers of the Western Reserve.*

*The East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation's vision is to restore and maintain the East Cleveland Township Cemetery as a historic landmark, creating an urban park where the community can relax, reflect, and discover the historical significance of the area, and to build a solid financial foundation for its future.*

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