



# Linwood Legacy

HISTORIC LINWOOD FOUNDATION, INC.

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**THE HISTORIC LINWOOD FOUNDATION  
INVITES YOU TO  
THE 19th ANNUAL FALL RAMBLE  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015**



***War and Remembrance:  
From Last Battle to First Decoration***

*First tour will begin at 5:00 pm and will accommodate guests with special needs.*

*Chapel gate (on Linwood Blvd. near 10th Ave.)*

*opens at 4:30pm.*

*Tours will continue every 10 minutes until 6:30 pm.*

*Enjoy food and beverages after your tour.*

***Advance tickets:***

***\$25.00 Foundation members; \$30.00 non-members***

***Day of event:***

***\$30.00 Foundation members; \$35.00 non-members***

***Students under 21: \$12.00***

***Please enter through the Chapel gate on Linwood Boulevard.***

***For more information, please contact the Historic Linwood Foundation,***

***Monday-Thursday, 9 am - 3 pm at 706-321-8285.***

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Dear Linwood Members and Friends,

Can you believe fall has arrived?! This time of year is always busy for all of us, but I want you to remind you of our 19th Annual Fall Ramble. It will be on Thursday, October 22nd, and will start at 5:00. The theme this year is War and Remembrance: From Last Battle to First Decoration. Many people do not realize that the holiday the United States observes as Memorial Day started here in Linwood Cemetery. We invite you to come learn the truth about the origin of Memorial Day, and if someone ever tells you it started in Waterloo, NY, you can tell them no, it started in Columbus, Georgia! Advance Ramble tickets are \$25.00 for Historic Linwood Foundation members and \$30.00 for non-members. Day-of-event tickets are \$30.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members. Student tickets (under 21) are \$12.00. Please enter through the gates at the chapel on Linwood Boulevard. Parking will be inside the cemetery. Gates open at 4:30 p.m.; police officers will provide parking directions. If you would like to volunteer in any way, just let me know.

I don't know if you are aware, but this is the last issue of the *Linwood Legacy* that you will see City Cemetery Division Manager Deborah Abraham on the left side of this page. Deborah will be retiring effective November 1st. She was hired in 1999 to fill a temporary position in the Department of Public Works. Proving herself to be an outstanding employee, she was later promoted to full time status. In 2004, Deborah became the first female crew leader for the Cemetery Division. In 2005, her hard work and dedication paid off when her abilities secured her the position of Department of Public Works, Cemetery Division Manager. Deborah's responsibilities include the management of four historical cemeteries covering an area of 120 combined acres, maintaining and updating over 35,000 individual records, and working with the public to research and locate family plots and lots. On a daily basis, she manages a crew of employees, inmates, and community service laborers who maintain the grounds and prepare sites for funeral services. Needless to say, the city will be losing a very valuable employee, and Deborah will be missed very much. She has always been there to help when I have called, be it for chairs for the Ramble, something to do with the office or asking that the grass be cut at the chapel for an event. Deborah, the Historic Linwood Foundation will miss you very much!!! We wish you the best in your retirement!

Just 2 days after our Ramble, the Riverdale-Porterdale Foundation will be remembering the circus train wreck that happened in Columbus with "A Carnival Tragedy: A Centennial Remembrance." There will be clowns, carnival food and re-enactors. Tickets are \$5.00, and can be purchased from the Dales Foundation. For more information, you can call the Riverdale Cemetery office at 706-653-4579.

Once again, Linwood Cemetery will be host to the Columbus High School Freshman class. There will be 400 students in the cemetery learning the history of Columbus. So if you drive by on October 28th and 29th, don't be surprised when you see students all over the cemetery!

Don't forget to order your Christmas wreaths! We have had several calls from members wanting to know if we would be selling the wreaths. The order form is included in this newsletter.

Until next time,  
Jane

***Member Renewals for August 4, 2015 to September 15, 2015***

*Mr. D. Hal Averett  
Mr. and Mrs. Walker R. Bickerstaff  
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Mrs. Minnie R. Bradley  
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Mrs. Jerry M. Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Youmans*

***Welcome New Members August 4, 2015 to September 15, 2015***

*Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Land  
Mr. William Morgan and Mr. Steve Morse  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tommey*

***Memorials & Gifts  
August 4, 2015 to September 15, 2015  
Historic Linwood Foundation is grateful for  
the generosity and support of the following donors:***

*In Memory of J. Kyle Spencer  
Mr. and Mrs. Wright Waddell*

***From Our President: Scott L. Boyce***

As you read about the upcoming Ramble in this issue, work continues in Linwood on several masonry projects relating to our successful Fort Foundation Matching Grant campaign. This is a multi-year restoration of numerous burial sites in Linwood.

We look forward to hosting over 300 Ramble guests on October 22, and we invite all of our members to look around at the restoration work in the cemetery as they ramble through the cemetery.

This past April Linwood hosted the Sunday morning Easter service in the Lummus Chapel and, based on the ovation from the standing-room-only guests, this year's Ramble, continuing the theme regarding the end of the Civil War in Columbus, will be a must-see event.

Thanks to our Linwood staff, volunteers, sponsors, and members for their continued support of our 19th Ramble.

**Best,  
Scott**



***Historic Linwood Foundation Wreath Sale  
Wednesday - Thursday  
December 2nd - 3rd, 2015  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.***

*T'is the season for The Historic Linwood Foundation's annual wreath sale! Each year many of you decorate your family lots, adopt a lot, or simply decorate your home with these lovely balsam fir wreaths. Last year many members adorned their lots with the wreaths, and our cemetery looked lovely during the holiday season. We order the wreaths from Maine and they are made of balsam fir, topped with a beautiful red ribbon. You can pick them up Wednesday or Thursday, December 2nd or 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please come to THE GATEHOUSE to pick-up your wreaths. Please order your wreaths by Wednesday, November 25th.*

*Clip coupon below and return to Historic Linwood Foundation, P.O. Box 1057, Columbus, GA 31902*

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*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Email:* \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ wreath(s) @ \$30.00 each. I will pick up the wreath(s) and place it myself. (Please enclose check made out to Historic Linwood Foundation.)*

*I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ wreath(s) @ \$35.00 each. I would prefer that the Foundation place the wreath(s) on my family lot. (Please enclose check made out to Historic Linwood Foundation.)*

*Please indicate Lot Name and/or Location for wreath to be placed by the foundation:*

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*For further information, please call 706-321-8285  
Historic Linwood Foundation - P.O. Box 1057 - Columbus, GA 31902*

*The Riverdale-Porterdale Cemetery Foundation, Inc.  
Invites You to a*

***Circus Tent Memorial***



***DATE: Saturday, October 24, 2015***

***TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.***

***LOCATION: Riverdale Cemetery, 1000 Victory Drive, Columbus, GA***

***PROGRAM: Commemoration of the tragic crash of two trains near Columbus in 1915***

***Atlanta historian Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. will give an illustrated presentation describing the 1915 crash of a carnival train coming to Columbus, Georgia and Girard, Alabama and a Central of Georgia passenger train. A wreath laying service will follow at the circus tent-shaped monument, led by Rev. James C. Elder, Jr. of First Baptist Church. Re-enactors will also participate, representing Mr. Con. T. Kennedy, owner of the traveling show; Miss Hazel Kempf, a survivor of the crash; and Baggage Master Frierson from the passenger train. These characters will bring the situation to life, and they will interact with guests and relate their stories during the afternoon, as attendees meet carnival characters, enjoy cemetery tours and visit an exhibit displaying scenes of Columbus in 1915.***

***MUSIC: Bob Barr Community Band***

***FOOD: Hot dogs and other carnival-type lunch will be available from vendors***

***ENTRY: \$5 tickets can be purchased after October 1st from Foundation Trustees, from the Riverdale Building, or at the entry to the event.***

**Membership Form  
Historic Linwood Foundation, Inc.  
(Non-profit 501c(3) corporation)**

**Email: *hlinfo@knology.net*  
*hlfadmin@knology.net***

Mission Statement

To preserve and maintain Linwood Cemetery as an historic and cultural site of importance to the City of Columbus and its citizens, to assist the City of Columbus in restoring, preserving, improving, maintaining and managing Linwood Cemetery, and to educate the public with respect to the cultural and historic values of Linwood Cemetery, and for other educational and charitable purposes.

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If you have a desire to help fulfill the above mission, we invite you to join with us. Please fill out the portion below and return with your check to Historic Linwood Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1057, Columbus GA 31902-1057. If you have any questions or need any further information, please call (706) 321-8285.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a family plot in Linwood? \_\_\_\_\_

(Check (  ) membership level)

Student \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian Angel \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friend \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Archangel \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Family/Dual \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Patron Saint \$1000.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Gate Keeper \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Legacy Circle \$5000.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Visit our website: *linwoodcemetery.org***

**Check us out on Facebook: *Historic Linwood Cemetery Foundation***