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*The First Confederate Memorial Day
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Dear Linwood Members and Friends,

I think we can say that spring has finally arrived in the Chattahoochee Valley. When the pollen covers our vehicles with a yellow blanket, we know that the temperatures will soon be rising and summer can't be far away.

If you have driven through the cemetery lately, you have seen some work being done to the gatehouse. We have painted the exterior a new color, and in the not too distant future we will be working on the inside. After 15 years, it was time to give the gatehouse a face lift and make it inviting to our visitors.

We have been putting the Mildred Miller Fort Grant money to great use, too! The wall near the chapel that was falling down, has now been repaired, and hopefully will last for many years to come. We have been busy with other projects also. The Fergusson Lot, the Peddy Lot and the Pryoy/Gullen Lot have all been worked on and look fabulous! We have many more projects to do, and it is because of your generosity that we are able to accomplish what we have.

Once again, the Annual Meeting was well attended. Our speaker, Daniel Bellware, presented the facts to prove what we already knew: the American holiday that we know of as Memorial Day started in Linwood Cemetery! Daniel and Dr. Richard Gardiner have co-authored a book entitled *The Genesis of the Memorial Holiday in America*, which we have in the office, which details the facts of Memorial Day starting here in Linwood Cemetery. Daniel and Richard have graciously offered to split the profit with the Foundation on any of their books that we sell.

And remember, if you know of someone planning a wedding, or a group that needs a place to meet, the Lummus Chapel is a great place for events. Also, if your organization needs a speaker, I am always willing to talk about Linwood Cemetery and the Foundation. Have PowerPoint, will travel!!!

As spring approaches and the temperatures start to rise, we hope to see you in the cemetery!

Until next time,

Jane

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Historic Linwood Cemetery Foundation



From our President: Scott L. Boyce

On behalf of the Historic Linwood Foundation Board of Directors, and our dedicated membership, I say Thanks to you for your continued support in all that the Foundation does to enhance our cemetery. I would like to welcome new Board members Michael Kelso, Warner Kennon, Laura Murphy, David Roberts and Mark Taylor. I look forward to working with the Board as we go forward for the betterment of Linwood Cemetery.

Over the past 19 years, our members have supported both the daily on-going operations along with numerous large fundraising projects which include the completion of the wrought iron fencing of the cemetery grounds, chapel renovations, along with the recent photography book and the new exterior painting of our gatehouse.

For the past several years our finances have been audited and are in order. The cemetery grounds are maintained with direct partnership with the city, and our mission statement regarding renovations / repairs continues today. With a passionate membership and Board, Linwood will continue to prosper.

I look forward to working with the new Board and reporting back to you on completed projects and exciting new endeavors undertaken for Linwood Cemetery.

Best,
Scott

The Linwood Gate House

The first structure built in Linwood Cemetery by the City of Columbus was a shed, erected in 1873. Its purpose was to protect women and children from sudden showers during their cemetery sojourns. This structure was torn down in 1885 when a proper cemetery cottage was erected in its place.

The new facility (1885) had two large rooms: one was for the sexton, while the other served as a public waiting room. Plans also called for it to have a stove, a bay window, and a cupola to house the cemetery bell. (It is unknown if these latter features were implemented.)

Over the years the building fell into disrepair, and in 1915 The Cemetery Committee recommended to the Columbus Council that the building be torn down and a new, more modern structure be erected in its place. Apparently the demolition did not happen, but the building was repaired and slightly remodeled. Over the years it has served a storage facility, a shelter for visitors in bad weather, the sexton's office, a chapel and the cemetery public restrooms. In 2001, the Historic Linwood Foundation, in partnership with the City of Columbus, restored the building, and it became the headquarters for the Foundation. It is now called The Gate House.

The Historic Linwood Foundation maintains office hours in the Gate House Monday through Thursday, from 9am to 3pm. Foundation staff are able to assist the large numbers of visitors with the location of their family plots and to answer general questions about the cemetery. Office staff also assist individuals via phone and email. These services were unavailable before 2001, when the Gate House was vacant.

A few months ago the Gate House received an exterior paint job, and now it looks quite spiffy! The body of the house was painted cream/off-white, with dark olive trim. Plans are to paint the interior sometime later in the year. Please take a moment to stop by and admire the newly painted exterior of the Gate House!





Easter Sunrise Service 2015: A Journey in Time Back to Easter, 1865.

Top row (l to r): Chapel interior, Jane Brady as Mary Ann Williams, David Gillam as Horace King, Damon Free as Lt. Joseph John Jones, Fran Hall Kerce as Lizzie Rutherford; Second row: John M. Land as Col. Randolph Mott, David Gillam as Horace King & Douglas Pernel III as the Rev. Jeremiah Haralson, Chris O'Pry as John S. Pemberton, The Congregation.

The Historic Linwood Foundation Membership Form

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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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Do you have Family buried in Linwood Cemetery? _____

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