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The Newsletter of Green Lawn Cemetery  
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## Howard Daniels' Vision of Green Lawn

By Randy Rogers, Executive Director

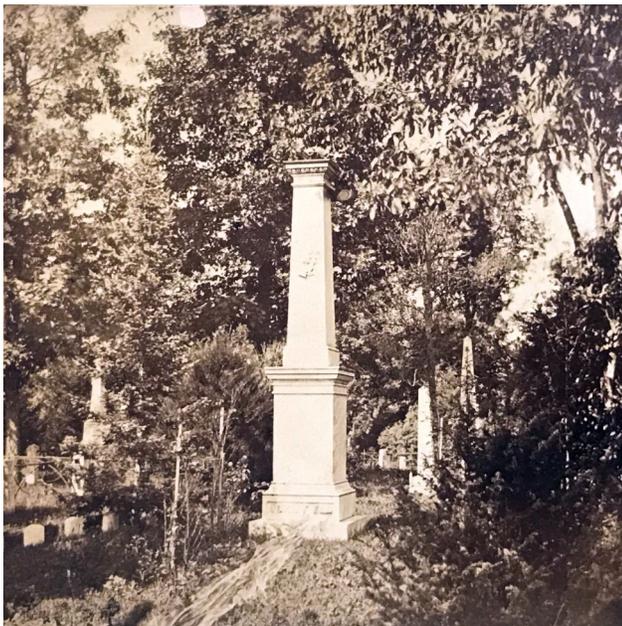
Previously we have discussed the Rural Cemetery Movement and generically what a "rural" cemetery was meant to be. In this article I will try to go a little deeper into the specific vision that landscape gardener Howard Daniels had in mind.

Rural cemeteries were a response to changing attitudes about death influenced by the Romantic Era in the arts. Paintings and poems popular at the time were introducing a more natural and serene vision of death, transitioning burial spaces from stark municipal graveyards and churchyards to more natural and green areas. Part of this vision was also to introduce green space for early city dwellers lacking access to parks. Common rural cemetery design included using the natural topography, curvilinear paths and roads around irregular gardens, plenty of trees and shrubs, and water features.

What is less discussed is that all rural cemeteries were not the same! Early in the movement two schools of thought started to diverge. The first school might be considered the purist rural cemetery, while the other school could be viewed as the enhanced rural cemetery (my terms).

Purists looked for natural topography that suited their needs, relied almost exclusively on local native trees and shrubs, and advocated for much denser vegetation. In their view, visitors would walk or ride along a winding path following the natural contours among dense plantings of trees and shrubs. Along the way, they would encounter openings to family estates in the shrubbery surprising them with beautiful monuments nestled among the plantings. (I think it is interesting that this concept is not unlike the concept of compression and release Frank Lloyd Wright incorporated into buildings several decades later.) At times visitors might also encounter a pond or brook, a crest or ridge for a panoramic view. Families would occasionally clear the shrubbery to keep it from overcoming the monuments on their estate, likely bringing a picnic to enjoy once the work was done.

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Section E in the 1880s

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## *President's Message*

### *Greetings to the Green Lawn Family!*



Fall sassafras leaves in section Z

How busy we have been! With new options for spreading or memorializing cremated remains and green burials, a new display to feature our monument sales, and ongoing restoration projects!

I would like to emphasize, as Lynne Jeffrey will later in this edition, that our Friends have adopted a calendar fiscal year, and donors should expect the annual campaign solicitation in the fall from now on. Many of you prefer spring giving, and this is fine as we will continue to process and track all gifts throughout the year. With the change, last year was technically only six months long, but what a fantastic year it was! And already this year is shaping up to be strong as well!

We couldn't do but a small portion of the work here without the generosity of our Friends, and I can never express enough how much your contributions are appreciated or all the good they result in.

That said, I believe the next edition will update a project with a lot of "WOW" factor – so stay tuned!

Randy Rogers, President and Executive Director  
Green Lawn Cemetery Association

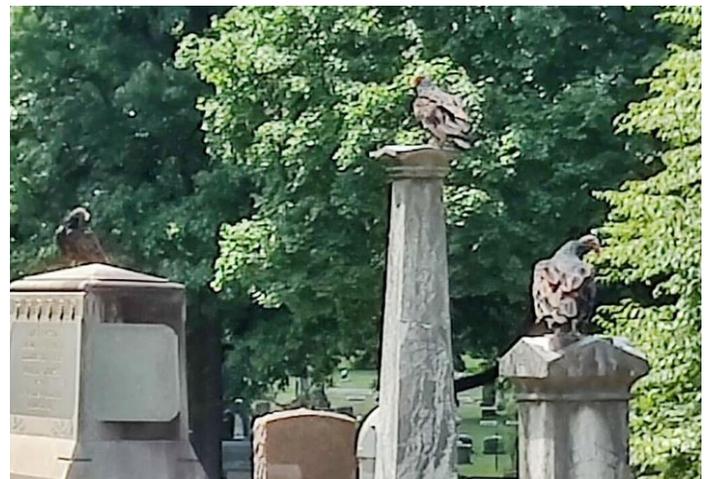
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## *Wildlife Stories*



Our horticulturist discovered an eastern tiger swallowtail caterpillar! The false eye spots help protect it from predators, who think the caterpillar is much larger than it is. It will turn into one of Ohio's most beautiful butterflies.

Another amazing find...turkey vultures sunning themselves. In case you're wondering, they're not visiting a grave...we think there was a deceased groundhog holding their attention! Turkey vultures have highly sensitive noses, and their lack of facial feathers allow scents to be more readily gathered.



## *Howard Daniels' Vision of Green Lawn (Continued from page 1)*

This vision had a few drawbacks. First, from a cemetery business perspective, much of your inventory was consumed by dense vegetation and could not be sold. Also, maintenance was high, especially for lots abandoned by the owners. Not everyone appreciated this natural (some might say overgrown or even neglected) aesthetic.

The drawbacks of the purist concept were addressed by the enhanced rural cemetery. These cemeteries were designed with more organized gardens that were easier to maintain and resembled home flower beds more than natural woodlots. Dramatic vistas might be created or enhanced where the natural topography was found to be wanting, and exotic specimen trees and plants were welcome.

Howard Daniels was a purist. You do not see enhanced topography in the original 80 acres at Green Lawn, and what is left from 170 years ago are native mixed oak forest trees. Photos from the 1880s show family estates enclosed by dense shrubbery.

A good example of the enhanced rural cemetery is Spring Grove in Cincinnati. Daniels worked here for ten years, but always with friction from the local horticulture society. Adolph Strauch replaced Daniels at Spring Grove in 1855.

Strauch's outlook embraced enhancing the cemetery's natural features, and he quickly replaced Daniels' work with more organized gardens and man-made features. Over time the same happened at most or all cemeteries designed by Howard Daniels, including Green Lawn.

The need to get the most out of the potential revenue of the property, a failure to appreciate the value of preserving the purist style, public sensibilities developing more along the organized garden line, and simply the need for streamlined maintenance all led to rural cemeteries today bearing more resemblance to the enhanced concepts typical of gardeners like Strauch.

Green Lawn does preserve many of Daniels' original features. The older part of the cemetery features natural topography and curvilinear roads, and a 300-year-old remnant of mixed oak forest remains. A few areas like the pond and ravine are managed to provide dense shrubbery both as a remembrance of our original aesthetic and to benefit birds.

One Daniels feature that can still be seen begins at the original Brown Road entrance. Daniels liked a straight, gradual upslope when entering the cemetery that could then follow the contours into the gardens or to a chapel. This upslope forced horse-drawn hearses to slow to a dignified and respectful gate as the funeral party approached the committal site. Green Lawn did not get a chapel until many years later, but the main entrance was set to follow this principal into the original gardens.



Near the original entrance the contoured roads follow a gradual rise to force a dignified pace.

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## Thank You!

Dear Friends of Green Lawn,

The Green Lawn Cemetery Board of Trustees and Foundation have approved the adoption of a calendar fiscal year to mirror other non-profit organizations in the community. We want you to know that you will now hear from us regarding the annual campaign just once each year, in the fall. You may have recently opened a letter from one of your friends on the Development Committee; if not, you will receive a letter very soon. As always, we thank you for your consideration and commitment to the annual campaign.

In 2019, your generous giving - coupled with the time and talent of our volunteers and partners - supported the following improvements at Green Lawn:

- ❖ Restoring stained glass windows in the Huntington Chapel
- ❖ Building a waterfall at the Pond
- ❖ Restoring “The Fisherman” monument and commissioning a “Thurber Dog” sculpture
- ❖ Repairing nine significant monuments damaged by trees, cars, or vandals over the years
- ❖ Planting 400 trees and numerous shrubs and native plants again this year

In addition, we welcomed hundreds of old and new friends to the Huntington Chapel for our First Saturday Programs and the Seasonal Walking Tours co-hosted by Columbus Landmarks Foundation. Thank you for making these projects and events possible, even if this year some had to be virtual!

As we continue to navigate changes and uncertainty in the months ahead, remember that Green Lawn has not changed. The migrating birds will visit the Pond again this year, the leaves will turn red and gold, and the treasures of our very special park are yours to enjoy whenever you want to visit.

The Development Committee members – Trip Lazarus, Susy Meiling, Jane Mykrantz, Anne Wright, and Tanya Yepsen – join me in wishing you a safe and happy fall season. You can count on hearing from us! We depend on you and thank you for your partnership.

Lynne M. Jeffrey  
President  
Green Lawn Cemetery Foundation



*For more information about making an Annual Campaign donation, a gift to the Endowment Fund, or a Planned Gift for Green Lawn Cemetery, please contact Randel Rogers, Executive Director, at 614-271-8600 or at [greenlawncemeteryassoc@gmail.com](mailto:greenlawncemeteryassoc@gmail.com).*

## Green Lawn 2019 Fall Campaign Donors

*We gratefully acknowledge all donors to the 2019 Annual Fall Campaign.*

*The Green Lawn Cemetery Board of Trustees and Foundation have adopted a calendar fiscal year. To begin this new funding cycle, we postponed Spring 2020 requests for contributions. Therefore, many of our dedicated Friends of Green Lawn are not listed below. Everyone will now hear from us regarding the annual campaign just once each year...in the fall. We appreciate each of you for your partnership in maintaining the architectural treasures and natural environment at Green Lawn. Thank you for your investment in this Very Special Park!*

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### ***Howard Daniels' Vision of Green Lawn*** *(Continued from page 3)*

Howard Daniels, although not a Columbus resident, chose to be interred in Section G at Green Lawn. We do not know his reason, but of all his designs, perhaps Green Lawn was where he felt he had most fully achieved his vision of a pure rural cemetery.

As we have come to know and appreciate Howard Daniels' vision for Green Lawn, it has guided us in restoration and how we manage the landscape. It is why we value native trees, wildflowers in our grass, and shrubby "overgrown" areas where we can permit them. It is not practical to fully embrace the dense growth original to Green Lawn, but we can manage the landscape to suggest his vision and preserve the original character of our "Very Special Park".



Our pond. I'm not sure if the island would have been a Daniels' feature, but the naturalistic waterfall, rough banks, and dense vegetation with viewing windows through the shrubbery would have followed his vision.

## Upcoming 2020 Green Lawn Cemetery Programs

*Most Events are Free, and All are Family-Friendly*

**Due to COVID-19, First Saturday programming has been discontinued until further notice. However, Green Lawn is offering several tours incorporating social distancing and other safety precautions. A portion of the registration fee will support Green Lawn's preservation efforts.**

**October 19, 22, 24, 26, 29 and November 1, 4, 10, 13, 14: 6:00pm-8:00pm: "Night at Green Lawn Tour":** Columbus Ghost Tours will offer a series of lantern-led historical walking tours after hours. Recommended for those age 16 and over. To register, please visit <https://columbusghosttours.com/tour-info-%26-booking>

**October 24: 10:00am-noon: "Green Lawn Cemetery Historical Bike Tour":** Columbus Outdoor Pursuits is partnering with Green Lawn to offer guided tours by historian and naturalist Randy Rogers. Tours begin and end at Green Lawn Abbey at 700 Greenlawn Ave. Columbus Outdoor Pursuits can provide cruiser style bikes and helmets, or you may bring your own. Tours are limited to ten riders. To register, please visit <https://outdoor-pursuits.org/events-calendar-op/>

**October 25: 2:00pm-4:00pm: "Autumn Walk Through Green Lawn":** Columbus Landmarks Foundation is partnering with Green Lawn Cemetery to present an interactive virtual tour, which will be shown on Columbus Landmarks' Facebook page. Participants will have the opportunity to donate to Green Lawn's preservation efforts.

**October 31: 5:00pm-7:00pm: "Walking with the Dead 5K and 1-Mile Walk":** Come join us for a fun, safe Halloween weekend in-person run and walk! Columbus Rotary and CD102.5, The Alternative Station are co-hosting the event. All proceeds go to maintain Green Lawn Cemetery. Participants may choose from a list of starting wave times. Costumes are encouraged. To register, please visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/34546/walking-with-the-dead-10k-5k-and-1-mile-runwalk>

**November 1: "Day of the Dead or El Dia de Los Muertos":** Green Lawn is partnering with Latino Arts for Humanity to create a VIRTUAL celebration that will feature traditional ofrenda, art exhibition, Aztec dancers, and educational activities. The virtual event will be presented on the Facebook page of El Dia de los Muertos AKA Day of the Dead Community Event. For more information, please visit [www.dayofthedeadcolumbus.com](http://www.dayofthedeadcolumbus.com).

**December 19: Noon-1:00pm: "Wreaths Across America":** Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, ceremonies are held at Arlington National Cemetery as well as 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. Help Green Lawn to participate in this national effort to honor veterans by placing wreaths in Section 104. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/WAAHQ/>.

## NEW! GREEN TREE BURIAL OPTION

"Green" burial options (designed to be more environmentally friendly than embalming and burial in a casket and vault) are slowly becoming more popular and Green Lawn fields a few inquiries each year on our options.

There are many green options out there, but not all are suitable in all cemeteries and most are not requested enough (yet) to warrant developing a dedicated area. Of course we offer some beautiful options for the spreading of cremated remains, the entry level of green burials, but now we have a more advanced option.

We have identified several spots in sections 101-103 suitable for planting new trees and have reserved these spaces for tree burials!

A tree burial package includes the space, a biodegradable urn for your cremated remains, all necessary fees and services, and your choice of a native tree from among several we have identified as appropriate for these spaces. The urn is placed as the tree is planted resulting in an environmentally friendly and beautiful enhancement to the cemetery.

Do you foresee hosting a family of bluebirds, feeding squirrels, or hosting native butterfly caterpillars in your next life? Call the office and schedule an appointment to learn more!

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