



A VERY SPECIAL PARK

# Heritage

The Newsletter of Green Lawn Cemetery  
Fall 2014

## *President's Message*

This past summer, hundreds of friends and family members visited Green Lawn Cemetery to experience a peaceful escape within the city. And always the busiest weekend of the year, more than two thousand people visited our Very Special Park over Memorial Day to remember their loved ones.

Green Lawn's Board of Trustees and Committees are combining talents and love for the cemetery to focus on opportunities for growth and partnership. The Huntington Chapel renovation project is complete and new niches are currently being installed to meet the needs of our families. The state-of-the-art WebCemeteries database is on track. In late summer and early fall we offered First Saturday programs and commemorated the 100-year Anniversary of the Passenger Pigeons' extinction. Staff and volunteers provided educational tours for students and groups of all ages, and hosted new friends including members of the Franklin Park Conservatory Women's Board.

Our leadership carefully considers priorities when setting programming and fundraising goals, and it is you - the Friends of Green Lawn - who support these opportunities with your individual annual gifts. I have been asked by the ten-member volunteer Green Lawn Development Committee to convey a sincere "Thank You" to each of our donors. We need more friends like you!

The natural beauty of Green Lawn Cemetery is unsurpassed by any other park in this area. I encourage you to put "walk through Green Lawn" on your "must do" list this fall. The autumn colors and the migrating birds are too exciting to miss!

Sincerely,

Geoff Arthur  
President

**Please review our Events Calendar on our website at  
[www.greenlawncemetery.org](http://www.greenlawncemetery.org)**

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## *Little Garden Club Project Update*

In the fall of 2011, members of the Little Garden Club of Columbus granted an extraordinary 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift of \$50,000 to the Friends of Green Lawn Cemetery to improve the environment surrounding the Pond and the historic Bridge nearby. Two hundred native shrubs replaced masses of invasive species, and fourteen Ohio native oaks were planted at the Pond and the Bridge in tribute to the fourteen founding Little Garden Club members.

Dry summers and the coldest winter in memory have taken a harsh toll on both new and established trees all over Central Ohio. Green Lawn is no exception. In this “survival of the fittest” environment, some of our fourteen young Ohio native oaks have proven to be more fit than others! At last count, two oaks sadly did not survive the winter and will be replaced this fall, a few youngsters are being coaxed along with extra visits from the new watering truck, and the others have beaten the odds and stubbornly thrive!

Families of Little Garden Club members and the Friends of Green Lawn have been interwoven for generations. The commemorative stone benches at the Pond and the Bridge honoring the Club’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrate that history and our shared goals of maintaining the urban forest for future generations. We are so grateful for the foresight and generosity of the Little Garden Club of Columbus and will keep watch over the native oaks.



## *Thank you Bexley Middle School*

We want to thank Mrs. Michelle L. Rowley-Welsch, Teacher, American History/Individuals and Societies Grade 8, District Chair, International Multicultural Committee, Bexley Middle School for assisting Green Lawn in placing flags on our World War I Section veteran spaces in section 71.

The class is pictured next to the space of Bird R. Stith, a Union Civil War Soldier, who lived to be over 100 years of age. He is buried in lot 6, Space number 72. His marker has a bronze plaque on the back to signify that he was the last veteran from the civil

## **Leaving a Legacy**



All of us at Green Lawn were saddened by the death of Shirle Nesbit Westwater. Ever the strong and thoughtful community leader, we gratefully received a very generous bequest to the Green Lawn Cemetery Foundation from her estate. Members of the Westwater Family are long-time supporters of the Friends of Green Lawn. Their legacy of giving continues as they honor the past and invest in the future of this Very Special Park.

## *“Tiffany in Columbus” at Green Lawn*

In late August, the Franklin Park Conservatory Women’s Board visited Green Lawn Cemetery as a key stop on their “Tiffany in Columbus” Day Trip. The group gathered in the Huntington Chapel and were welcomed by Christina Brown, chair of Green Lawn’s community partnerships committee.

Ohio State graduate student Candace Black presented background and details about the Huntington Chapel’s Tiffany windows and mosaics. She demonstrated the art of mosaics and also explained her process in the recent restoration of the Chapel’s lovely ceiling. Board member Randy Rogers shared highlights of the cemetery’s natural environment, including the trees and wildlife that make Green Lawn a beloved 360-acre park.

Then everyone headed outdoors to experience Green Lawn’s architecture and natural beauty first-hand. Doreen Uhas-Sauer, director for education and outreach at Columbus Landmarks, led a walking tour around the Pond focusing on Green Lawn’s heritage. She shared histories of our city’s founders, notable women and other unforgettable characters buried at Green Lawn. Between stories, Randy Rogers identified native trees for the group and pointed out many of our feathered friends.

Following the visit, Laurie Hill, Day Trip chair, wrote: “Our Women’s Board Day Trip was just so special. I think we succeeded in educating over 40 women about the historic jewel that is Green Lawn. We all appreciated your time and hospitality. Sincere thank you’s from the Women’s Board of Franklin Park Conservatory.”



Candace Black and Randy Rogers speak in the Huntington Chapel.



Doreen Uhas-Sauer leads the historical tour through Green Lawn Cemetery.



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## Green Lawn 2013-14 Annual Campaign

We gratefully acknowledge all donors to the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Annual Campaign (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) and want you to know that we appreciate each of you for your commitment. We really do count on your investment in maintaining the architectural treasures and natural environment at Green Lawn. Thank you for your support!

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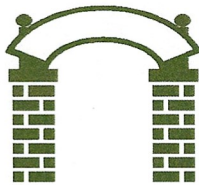
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