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## Remembering September 11



The Fairmount Memorial Association joined the rest of the nation on September 11 in honoring the victims of 9-11 on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

A special 9-11 flag was raised at the September 11 monument at Riverside Memorial Park with stripes bearing the names of those who died as a result of the attacks. The flag is now displayed in Fairmount Memorial Association's Flag Museum.

A bagpiper, Honor Guard, Cub Scouts and two Eagle Scouts were on hand for the solemn ceremony. During the ceremony, the Fairmount Memorial Association also provided a 9-11 flag to a woman who lost a family member in the tragedy.

During the afternoon, an honorable flag retirement ceremony was held outside the Flag Museum at Fairmount Memorial Park. About 70 people attended the event including Cub Scouts and Eagle Scouts.

A large flag was retired in honor of everyone who died in the 9-11 attacks. Wood for the fire came from trees at George Washington's home in Mt. Vernon and from Tahoma National Cemetery.

## Smile Again

Spokane's Smile Again Foundation now has another way to help families who have lost a child.

Thanks to a generous donation from Larry and Lois Hayden, a new columbarium has been erected at Riverside Memorial Park for families who can't afford the expenses of funerals and burial.

The Haydens, owners of the House of Hose, were the first local business owners to offer their support for what Kristine LaBelle-Edens hopes will be many columbariums dedicated to the cause. The columbarium is next to the Hayden family columbarium, overlooking the Spokane River.

Kristine LaBelle-Edens, a family service representative for Fairmount Memorial Association, said the nonprofit Smile Again Foundation helps families of children lost to illness, accidents and those who fall victim to crime.

Individuals, families or businesses wanting to sponsor a columbarium for the Smile Again Foundation can contact Kristine at (509) 838-1405.



# Letter from the President



Unlike other businesses, as our cemetery association moves into the future, we must always bring our past and its promises along with us.

As old traditions fade and new traditions begin, we are required to embrace both the old and the new and maintain our properties in a manner that accommodates both. When it comes to decision-making, ours are always weighted by the “long-term” effects and the goal of being able to maintain our cemeteries in perpetuity.

I can proudly say that Fairmount Association has held to its commitments to our lot owners and we will continue to care for your cemeteries in a manner that celebrates life.

Duane Broyles, *President of Fairmount Memorial Association*

## Scattering Gardens

Fairmount Memorial Association is in the process of developing two new scattering gardens.

Scattering gardens are dedicated and maintained for the scattering of cremated remains. A permanent plaque can be placed on a nearby memorial wall or pillar.

New scattering gardens are planned for Riverside Memorial Park and Greenwood Memorial Terrace. Fairmount Memorial Park is already home to two scattering gardens.



*Hillcrest Garden*

## Find us on Facebook

A screenshot of the Facebook page for Fairmount Memorial Association. The page header shows the Facebook logo and a search bar. The main content area displays the association's name, location (Spokane, Washington), and a grid of photos. A post from September 20 at 12:18pm is visible, showing a group of people gathered around a large stone monument. The left sidebar contains navigation options like Wall, Info, Friend Activity, Photos, and Events, along with the number of likes (30).

# Wreaths Across America

The historic Kirtland Cutter Rock Chapel will serve as the backdrop for a special remembrance on Dec. 10. Wreaths Across America is a nationwide event honoring those who serve and have served in the US Military. The nonprofit organization grew out of the Arlington Wreath Project which was started in 1992 by Morrill Worcester of Worcester Wreath.



Worcester donated and place wreaths at 5,000 graves in what became a nationwide tradition.

More than 400 cemeteries participate in Wreaths Across America. For the past two years, Fairmount Memorial Association has sponsored a ceremony at Greenwood Memorial Terrace in cooperation with the Spokane Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

This year, the event will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 10 in front of the Spokane Flag Museum, which is housed in the Kirtland Cutter Rock Chapel at Fairmount Memorial Park.

Refreshments will be served following the event and the Flag Museum will be open for tours.

The Spokane Flag Museum will be open on Dec. 10 following the Wreaths Across America event scheduled for 11 a.m. at the historic Kirtland Cutter Rock Chapel

## Flag Museum

The Spokane Flag Museum is several months shy of celebrating its first birthday and already has become a popular resource for schools and scouting organizations.



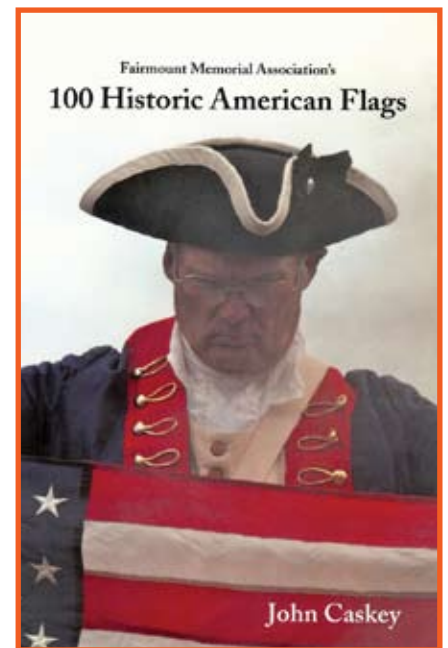
Housed inside the historic Kirtland Cutter Rock Chapel at Fairmount Memorial Park, the Spokane Flag Museum features displays of historic flags of the United States.

Fairmount Historian John Caskey said Spokane-area schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and others are able to gain a greater appreciation of the nation's historic flags and the roles of those flags in events that shaped the nation.

The museum is open on Sundays during the fall and spring, and

by special arrangement for group tours. During the tours, costumed guides lead groups through to the museum. Each of the 100 flags in the museum's permanent collection is featured in the book Fairmount Memorial Association's 100 Historic American Flags. The book, already in its third printing, is also available at Fairmount community cemetery offices for \$15. Proceeds benefit the Spokane Flag Museum and historic preservation of the Kirtland Cutter Rock Chapel.

For information e-mail: [flagmuseum@fairmountmemorial.com](mailto:flagmuseum@fairmountmemorial.com).



# Dedications

Fairmount Memorial Association dedicated two new historic markers this spring and summer, both at Fairmount Memorial Park.

The first honors former Spokane Police Chief Arthur L. Hooper and the other Liberty Lake namesake Stephen Liberty.

Fairmount Memorial Association's Historic Marker Program is a partnership with the Spokane Police Department History Book Committee and the Spokane Law Enforcement Museum. Three or more historic markers are erected each year through that partnership.

Historic Markers have been installed at Fairmount Memorial Park, Greenwood Memorial Terrace and Riverside Memorial Park. Maps are available at each of the cemetery offices.

To view pictures from recent dedications, visit [www.fairmount.zenfolio.com](http://www.fairmount.zenfolio.com).

## Arthur L. Hooper

In addition to serving as police chief, Arthur L. Hooper was a teacher, coach, lawyer, city prosecutor and state representative. He was the one of a few Spokane police chiefs who had no prior law enforcement experience.



*Major Scott A. Stephens  
Operations Bureau - Spokane Police Department*

Hooper was born in Polk County, Oregon, on Nov. 4, 1875. Four years later he moved to Whitman County, Washington, with his parents. He attended school in Johnson, Washington, before enrolling in the Preparatory Department of Washington Agricultural College in 1895.

In college, Hooper was in band and glee club. He was also class president, led the debate team, was editor and assistant editor of the student yearbook and newspaper, and was a lieutenant and signal officer in the college's Cadet Corps.

He played left tackle on the college football team and was team captain in 1901 when they won the Pacific Northwest Championship. Hooper also participated in track and was chosen to deliver the oration at graduation when he earned his law degree.

A Republican, Hooper served as a state representative from 1927-29, representing Spokane County. He was known as an eloquent speaker and served as the head of several committees.

He taught and coached football at Spokane's South Central High School from 1904-05.

Hooper married Elizabeth Kaiser Green on May 31, 1913.

He was the first Spokane Police of Chief to have been born in the Pacific Northwest, the first with a college degree and the first with a law degree.

Arthur L. Hooper died in 1961.



*Decendents of Arthur L. Hooper*

# Stephen Liberty

He was born in another country and under a different name, but Stephen Liberty left an indelible mark in the history books of the Inland Northwest.

Not only is a lake near the Idaho-Washington border named in his honor, but Liberty is remembered for his work and friendship with the Native Americans and for his pioneering spirit.

He was born Etienne Eduard Laliberte on Nov. 15, 1843, in the province of Quebec, Canada, to Joseph Etienne and Emilie Saloe Laliberte. He immigrated to the United States in 1862 and later became a naturalized citizen.

Liberty joined a wagon train with Capt. James Liberty Fisk in the summer of 1866 and served as assistant wagon master and officer of the guard. Liberty left the wagon train with Joseph Peavy in Benton, Montana. Together, the two men continued on to Cabinet Landing on the Pend Oreille River and purchased a station house. They then contracted to carry mail from Cabinet Landing to Connors, near present-day Rathdrum, Idaho.

In 1868 Liberty married Christine Barnaby in Rathdrum. They settled south of Spokane and planted a large orchard. The land was later sold to Joseph Moran and became known as the Moran Prairie.

In 1871, Liberty moved his family to the west side of Lake Grier where he was the first white settler in the area. Later, the lake was re-named Liberty Lake. It was there that Liberty became close friends with Chief Andrew Seltice of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe.

In Stephen Liberty's own words: *"In February 1871, I removed to Liberty Lake (so named in my honor) where I again established a home and set out about twenty five acres of orchard and continued the raising of stock. When I removed to Liberty*



*Decendents of Stephen Liberty*

*Lake, Chief Seltice was my neighbor. Stillam, one of the head men of the tribe, then resided near Spokane Bridge, a short distance from me. From the time of my first acquaintance with Chief Seltice and the other head men of the tribe mentioned, I enjoyed their utmost confidence."*

Stephen Liberty was inducted into the Spokane Society of Pioneers in 1896. He died from pneumonia on Jan. 18, 1911, and was buried at Fairmount Memorial Park. Until the dedication of the historic marker, Stephen Liberty's grave was unmarked.



*Sue Walker  
Spokane Law Enforcement Museum*

## Walking With Ancestors



More than 400 people got a living look at the past on August 27 as Fairmount Memorial Park hosted Walking With Ancestors.

The event, co-sponsored by the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, featured guided tours of Fairmount Memorial Park with stops at historic gravesites. At each site, historical society volunteers in period costume portrayed those buried there.

Visitors were able to learn about the individuals' accomplishments and contributions to local history during the 30-minute tours.

The event included presentations by Shirley Penna-Oakes and Donna Potter Phillips of the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society. Educational demonstrations focused on Beginning Genealogy, Photographing Headstones, Grave Stone Rubbings, Stories in Stone and Properly Cleaning Headstones.



Fairmount Memorial Association's Rock Chapel Flag Museum was open and the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution and the Washington Civil War Association had displays at the event.

Fairmount Memorial Association Historian John Caskey said the event has been increasing in popularity and he has received many requests to schedule the event during the school year so students can attend.

As a result, next year's event will be scheduled in the fall. The theme will be the Civil War and Greenwood Memorial Terrace will be the site of the third annual event.

## Travel Plan

It is all about peace of mind.

If the unexpected happens while you are on a vacation, travelling for business or visiting family, a Guaranteed Travel Assurance Plan™ assures your remains will be brought home according to your wishes.

With an increasingly mobile society, more people than ever are travelling.

Membership in the Guaranteed Travel Assurance Plan™ guarantees that your remains will be returned home if you die more than 100 miles from home. The plan also provides assistance identifying a local licensed funeral home or mortuary; arranging for preparation of the deceased for transport; coordinating with the receiving funeral home or mortuary; documents including customs documents or diplomatic issues worldwide; legal and interpreter referrals; emergency message transmission and assistance in getting any pets home.

The Guaranteed Travel Assurance Plan™ can eliminate confusion and stress for your family and make sure your pre-arranged plans are completed.

For information contact Fairmount Memorial Association's Life Plan Resources, (509) 747-4029.

# Heritage Family Album Classes



Fairmount Memorial Association invites you to create a family album at the free Heritage Family Album scrapbooking classes offered monthly at the Sunset Chapel at Fairmount Memorial Park.

All Family Heritage Albums and Creative Memories scrapbooking supplies will be provided free, compliments of Fairmount Memorial Association. Learn the valuable tradition of creating albums to capture your family's heritage. Scrapbooking tips, instruction and assistance are available. Refreshments will be served. To get started, bring 10-12 family pictures. Classes are 9 a.m. to noon on the first Wednesday of each month.

Please RSVP to Fairmount Memorial Association (509) 747-4029.

## Employee Spotlight

If Diane Perry's colleagues treat her like family, there's good reason. Many of them are. In the 16 years she's worked for Fairmount Memorial Association, Diane has worn many hats. And if she hasn't done a particular job, there's a good chance someone in her family has.

Her father worked for Fairmount Memorial Association for 38 years. Donald Schultz, who passed away in 2002, was the lead gravedigger at Greenwood Memorial Terrace.

Diane's brother, Darren Schultz, is a 20-year employee who currently works on the grounds crew at Spokane Memorial Gardens.

She met her husband, Jim Perry, on the job. His cousin happens to be her boss and even her daughter has worked summers for Fairmount Memorial Association. Izzy, her dog, joins her at work on Fridays.

Her rule: *Don't bring home to work and don't bring work to home. It makes for a happy family on and off the clock.*

As a member of the grounds crew, Diane performs a variety of tasks including digging and helping at funeral services. When she's working in the monument shop, Diane makes headstones and benches and does engraving. She's in the process of learning how to design markers. Of all the things she is involved in, Diane most enjoys working on the historical monuments Fairmount Memorial Association dedicates at its cemeteries throughout the year. Her work on those projects has resulted in awards and recognition.

Diane, however, receives the most joy knowing how much her work means to the friends and family of those being memorialized. "I can feel the love," Diane said. "It's inspiring. Sometimes I get compliments from the families and it makes me feel so good and so proud."

The mother of three enjoys camping, fishing and traveling when she's not working. Every summer the family travels to Montana to visit family, but Diane said she is happy anywhere there is a lake with fish. She also does leather crafting -- making belts, dog collars and can coolers.

Diane spent three years living in Berlin, Germany, and was there when the Berlin Wall came down. Her family now makes their home in Colbert.





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