



Fairmount Memorial Association

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Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia were honored October 3 at Fairmount Memorial Park for more than 120 years of humanitarian service in Eastern Washington. Fairmount Memorial Association and the Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross hosted the celebration, which included a wreath-laying ceremony at the Sisters of St. Francis Memorial.



Following a presentation at the historic Kirtland Cutter Rock Chapel, a processional of guests followed a bagpiper to the memorial. A historical exhibit of the group's many service projects in Eastern Washington dating back to 1888 was displayed at the Chapel.

From its first three investitures in 1855, the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia expanded to 80 convents throughout America and abroad. The Sisters were pioneers in the territory that became Washington State and also following statehood. They founded mission schools, hospitals, academies and orphanages. The Sisters' work in East Washington included founding St. Ann's Children's Home in Spokane in 1943 and St. Charles School in Spokane in 1951. Today, the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia continue their good works at the St. Joseph Family Center in Spokane and Kairos House of Prayer.

Several Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia are buried at Fairmount Memorial Park: Sister Sylvia McBride, a teacher at Mt. St. Joseph Academy in Tekoa, died in 1896. Because the congregation wanted sisters to be buried in a Catholic cemetery, her body was taken to Fairmount Memorial Park.

Sister Rhabana Loftus ministered at St. Joseph Orphanage in Spokane. She died in 1897.

Sister Ladislaus Bornhorn was a "collector" for St. Joseph Orphanage, begging on behalf of the children in their charge. She died in 1910.

Sister Inez Elson, a Wyoming native, is the lone "western" Sister buried at Fairmount – all of the other Franciscans were from the East Coast. She served at St. Joseph's and died in 1912.

Sister Columbana Neiter, a teacher and nurse, died during the flu epidemic in 1918 as she cared for students and residents in Tekoa.

Sister Lucinda Mayhue was a cook at the St. Stephen Indian Mission in St. Stephen's, Wyoming. She died of burns when the gas stove she was lighting exploded in September 1925. Her body was sent to Fairmount Memorial Park so she could be buried with her community members.

Sister Marcella Wouters, a pioneer Franciscan sister to the West in 1885, served as the musician at St. Joseph Orphanage. She died in 1927.

Sister Liberata Smith ministered in St. Stephen's, Wyoming. She was transported to Fairmount Memorial Park after her death in May of 1928.

There is an additional grave in the Sisters' plot at Fairmount Memorial Park, but it is not the grave of a Sister. There is a chance that a lay employee of St. Joseph Orphanage or an orphan could be buried there, but there are no records available.

A Message from the President

Here at Fairmount Memorial Association we work with families day in and day out at the times in their lives when they are most fragile and are most in need of compassion and healing. As you know, we are dedicated to making the time of loss and mourning as gentle and problem free as possible.



Unfortunately, we often hear about complications, difficulties, disputes, anger and resentment that come about when a loved one has not made proper plans for their passing, especially by not having a will prepared by a competent attorney. Your will is really “a love letter to your family” which can spare them grief and suffering over and above what they will naturally experience through your loss.

The American Bar Association says most Americans never use attorneys, not because they don't need legal services, but because most cannot afford the legal fees. Therefore, Fairmount Memorial Association is facilitating a legal service plan that provides you with low cost access to top rated attorneys and legal services worth thousands of dollars, including free will preparation and estate settlement advice for less than 60 cents per day.

For more information, contact: Rich Broderhausen, (509) 951-6524 or email: rich@thejmgroup.com

Duane Broyles, President of Fairmount Memorial Association

Pet Haven Park Update

Construction continues at Pet Haven Park located north of Riverside Memorial Park on North Government Way. The facility will be the home of Spokane's premier off-leash private membership dog park, dog day care, and dog wash. Future plans include a pet funeral home to be completed by 2012. Our latest developments include the completion of 6 foot fencing surrounding the wood chipped off-leash dog park, roofs on the Pet Pavilion and additional buildings, and asphalt parking lot.

The Pet Pavilion building houses bathroom facilities for Dog Park members and will provide space to host pet birthday parties, local animal shelter adoption events, and community pet

education programs. The building will feature a radiant heat floor that will keep our canine friends comfortable, energy efficient insulation, and LED lighting.

The 1.3 acre off-leash dog park offers free Wi-Fi, fresh drinking water, and custom dog playground equipment in a well lit and secured fenced environment. Biodegradable doggie waste bags will be available at the separate entrances to the small breed area



Finnean & William



Pet Pavilion



Doggie Day Care



Outdoor Gazebo Construction

and the large breed area. Comfortable sitting areas are scattered throughout the park, as well as a covered outdoor gazebo where our 2 and 4 legged friends can gather to socialize or just relax.

Stay up to date with our development by visiting www.pethavenpark.com, click on our Facebook page at Pet Haven Park for current construction photos or call (509) 747-WOOF.

Community Owned...Community Awareness

Coats 4 Kids

Fairmount Memorial Association employees collected coats this fall to donate to the annual KXLY 4 Coast for Kids drive. More than 20,000 coats were collected for children in need at drop off locations throughout Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington.

2nd Harvest

Fairmount Memorial Association is participating in the 2nd Harvest Winter Food Drive. 2nd Harvest has been the leading hunger-relief organization in the area for the last 29 years. 2nd Harvest provides donated food to local families and individuals throughout Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington every month. Food donated to local drives goes directly to the 20 emergency food pantries in Spokane County. There will be collection boxes located at each of our cemetery offices through December 21, 2010.

LifePlan Resources Calendar

Fairmount Memorial Association is offering free 2011 LifePlan Resources calendars. LifePlan Resources is the new marketing arm of Fairmount Memorial Association. To receive your calendar call (509) 459-3347.

Employee Spotlight

Few have been employed at Fairmount Memorial Association longer than Barbara Finney. Since November 1990, Finney has been working in the accounting department.

Fairmount Memorial Association President Duane Broyles describes Finney as “a great asset to the company.” “The one thing we can always count on is Barb’s going to do it right and she is going to do it by the book,” Broyles said. “Every company needs people who have that attention to detail. It always costs less to do it right the first time.” Broyles said he never second-guesses Finney’s work. “I know it’s going to be right,” he said.

Finney was raised on her family’s farm in the Yakima Valley. Her father grew corn, wheat and alfalfa. Later he went to work in a sugar beet factory and then went into making grain elevators. She was in high school when the family moved to Spokane and has been here ever since.

Working at a cemetery – more precisely, downstairs from Sunset Funeral Chapel – isn’t the only interesting job Finney has had. For a time, when her son was young, Finney worked for the carnival on the cotton candy wagon. The job gave her the opportunity to visit places she had never been to, like Canada, and her young son had the perk of going on rides for free. She learned of the opening at Fairmount through a friend of her father. She applied and started out as a temporary employee. In just a few months, it became a full-time position.

“They liked the way I worked,” Finney said. The rest is history.

From their offices beneath Sunset Chapel, the accounting employees have a beautiful view of Riverside State Park. Finney has twice watched as fires started in the park. One crossed the river and began climbing the hill toward the cemetery. Finney remembers having to store all the records in the vault as a precaution and having to evacuate.

For the past 17 years, Finney has worked in the information tent during Memorial Day Weekend, answering questions from cemetery visitors. Some have dubbed her the “Info Person.”

When she’s not working, Finney enjoys reading and cross-stitching and is a self-described “movie-a-holic.”

Her mother, who died in December of 1997, is buried at Greenwood Memorial Terrace and some of her father’s ashes (he died in 2007) are also at Greenwood. Her son lives in Spokane, she has a daughter in Iowa and she is the proud grandmother of four – including two high school graduates and a grandson in the Marines.



Barbara Finney

Memorialization

Now more than ever people want to be memorialized in a very personal way. From life videos at funerals and memorial services to custom burial vault covers and custom-engraved monuments, there are options to suit every taste.



Atlas Vault

and there are many different ways to express this story," Goff said.

Fairmount Memorial Association offers a variety of options for memorialization:

- Vault lid covers and tapestries to be displayed with urns can be personalized with photos and words.
- Cremation urns vary from traditional to decorative art pieces or can be reflective of hobbies and special interests.
- Markers can be custom-engraved with words and pictures and tailored to reflect a person's life and personality.
- Life videos, pictures and music can be incorporated into funerals and memorial services.

"When memorial services are complete and a loved one is at rest, a monument or memorial becomes a lasting, visible tribute to a life lived and an enduring symbol of love and family heritage," Family Service Representative Rose Emerson of Spokane Memorial Gardens said.

Preplanning

The loss of a loved one brings unanswered questions, difficult decisions and unforeseen expenses.

"Important decisions should be made when we are clear thinking and not when we are experiencing high levels of emotion or when we are in shock and our grief blurs our judgment," said John Britton, Family Service Representative at Fairmount Memorial Park.

Preplanning is often described as a gift – one of the last a person can leave to their loved ones. "It saves family members from having to make decisions during a time that is difficult," said Dennis Anderson, Family Service Representative at Fairmount Memorial Park.

- What manner of disposition do I prefer?
- Which funeral home and cemetery should my family contact?
- Where should my funeral or memorial service be held?
- How can I pay for the services I want?

Favorable payment plans are available that make preplanning affordable. "Economic times are tough for all of us; this is the very reason to consider pre-planning. It is better to take care of these matters now instead of leaving the cost and the stress to your loved ones. The deferred 10% down and no payments until February plan is a great way to get started on something that will provide peace of mind for so many people," said Don Williams, Family Service Representative at Greenwood Memorial Terrace.

"Nobody should be forgotten," said Family Service Representative Dennis Anderson of Fairmount Memorial Park. "Everyone deserves the respect of a memorial."

Family Service Representative Rob Goff of Greenwood Memorial Terrace describes memorialization as "an outward expression of the 'dash' between the birth and death dates of an individual's life span." "To memorialize someone we loved and lost is to tell part of his or her story



*Monuments
Fairmount Memorial Park*

Fairmount's Historic Cemeteries



James Clark

Fairmount's historic cemeteries may soon be placed on the Federal Register of Historic Districts.

The application for Greenwood Memorial Terrace has been completed and submitted and applications for Riverside Memorial Park and Fairmount Memorial Park are expected to be completed in December, said Fairmount Historian John Caskey. "It's possible by April 2011, all three could be admitted to the Historic Register," Caskey said.



Fairmount Memorial Park

Fairmount President Duane Broyles said the designation would give Fairmount Memorial Association the ability to apply for grants for the preservation of funerary art and historic monuments and buildings, like Fairmount's Kirtland Cutter Rock Chapel. "Because of our history and the history of Spokane being preserved in our cemeteries, it's a designation we look forward to," Broyles said. "We want that historic classification."

Life Behind the Badge

The second volume in the exciting "Life Behind the Badge" series chronicling the history of Spokane's police department is now available.

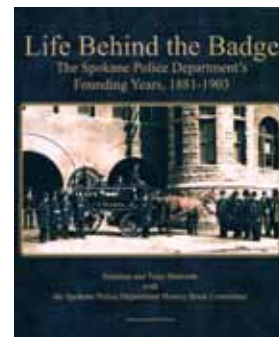
Written and published by the Spokane Law Enforcement Museum History Book Committee, the latest volume covers the history of the Tong (Chinese organized crime) and Ku Klux Klan in Spokane. "It was a real interesting period," said Duane Broyles, president of Fairmount Memorial Association and member of the committee that penned the book. The committee is comprised of retired law enforcement personnel, historians, genealogists and writers. Broyles enjoys history and writing so he was happy to join the committee.

Initially the History Book Committee was going to publish a single book, but "it was massive," Broyles said. A fan of Time Life history book series, Broyles suggested breaking the book into volumes. Each book spans 20-30 years in Spokane history and is based on the tenures of the chiefs of the police department. A third volume is in the works.

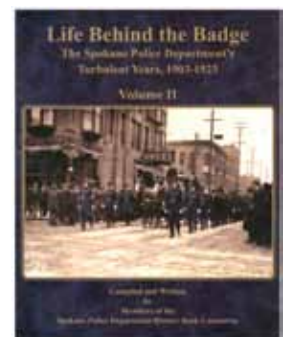
Writing each book is a process that takes about two years to complete. Some on the committee research and others dedicate their efforts to writing. They all come to the table for editing.

The book project gave birth to the Fairmount Memorial Association's historic marker program. Together with the Spokane Law Enforcement Museum, Fairmount has dedicated several monuments honoring local historic figures.

Copies of "Life Behind the Badge" are available from the Spokane Law Enforcement Museum at 1201 W. First Ave. and Auntie's Bookstore at 402 W. Main Ave.



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Sgt. Bruce Alan Grandstaff

A Spokane Hero was honored September 11 with the dedication of a memorial at his gravesite at Greenwood Memorial Terrace.

Bruce Alan Grandstaff was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for “selfless gallantry above and beyond the call of duty” while serving –and giving his life–in Vietnam. On September 11, his family and others memorialized the husband and father who was killed in action on May 18, 1967.

Grandstaff was leading the Weapons Platoon, Company B, on a reconnaissance mission near the Cambodian border when the platoon came under fire on three sides. All but 8 men in his platoon died. Survivors testified to Grandstaff’s courage and ability to inspire his men to fight despite overwhelming odds. The September 11 ceremony included patriotic music and a performance of the National Anthem by the band from Grandstaff’s Alma Mater, North Central High School.



Cathy McMorris-Rogers and Colonel Robert Sholly, ret. Tami shared personal memories of her father. Her own two children unveiled the monument erected in



honor of the grandfather they never knew.

Grandstaff’s cousin, the Reverend John McMath, and daughter, Tami Grandstaff-Chamberlain were speakers at the dedication, along with Spokane Mayor Mary Verner, Congresswoman



Printed in the program for the ceremony was a letter authored by Bruce Grandstaff’s three daughters titled, “Our Father.”

“We learned from you what personal sacrifice truly means,” they wrote. “When we face our greatest challenges, we know your blood courses through us, and we stand brave.”

The monument to Bruce Grandstaff was erected and dedicated by Fairmount Memorial Association in cooperation with Grandstaff’s daughters, the Spokane Police Department History Book Committee, and the Spokane Law Enforcement Museum.

Hometown Heroes

Heroes come in every shape and size. Some have two legs and some, like Lucky, have four.

Lucky, a military working dog based at Fairchild Air Force Base, was the animal recipient of the 2010 Hometown Heroes award. He was honored November 10 during the Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross’ Hometown Heroes benefit luncheon at Northern Quest Resort and Casino. In addition to completing four tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, Lucky survived two bouts of cancer and a bomb attack.

Fairmount Memorial Association and Pet Haven Park sponsored a table at the banquet in support of Lucky’s award.



Upcoming and Ongoing Events

Wreaths Across America - Saturday, December 11, at 2:00pm

Fairmount Memorial Association and the Sons of the American Revolutions would like to invite you to our second annual celebration of the Wreaths Across America. Please join us on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 2:00pm in honoring all veterans that have given their lives to protect our freedom by serving in the United States Military. Wreaths Across America originated from the Arlington Wreath Project where wreaths were donated to the cemetery to honor our fallen. In 2005 the wreath project became widely recognized due to a photo circulated of the wreaths on military markers. Today the wreath laying ceremonies are held all over the United States, Puerto Rico and overseas cemeteries. If you would like more information please contact us at (509) 747-4029, Greenwood Memorial Terrace, 211 N. Government Way, Spokane, WA 99224.

Heritage Family Album Classes, - Ongoing

Tell your family's story with the help of Fairmount Memorial Association. Participants in Fairmount's free monthly scrapbooking classes receive a Family Heritage Album and Creative Memories scrapbooking materials compliments of Fairmount Memorial Association. To get started, just bring 10 to 12 family pictures. Fresh coffee, juice and tasty pastries are provided. Classes are held the first Wednesday of each month from 9 am to noon at the Fairmount Memorial Park Sunset Chapel at 5200 W. Wellesley Ave. Please reserve your space by calling (509) 747-4029.



For more information on events visit www.fairmountmemorial.com

Cards For Our Troops

Hundreds of handmade cards will be sent to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan this Thanksgiving and Christmas thanks to Fairmount Memorial Association, The Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Greater Spokane Area Church of Latter Day Saints Youth Conference.

Nearly 1,900 teens made cards for troops during the Youth Conference at the Spokane County Fairgrounds on August 7-9. A total of 3,800 cards were decorated.

Fairmount Memorial Association drew public thanks from the Spokane area and the American Red Cross, which promoted the event on their website and Facebook page. Fairmount sponsored the cards.



The Spokane chapter of the American Red Cross with its connection through Fairchild Air Force Base will have the cards delivered to the troops in service overseas in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Fairmount's resident historian, John Caskey, organized the event. Caskey said the project was "wildly successful" and similar events will likely be planned in the future.





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