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Message from the President

Hopefully all of you have had the opportunity to enjoy some rest and relaxation during these past summer months. Please enjoy this edition of our newsletter and I encourage you to supply us with your e-mail addresses, so that we may be able to facilitate our newsletter in a more efficient manner. If you prefer a hard copy let us know that as well, but please help us update our records.

I can assure you that we have a very dedicated and hardworking board that is here to serve you. Much is going on in our industry and we have committees that are on top of everything for the benefit of all members. I encourage you to share our newsletter with other members of you staff and with other cemeterians that may not be members. New members are always welcome.

I have the honor of being your president with the best Board of Directors that any organization would want. If I can be of service to you or if you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at j.m.fitzgerald@rcn.com. I look forward to seeing you at the Suppliers Day Exposition and New England Clambake, always a good time, please join us.

J. Michael Fitzgerald

Visit the Website of the Massachusetts Cemetery Association

www.macemetery.org

What does the MCA website have to offer you? You may find the names and contact information of the Officers and Directors of the Association. Membership applications are available for download. A list of the Associations Supplier Members and their contact information is there. Legislative News is there as well. We hope to post this newsletter and future newsletters on the website so current news will be at your fingertips. The Board of Directors wishes to expand its means of contacting the members through e-mail. As this list becomes more complete, we will be able to contact you with the click of a button. Do we have your e-mail address? Please provide us with that information. You may e-mail Bray Walsh at bray@lowellcemetery.com or Brian Killelea at brian@wcmp.org

NECA Cemetery Management Seminar

University of New Hampshire
November 28, 29, 30, 2006

The 37th Annual Cemetery Seminar will feature many current topics that are of interest to Massachusetts Cemeterians.

From Legislative update from all New England States to Land management for cemeteries of all sizes, the speakers are knowledgeable members of our cemetery community.

- John Bolton - will be speaking on cemetery management and maintenance.
- Liz Vazza – an expert of cemetery layout, design and preservation.
- Ron Salvatore – national expert on cremation – the do's and don't. Even if you don't have a crematory you should know.

Other topics:

- Learn better management ethnics; what laws are applicable when you hire or fire an employee.
- What is the best turf grass for your cemetery?
- Who do you call when you need a piece of equipment and it has to be appropriate for your cemetery?

Talk with cemetery and supplier members from small and large cemeteries from all the New England states, New York and Canada.

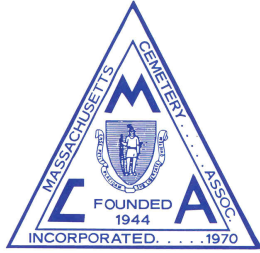
There is a wealth of knowledge waiting for you this November at the University of New Hampshire, don't miss it.

John Di Pietro
Seminar Chairman

Have you considered attending the New England Cemetery Association Cemetery Management Seminar? The information above describes what will take place this year at the University of New Hampshire. If you have never attended this program, you should truly consider it. If you are unable to attend the entire program, you might consider attending for a day.

As a member of the Massachusetts Cemetery Association, you have an opportunity to attend this Management Seminar by completing the Scholarship application that follows. The fortunate recipient of this scholarship will have their conference fee and room and board paid by the Massachusetts Cemetery Association. Don't be shy, complete the application form and return by October 31, 2006.

The Management Seminar will be held at the New England Center on the campus of the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire. Their website address is: www.newenglandcenter.com .



**MASSACHUSETTS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
NEW ENGLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
FRED LAFFOND 37TH ANNUAL SEMINAR
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Date: _____

Received: _____

Name: _____

Tel: _____

Cemetery: _____

Number of years working in the industry:

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Applicant must be a current member of the Massachusetts Cemetery Association and/or an employee of a current Organizational Member cemetery.

This scholarship will be awarded to the applicant that in the opinion of the MCA Scholarship Committee is the best qualified. Scholarship will cover conference fee and room and board at the University of New Hampshire. Applications are due by October 31. Mail to Brian Killellea, c/o Worcester County Memorial Park, 217 Richards Avenue, Paxton, MA 01612.

Criteria considered but not limited to:

- Length of time in the industry,
- Position(s) held in the industry,
- Reasons stated by the applicant for attending the University,
- Participation in the industry other than his/hers primary employment.

Please state in the space below the reason you would like to attend the Fred Laffond Cemetery Management Seminar at the University of New Hampshire. Please include all relevant information about yourself that you would like the committee to consider.

(If more space is needed please attach an additional page.)

X_____ (Signature of applicant)

Suppliers Day Exposition and New England Clambake

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Cemetery Association would like to extend our Thanks to the Supplier Members of the Association for making the Suppliers Day Exposition and New England Clambake another successful event.

Legislative and Consumer Affairs

You may visit the website of the MCA at www.macemetery.org to get an up to date report on bills that have been filed with the House and the Senate that would have an impact on our cemeteries. Tom Daly, our Legislative liaison and Bill Malloy, our lobbyist from the Malloy Group, are keeping a watchful eye on what is happening in the Legislature. Their time and efforts are to be commended. You may view the text of the bills that are on watch at the following website: www.mass.gov/legis/bills/. If you have any questions, concerns or comments about any of the proposed bills, you may contact Tom Daly at his office at 781-255-9433 or 617-640-4016 or at his e-mail address which is tdalychsgroup@aol.com.

Did you know that Chapter 114 of the Massachusetts General Law governs all cemeteries throughout the state. If you do not have a printed copy of this law, you may visit the website of the state to review it. Their website is: www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/.

The Massachusetts Cemetery Association has available for sale, copies of a Consumer Guide. These guides were compiled by the Association to aid consumers at their time of need or planning for their future resting place. Copies may be obtained for a nominal fee through the Association. You may contact Brian Killelea at brian@wcmp.org for more information or through the mail at: Massachusetts Cemetery Association, PO Box 282, Milton, MA 02186-4001.

Mount Auburn Cemetery Celebrating 175 Years

Who: Mount Auburn Cemetery

What: 175th Anniversary of its Consecration

Where: Mount Auburn Cemetery, 580 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

When: September 24, 2006

Time: 2 p.m.

Cost: Free, but please call 617-607-1995 for an invitation

Contact: Bree Detamore Harvey, Director of Public Programs, 617-547-7105 ext. 1945

Mount Auburn Cemetery, the nation's oldest garden cemetery and the model for our modern day parks system, is celebrating its 175th Anniversary. September 24, 2006 will mark the anniversary of its Consecration and will be celebrated with a commemoration service at the Cemetery. It will feature Reverend Peter Gomes of Harvard University, Paul Grogan of the Boston Foundation, poetry readings by Celia Gilbert, and fanfares by the New England Conservatory.

Mount Auburn Cemetery is the final resting place of many famous and important historical figures, including Charles Bulfinch, Mary Baker Eddy, Isabella Stewart Gardner, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Winslow Homer and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, to name a few. 175 years into its mission, Mount Auburn Cemetery remains an active cemetery and a place of comfort and inspiration for the 200,000 people who visit it annually.

Please call if you need further information.

Mount Auburn Cemetery is celebrating its 175th Anniversary with a year of lectures, music, and other events at the Cemetery.

News from the Membership

In future issues of the MCA newsletter, I would like to include information from its membership. We all have special events taking place at our own cemeteries throughout the year and this could be a place for more exposure. You might have a piece of equipment for sale or you might be in search of staff for your facility. The possibilities are endless. If you forward the information to me, I would be glad to work it into the newsletter. You may contact me at the following: Bray Walsh, Lowell Cemetery, 77 Knapp Avenue, Lowell, MA 01852 or at my e-mail address which is: bray@lowellcemetery.com .

Calendar of Events

The Board of Directors is in the planning process of our upcoming events for the fall and winter programs. The fall luncheon will take place in mid November and we will notify you by mail as soon as we have the details worked out.

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