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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings NECA Cemeterians and Friends:

We have been fortunate to be on the warmer side this fall to allow our Cemetery clean-up to happen before the winter weather sets in. Preparing for the long, cold time ahead and working in the New England climate can be some of our most challenging times....

Our 52nd Annual Frederick R. Laffond Cemetery Management Seminar is right around the corner. The deadline is fast approaching to register and secure rooms. **(Deadline is early next week)**

Take a few minutes and read the information that our Secretary has provided on page 2. We are our own best resources. Take the time to learn more— it will help you grow and improve at your job. Sponsor a new member to come and take advantage of this opportunity. Contact Dan Krueger with any questions!!

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Warmest Regards

Kelly M. Perry, NECA President



52ND ANNUAL FREDERICK R. LAFFOND CEMETERY MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Learn...Learn...Learn

How do you learn? If you are like me, you learn best through interaction with others. And, if you have a desire to continue to grow in your chosen career, an opportunity is fast approaching to collaborate and learn with others, thanks to Kelly Perry, Maureen Crick Owen and Greg Howard, Chairpersons.

The 52nd Annual Frederick R. Laffond Cemetery Management Seminar offers you the opportunity to learn through programing and through networking with colleagues. Barbara Kemmis, Executive Director of the Cremation Association of North America (CANA) will enlighten us on the ever-increasing acceptance of cremation and suggest methods to bring these cremated remains to your cemetery. Bill Wilson (Watertown Engineering), Raymond Leach (Coldspring) and Rob Baker (Matthews) will offer their experiences in assisting families with memorializing. Ashlynn Rickord Werner (PlotBox and The Association for Gravestone Studies) will explain how Cemetery Tourism might fit into your cemetery's future. The Four Presidents (David Boyle, Joseph Cavallaro, Patrick Healy and Dan Krueger) will gladly offer their perceptions on your unique issues. They represent many years of experience from the perspective of a historical cemetery, a private, non-profit and municipal cemeteries.

And on the business side of the operation, Brennan Regan (Regan Agency) will delve into the confusing world of insurance as it pertains to cemeteries. Hayden Burrus (PerpetualCareAdequacy.com) will give a lesson on the process and benefits of Perpetual Care Fund analysis. You will also have an opportunity to learn about alternative turf management that will save energy and improve your cemetery's aesthetic. Also, you will hear about gravestone conservation from the experienced preservationists.

If that is not enough, perhaps the best transfer of knowledge will transpire through the networking during breaks, meals and social time together. So, if you have not already registered, please contact our Secretary, Dan Krueger ASAP at neca1902@gmail.com, as the deadline for room availability is fast approaching.

CONNECTICUT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION,

The Connecticut Cemetery Association held The Annual Meeting for The Connecticut Cemetery Association was held on October 13, 2022 in Berlin, CT for the election of Officers and Directors for 2023

President: Maureen Crick-Owen—Newtown Village Cemetery Assoc.

Vice President: Lisa Vaeth— Assoc. Of Jewish Cemeteries

Treasurer: Anthony Pugliese— Evergreen Cemetery

Secretary: Pamela Brown— Hillside Cemetery

Directors: J.H. Torrance Downes— Cypress Cemetery

William Raffone— Catholic Cemetery Assoc

James Randall— Rose Hill Memorial Park

Mark Johnson— Southend Burying Ground

Charlotte Maher— Mountainview Cemetery

Supplier Liaisons: Doak Marasco— Davey Tree Expert Co; and Chris Ghrke— Cooperative Funeral Fund, Inc.

Past President: Dale J. Fiore - Evergreen Cemetery

New Hampshire Cemetery Association

The NHCA celebrated their 50th anniversary on October 19th at The Derryfield in Manchester, NH. Eighty members and guests were present for the annual business meeting, the unveiling of the new NHCA logo, and the sole guest speaker. The presenter was Terry Knowles, Knowles Consulting LLC, who for decades gave annual training to NH cemetery trustees when she worked for the State of NH Dept. of Justice, Charitable Trust Unit.

WMUR TV NH Chronicle produced a special segment that included information about the NH Cemetery Association, their 50th anniversary, and what goes on behind the scenes. The segment aired on November 11, 2022. <https://www.wmur.com/article/nh-chronicle-safeguarding-our-cemeteries-the-work-most-people-never-see/41859317>

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NECA is guided by a Board of Directors which is elected every year at the Annual Meeting and Conference. Serving on the current Board are:

- President: Kelly M. Perry—Swan Point Cemetery, Providence, RI
- 1st Vice President: David Boyle—Town of Chelmsford, Chelmsford, MA.
- 2nd Vice President: Maureen Crick-Owen—Newtown Village Cemetery, Newtown, CT.
- Secretary: Dan Krueger – Beaverdale Memorial Park, New Haven, CT
- Treasurer: Joseph Swift – Highland Memorial Park, Johnston, RI
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- Director: Gregory Howard – River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, RI
- Director: Annalisa Heppner- North Burial Grounds, Providence, RI.
- Past President Director: Robbin Kelly – Town of Harwich, Harwich, MA
- Past President Director: Patrick Healy—Green Mount Cemetery, Montpelier, VT.
- Immediate Past President: Mary Anne Hawthorne—Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford, CT.

CALLING ALL ACTIVE NECA MEMBERS!!!

Have you ever considered serving on the Board of Directors of The New England Cemetery Association? If so, now is your chance to let us know if you are interested in getting involved in the future!

NECA Membership Benefits

Professional Recognition—Shared Knowledge—Answers to Questions

Broader Access to Resources

Industry Links to Vendors & Cemeterians

Added Value to your Board of Trustees & Cemetery Associations

Opens Doors to National & International Cemetery Associations

Know a New England Cemeterian who isn't a NECA member? Have them Get in touch with Mary Anne Hawthorne NECA Membership Chair—send her an email at mhawthorne@cedarhillcemetery.org



PLEASE NOTE: Based on feedback from our members, the NECA Board of Directors made a change to member benefits. A member who is unable to attend either the Laffond Seminar or Summer Conference may send another individual from the cemetery in their place, without incurring the non-member fees.



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2022 Frederick R. Laffond Cemetery Management Seminar

Save the Date!!

Monday Dec 5—Wed Dec 7, 2022

The Publick House

277 Main St. (Rte 131)

Sturbridge, MA.

Registration Information will come in the fall.....

A wonderful opportunity to LEARN, NETWORK & SHARE

In-Person

Save the Date:

NECA Annual Meeting & Conference

June 19-21, 2023

Colonial Inn

48 Monument Square

Concord, MA.

