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## NEW ENGLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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Swan Point Cemetery  
Providence, RI.

*Honoring the Past*

*Serving the Present*

*Preparing for the Future*

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings NECA Cemeterians and Friends:

My name Kelly Perry, I am honored to be the new current president of New England Cemetery Association. One of the guiding principles of the NECA is the *"improvement of New England Cemeteries"*. In the coming year through meetings, educational programs, and the NECA website we can do just that.

First I would like to thank Past President Mary Ann Hawthorne for putting together a great Conference and Annual Meeting this past June at the Inn at Mills Falls in Meredith New Hampshire. There were great speakers with important information shared, but the best part was after so long apart, to finally reconnect in person!

Throughout history cemeterians have had to persevere during very difficult and challenging times such as wars, plagues, and natural disasters. We are face with our own challenges these days– an ongoing pandemic, supply shortages, labor shortages and now unprecedented drought.

I have witnessed first hand that the best way for all of us to persevere is learning and working together through education, network and friendships that the NECA offers.

Working together can be sharing ideas around a table or lending workers or equipment, sending a quick note in the mail, or simply a phone call offering encouragement.

More opportunities to learn and keep connected are happenings this fall in our State Association programs. Mark your calendar for the 52nd Frederick Lafond Management Seminar on December 5,6 and 7, 2022 in Sturbridge, MA. This year's seminar committee has been working diligently. Watch for full program details and registration.

Visit the redesigned NECA website for information on events, membership and finding suppliers, certification, scholarships and more. [www.newenglandcemetery.org](http://www.newenglandcemetery.org)

Warmest Regards

Kelly M. Perry, NECA President



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## 2022 THE NEW ENGLAND CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING POST PICTURES!

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Thank you Ray Scholl for your years as Secretary



Good Friends and Company after a few years of absence—  
Thank you COVID

Breakfast.....



Spouse & Guest  
Program— Wine  
Tasting and Tour—  
Hermit Woods  
Winery in Meredith  
NH



Thank you Mary Anne Hawthorne for a Great  
Annual Meeting and Conference

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## INFORMATION WORTH READING ABOUT:

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### NECA – Nick Pahoulis Memorial Classic Golf Tournament Recap

Many thanks to each of the cemeterians and suppliers who participated in the annual NECA Golf Tournament held at Ridgewood Country Club in Moultonborough, New Hampshire. The players enjoyed a beautiful summer day on the challenging course with sunny skies and gentle mountain breezes. Congratulations to the winning team: Bruce Delle Chiaie, Fred Lappin and Bill Wilson who shot an impressive -5;, and to the second place team who also shot -5 but lost 1<sup>st</sup> place in matching cards: Mark Hemmann, Donna Hemmann, Dan Krueger and Mike Hanlon. In the individual awards, Donna Hemmann won the closest-to-the-pin and longest drive for the ladies. For the gentlemen, the honors went to Stephen Chiavoroli for both closest-to-the-pin and longest drive. A special note of gratitude to Bruce and Watertown Engineering for supplying the golf balls and ball markers for each of the players. Join us next year for another fun-filled tourney.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig S. Neal  
NECA Golf Tournament Chair

## CALLING ALL ACTIVE NECA MEMBERS!!!

### 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](mailto: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.



## CONNECTICUT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, 2022 CCA Suppliers Expo

CCA held their Suppliers Expo on June 9 at Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven, which was the perfect venue for our Expo. A big thank you to Anthony Puglisi and Dale Fiore for offering their cemetery as the venue and for organizing this fantastic event! The suppliers that attended were:

American Columbarium  
Atlantis International  
Condolentium  
Cooperative Funeral Fund  
The Davey Tree Expert Company  
Elm-Cap Industries  
Hart's Turf Pro  
Karen Sprague Stone Carvers  
Monument Preservation  
New England Turf Management  
Norwalk Wilbert Vault Company  
Pearl's Premium Seed  
SavATree  
Schmidt's & Serafine's Inc.  
SiteOne Landscape Supply  
TruGreen  
Turf Products Corp.  
Valley Green  
W.I. Clark Company



It was great to see our suppliers that have been supporting us for many years. We also had a few new suppliers join us - Condolentium, Monument Preservation, W.I. Clark Company and Pearl's Premium Seed.

We would like to thank the following suppliers for their sponsorship: Behar Mapping, CHS Consulting, Regan Agency, SavATree, SiteOne Landscape Supply, Turf Products Corp., W.I. Clark Company, The Davey Tree Expert Company, Hart's Turf Pro, Mullen Construction Co., Norwalk Wilbert Vault Company, TruGreen, American Columbarium and New England Turf Management.

Overall, it was a great 2022 Suppliers Expo! Thank you to everyone who attended



**Massachusetts Cemetery Association**  
**Fall Field Day**  
Co-Hosted By: Forest Hills Cemetery  
**Friday, October 14, 2022**  
Forest Hills Cemetery  
95 Forest Hills Ave, Boston, MA 02130  
**8:30AM – 1:30PM**

**Please join us for the first annual MCA Fall Field Day featuring exhibits from our industry's leading suppliers! Connect with friends and colleagues while enjoying a barbecued lunch and learning about the latest in equipment and industry trends. You'll come away with innovative ideas, great deals and new connections to assist in your business.**

**To Register, please click links below**

*Sponsorships opportunities available for suppliers. Spaces are limited so please register early!*

## NH Cemetery Association News for the NECA New Englander newsletter

### Annual Fall Meeting:

October 13, 2022

Where: The Derryfield Restaurant  
625 Mammoth Rd  
Manchester, NH

Registration: 8:30-9

Agenda: 50th Anniversary Celebration

## Rhode Island News:



Rhode Island Cemetery Association

## Fall Cemetery Meet & Greet

Meet the leadership and active members of the RI Cemetery Association!

**September 28 • Wednesday • 5 PM - 7 PM**  
**North Burial Ground**  
**5 Branch Ave**  
**Providence, RI 02909**

Get to know the Rhode Island Cemetery Association at an informal meet and greet hosted at North Burial Ground. Enjoy light refreshments and good company while you connect with other cemeterians. This event is free, and we encourage you to come if you're considering RICA membership!

## Vermont:

*The only person who truly appreciates  
what you have to do as a cemeterian  
is another cemeterian*

*Taken from the Vermont Cemetery  
Association webpage*



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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
- Director: James Holman —Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, MA
- 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.



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**Treasurer – Joseph Swift**

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**Immediate Past President – Mary Anne Hawthorne**

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**Director (1 year) – Jim Holman**

Mount Auburn Cemetery  
580 Mount Auburn Street Cambridge, MA 02138  
617-607-1936      [jholman@mountauburn.org](mailto:jholman@mountauburn.org)

**Director (1 year) – Gregory Howard**

River Bend Cemetery  
117 Beach Street Westerly, RI 02891  
401-596-2724      [river7bend@verizon.net](mailto:river7bend@verizon.net)

**Director (2 years) – Annalisa Heppner**

North Burial Grounds  
5 Branch Avenue Providence, RI 02904  
401-680-5318      [aheppner@providenceri.gov](mailto:aheppner@providenceri.gov)

**Director (2 years) – Pamela Brown**

Hillside Cemetery  
P.O. Box 215 Wilton, CT 06897  
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### Past President Director (3 years) – Patrick Healy

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Spouses and Guests Program Group: Next stop the  
Hermit Woods Winery

Two time winner of  
the Nick Pahoulos  
Bear in the Woods  
Golf Award- Rob  
Baker from  
Matthews–

the head flew right  
off his driver on his  
first shot..... Can't  
make that up....





## NEW ENGLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION



### 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.

