ANNUAL MEETING and HERITAGE DAY

The annual meeting of the Friends will be held on Sunday, November 13, at the Brewster-Burke House, headquarters of the Landmark Society at 130 Spring Street in Rochester, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be a reception and a short business meeting, followed by a slide presentation, "The History of Buffalo and Forest Lawn, 1750 to the Present" by Mr. Seth Colby, director of public relations at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo.

Heritage Day this year will be held in conjunction with Rediscover the River Day on Sunday, October 16. There will be tours as usual and also special music. Watch for more information in the Rediscover the River announcements.

MT. HOPE'S FEATURES ARE FEATURED

Mt. Hope Cemetery has recently figured in the feature pages of the local newspapers, as well as a national periodical. A series of articles by Ms. Carolyn Swanton on the history and some of the architecturally significant monuments of the cemetery appeared in City Newspaper during July and July.

A profile of Mt. Hope, under the heading "Bringing the Past to Life" featuring the gazebo renovation, and an interview with Dick Brown, our enterprising and tireless publicity chairman, appeared in the July issue of American Cemetery, the magazine of cemetery management. And in June, the Democrat and Chronicle feature "Sign Language" gave the history of the name Mt. Hope Avenue which of course derives from Mt. Hope Cemetery. According to reporter Lissa Craig, Silas Cornell, the city surveyor, wanted the name to be Mt. Auburn, but a laborer named William Wilson favored Mt. Hope. Whenever he worked there, he sent in his bills to the city "for labor in Mt. Hope Cemetery" until finally after three years City Council adopted the name. Persistence pays off!

MAJOR PROJECTS AND FACE-LIFTS

The City is going ahead with plans for rebuilding the Mt. Hope Avenue wall which tumbled last winter. The exact method of repair is still being worked out, but it will be restored to its original height and appearance. The funds for the work will come from the federal Jobs Training Bill and unemployed people will do the reconstruction work. Sylvan Waters was drained and dredged in August. Several truckloads of muck were carted away, and the trees around the pool have been cut back to prevent leaves from dropping in and accumulating in the bottom. Because the pool is primarily fed by runoff from the surrounding hills, refilling will depend on the amount of rain this fall. Sylvan Waters was last cleaned in 1935, during the WPA.

The New (1912) Chapel is also being extensively repaired. The roof is being mended and the stonework window openings are being replaced. The cemetery is a busy place this season. Watch this space for developments!
THE CEMETERY BLOSSOMS

The July drought turned lawns brown and made the streets hot and dusty, but in the cemetery the wild flowers bloomed nevertheless. Besides the wild flowers, visitors notice a number of rock gardens, family plots and flower beds colorful with annuals and perennials from alyssum to zinnias. This is the work of the Gardening Committee under the direction of Bob Hoepfl. The rock gardens are planted and tended by John Pearsall, Sally Davidson and Tish McKinney; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strauss care for the Yaky plot, the fenced enclosure next to the Gatehouse; and Noelle Nagel has planted the courtyard next to the Old Chapel. Bob Hoepfl has also planted petunias in the area around the Old Chapel and Tish McKinney planted tulips in front of the little Egyptian style mausoleum next to the chapel. Other plantings are being done as group projects by such organizations as Girl Scout Troop 82 and the 140th N.Y. Volunteer Infantry, who will be working on the GAR plot. Any individual or group willing to spruce up a corner or a plot can contact Bob Hoepfl for instructions.

CITY HALL EXHIBIT OF PHOTOGRAPHS

In August the winning photographs from the 1982 Mt. Hope Photo Contest were exhibited at the Link Gallery, Rochester City Hall. Thirty-five photographs by Patricia Bocek, James Castelein, Robert Clemens, Sally Davidson, Will Dengler, Walter Jakubowski, Ruth Kass, Timothy McDonnell and Karen Ritzenhier showed the cemetery in all seasons and moods. The exhibit was coordinated by Richard Reisem, Friend and Mt. Hope neighbor. (Many of the mayors whose portraits hang in the atrium of City Hall are buried in Mt. Hope.)

A DEPARTURE AND AN ARRIVAL

Our member Sally Davidson has departed Rochester to follow her husband to Princeton, N.J. Sally has been an active Friend and board member from the beginning. Two of Sally's enthusiasms (among many) are photography and tombstone rubbing. She contributed a number of her photographs to our growing collection of images of the cemetery, and led classes and gave demonstrations in tombstone rubbing. Sally made the rubbing of William Carter's tombstone which serves as our emblem. She will be missed by us all, but she will undoubtedly soon be making an impact on Princeton. Best wishes, Sally.

As Sally leaves, we have acquired a new Friend and board member. Laurel Gabel, vice-president of the Association of Gravestone Studies, has just moved to Rochester, and has added Mt. Hope to her list of interests. (Readers of Yankee Magazine know that Laurel was one of the coordinators of the Great Wellesley, Massachusetts, Christmas Cookie Exchange.) Welcome, Laurel! Do you think that perhaps a few cookies . . . ?

CEMETERY TOUR GUIDES

The following Friends have served as tour guides for the regular Sunday tours and for the many special tours given for school groups, clubs and societies since 1981:

Joseph Barnes
Richard G. Brown
Dennis Carr
Alma Burner Creek
Robert Hoepfl
Dorothy T. Humes
John McKinney
Margaret Nemyier
Edward J. Olinger
Marilyn Orr
Joyce Parker
Richard Squires
Shirley Stephens
W. Stephen Thomas

Becoming a tour guide is a good way to become well acquainted with Mt. Hope Cemetery and also a chance to learn about nooks and crannies of Rochester history. The main requirements are interest, enthusiasm and a pair of comfortable shoes. Anyone interested in joining the tour guides should contact Dennis Carr (663-3338) or Stephen Thomas (473-1281).

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

After the close of the Civil War, the custom of visiting the graves of the war dead on May 30 spread from Waterloo, N.Y. throughout the country. This year at Mt. Hope the custom was
revived by the N.Y. 108th Volunteers and a
group of descendants of the Confederates.
Visitors to the cemetery followed the Union and
Confederate troops who marched to the GAR plot
and fired a salute in honor of the war dead.
Then the assembled crowd was addressed by Robert
E. Lee and Jefferson Davis (Judah P. Benjamin
was unable to be present), and Steve Thomas led
a tour of graves of persons who were involved
with the events leading to the Civil War or who
died fighting in it. Next year the observance
will be expanded and perhaps the North can also
have representative leaders present on the day.

OOPS!

In our previous newsletter the item on mem-
bership renewal erroneously stated that if your
address label indicated 4/84, your renewal was
overdue. It should have read 4/83. This means
that a few conscientious members have paid dues
in advance. We regret this error, and assure
those affected by it that their payments have
been recorded correctly. The support is much
needed, but we would not intentionally suggest
renewal months in advance!

Gazebo Restoration Fund

It is a source of great satisfaction to report
that our loan from the Landmark Society was
completely repaid at the end of July. Contribu-
tions totaling $1,650 from members and tour
participants since the beginning of our fiscal
year on April 1, enabled us to pay off the loan,
with a small balance left toward future restora-
tion endeavors. Recent contributors are
Leonard and Germaine Chaput
John C. Clark III*

Membership Form

Give to friends who may be interested in membership, or use for payment of your own dues (check the
address label for expiration date). Dues are tax-deductible.

Date ________________________

New membership _____ Renewal _____

Basic ($15.) _____
Contributing ($25.) _____

Patron ($35.) _____
Retired or Student ($5.) _____

NAME _______________________________________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________________

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I cannot join at this time, but I would like to contribute $______ to the Restoration Fund.
Please mail to Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery, 791 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14620.
**THE FRIENDS OF MT. HOPE CEMETERY**
791 MT. HOPE AVENUE
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14620

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**CALENDARN**

**April - November**

- Tours every Sunday at 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.
  - leave from the Gatehouse, North Entrance

**October 16**

- Rediscover the River Day and Heritage Day

**November 13**

- Annual Meeting, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
  - Brewster-Burke House, 130 Spring Street

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* indicates a second or more contribution

(T) indicates a special tour

In addition to the special tours, visitors taking the regular Sunday afternoon tours have voluntarily contributed a total of $96 since April.