

2014

# Cemetery Association of Oregon Annual Business Meeting & Conference



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Meeting  
Networking  
Elections  
Teach  
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## Cemetery Association of Oregon - President's Message

Dear Cemeterians:

Welcome to our annual Conference. We have an exciting line up for you. Here are a few of the highlights we hope you will enjoy.

In addition to golf on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> we have some great speakers lined up for the 20<sup>th</sup>. And please take note that Trace Adkins will be performing at Chinook Winds while we are staying there, what a great opportunity to see a talented singer in a smaller venue. As for preserving your property, learn from the OSU Extension's Soils program and from their new green cemeteries program. We thought we'd mix things up and have a few talks about history and also funeral rituals. This weekend you will learn about beer, history, saying goodbye, bugs and soil.

We are fortunate to have our conference at the coast while the weather is still nice, we hope you and your family will be able to enjoy the town.

Please join us for some local cheer in the Whale Room Friday night to get acquainted. We look forward to seeing you at all the activities.

I am finishing up my last year as the Association's President, this means there will be elections. It will be exciting for all of you to join us for elections on Saturday afternoon as we welcome in new members and elect the next President. Our organization is close knit and it's been my pleasure to serve the Association over the past few years.

See you at the beach, maybe by the bonfire!

Justin Trowbridge, President



## 2014 Cemetery Association of Oregon Elections

We have several open positions. We would like to encourage you to contact us to join our board. Requirements to serve on the board are: you are a member of the Cemetery Association of Oregon, you are able to attend our board meetings, that you participate in helping the board make outreach to our membership. Outreach includes: Newsletter assistance, mail & email distribution to membership, assist with annual meeting, periodically attend Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board meetings. If you are able to regularly attend the board meetings and assist the board with one or more of the outreach efforts indicated we would welcome you to be placed on our ballot.

Open positions:

President

Treasurer

Vendor representative

Board member

Board member

Please contact Kimberly Morley or Rachel Fox if you are interested in serving as a board member. [Kimberly.morley@sci-us.com](mailto:Kimberly.morley@sci-us.com) or call 503-902-2054. [Rachel.fox@dignitymemorial.com](mailto:Rachel.fox@dignitymemorial.com) or call 503-292-6611.





# Overview of Conference Agenda

## Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

- Registration
- Golf with lunch \$99 – [Chinook Winds Golf](#)
- Welcome reception

## Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast & vendor introductions – Justin Trowbridge

Welcome address by Mayor Dick Anderson, Lincoln City



Natasha Tjaarda, is a Funeral Director and General Manager of Young's Funeral Home in Tigard and Pegg, Paxson and Springer Funeral Chapel in Beaverton.



Natasha is a certified presenter by the Hospice Foundation of American and will present on "Customs and Rituals: Ways to Say Good-Bye."

## Cynthia Beal, Natural Burial



Cynthia will discuss utilizing natural burial programs to improve the viability of cemeteries as habitat, while reducing their environmental impacts via the toxics leaching from landscape and non-decomposed bodies and casket/vault leachate. She is especially excited to speak about her work with [Oregon State University](#).

## Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Cont.

BREAK - Lunch & mingle with our vendors

James Cassidy, Soils instructor at Oregon State University



So, just who is this mysterious man of mulch? Although Cassidy is well-known at OSU, both as a soil scientist and an instructor, he also has a not-so-secret identity: He's a pop star. Cassidy plays bass for Information Society, a free-style electronic band, which reached popularity in the late 1980s. He still draws upon his skills as a performer while teaching students at OSU about crop and soil science.

Remember him from last year? Who knows where his talk will take us!

Peri Muhich, Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery



Peri is an Independent Historic Research Professional, and a board member of the Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery. Lone Fir Cemetery is located in SE Portland and is listed on the National Register for Historic Places. Peri will talk about Oregon brew history and the history of Frederick Bottler, his brother George and Henry Weinhard. All early pioneer brewers who have history with Lone Fir. Learn Lone Fir's efforts to restore the Bottler Tomb.



Annual Meeting & Elections – followed by Banquet Dinner

## FULL AGENDA

### Sept. 19, Friday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker/Activity</u>	<u>Topic</u>
8-9:00 am	Early registration	Chinook Winds Hotel – Whale Room
9:00 am	<a href="#"><u>Chinook Winds Golf</u></a>	Tee time at 10:00 sharp, lunch included (fee)
5-6:00 pm	Registration	Chinook Winds Hotel Whale Room
5-7:00 pm	Reception	Whale Room

### Sept. 20, Saturday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker/Activity</u>	<u>Topic</u>
8:00 am	Breakfast	
8:30 am	Justin Trowbridge, CAO President	Vendor Introductions, Whale Room
9:00 am	Dick Anderson, Mayor of Lincoln City	Welcome
Short	Break	Short Break
9:30 am	Natasha Tjaarda, Funeral Director	Customs and Rituals: Ways to Say Good-Bye Natural Burial practices & Oregon State University Green Cemetery Program
10:30	Cynthia Beal, OSU & Natural Burial	
11:30 -12:30 pm	Lunch	Whale Room
12:30-1:30 pm	James Cassidy, OSU Soil Instructor	Managing soil conditions and decomposition
1:30-2:30	Peri Muhich, Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery & Independent Historian	Early Oregon beer brewing history, George & Frederick Bottler and the Bottler Tomb
2:30	Break	Refreshments provided
2:45 pm	CAO Annual Meeting	All members to join and cast votes
6:00 pm	Banquet dinner	Special guests- Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery Untimely Departures

### Sept 21, Sunday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker/Activity</u>	<u>Topic</u>
8:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Whale Room