

One of the things we are starting to realize is that the cemetery is very well suited for the burial of cremated remains. This is truly a "green" option for the cemetery, as it reduces the use of equipment and damage to the surroundings. I continue to locate special areas around the cemetery that have been underutilized in the past. Their proximity to trees and stands of roses makes them desirable for cremated remains burial.

Additionally, we have nearly finished landscaping our new Memorial Garden. This is a newly created area for the burial of ashes. It is located closer to the entrance, and not as high up the hill as the original Memorial Overlook. This makes it easier to reach for those with mobility issues. We also will be able to mount bronze memorial plaques in this area, and a bench will be placed for contemplation.

You may have noticed that we have been redefining some of the bark paths around the cemetery. In an effort to increase accessibility to plots, and facilitate safe and easy movement through the cemetery, we have "erased" some paths, and created new ones that serve the hillside better.

In the past year we've implemented a new look for the front entrance of the cemetery. Now an entry sign greets visitors, and new landscaping is visible as guests approach from the west. We will continue this project with new information signage inside the entrance. Bark paths in this area will also be reconfigured to facilitate entry into the cemetery and up to the new Memorial Garden. Many things have to come together for us to carry out these plans, so I hope you can bear with us while we pull it all together.

So, when you're up at the cemetery, or contemplating purchasing a burial lot, take a walk, take a deep breath, and look around. We are dedicated to preserving this historic site to meet our needs now and far into the future. And let me just remind you.....ours is a private, non-profit association. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated, and put right back into our operations.