

## Forest Home Historic Preservation Association Presents

# A Walk in Milwaukee History – 2017

All tours listed below are FREE to the public; however, DONATIONS to the *Forest Home Historic Preservation Association* are always gratefully accepted. These donations help us to continue to make these tours available to the public.

All Tours start at 2:00 PM unless otherwise stated.  
Tours assemble at the *Halls of History* on the Forest Home Cemetery grounds,  
2405 West Forest Home Avenue

Monday, May 29 - (Memorial Day) Milwaukee History -2:30-3:30 PM	Paul Haubrich
Saturday, June 10 - Brunch with the Beer Barons Jointly sponsored by Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee County Historical Society and The Pabst Mansion	Re-Enactors
Sunday, June 11 - Civil War History – Tour I (Also See Aug. 20 below)	Tom Ludka Margaret Berres
Sunday, June 25 - Women of the 1800's- Untold Stories of Accomplishment	Anita Pietrykowski
Sunday, July 9 - Famous Milwaukeeans	Bob Giese
Sunday, July 23 - Mayors of Milwaukee	Bob Giese
Sunday, Aug. 6 - Contemporary Milwaukee Women	Anita Pietrykowski
Sunday, Aug. 20 - Civil War History – Tour II	Tom Ludka Margaret Berres
Sunday, Sept. 3 - Milwaukee Abolitionists (New)	Anita Pietrykowski
Monday, Sept. 4 - Milwaukee History	Paul Haubrich
Sunday, Sept. 17 - Beer Barons	Bob Giese
Saturday, Sept. 23- Doors Open from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Tour of the Chapel & 1 <sup>st</sup> Crematorium
Sunday, Sept. 24 - Doors Open from 12:00 – 4:00 PM	Paul Haubrich
Sunday, Sept. 24 - Milwaukee History at 2:00 PM	
Saturday, Sept 30 - Streets and Parks of Milwaukee (New)	Sally Merrell
Saturday, Oct. 21 - Fall Color/Best of Bob and Paul	Bob Giese/Paul Haubrich

## **We Are Pleased to Add Two New Tours in 2017:**

**Milwaukee Abolitionists** by Anita Pietrykowski who will visit gravesites, review the history of the Milwaukee abolitionist movement and tell the significant stories of Caroline Quarlls and Joshua Glover, two escaped slaves, whose paths to freedom were closely tied to Milwaukee. Anita is a great storyteller and her tours on the impact of women in Milwaukee and their historical importance have proven to be very popular.

**The Streets and Parks of Milwaukee** by Sally Merrell who will visit the gravesites and tell stories of Milwaukeeans who have streets and parks named for them. This will include such names as Lapham, Gillespie, Brown, Burnham, Layton, Zeidler and Halyard.

**All tours last from 90 -120 minutes and  
good walking shoes are strongly recommended.**

**Group Tours are available and should be scheduled with  
the Forest Home Cemetery Office – 414-645-2632**

## Tour Guides

**Margaret Berres** - Margaret has a strong background in Civil War history and has been active in helping to restore veteran's grave markers. She has walked the grounds at Forest Home Cemetery numerous times in search of veteran history. Margaret is a retired educator having spent 39 years with the Greendale Public Schools. She has developed a strong sense of Milwaukee history with her efforts to find all the Civil War Veterans buried at Forest Home, (over 1,000 of them.) She sees her work as a way to honor these Civil War Veterans.

**Robert Giese** – Is a Milwaukee history buff who has given tours in Milwaukee for a number of years. He has written extensively about Milwaukee's brewing families, most of them at Forest Home, and developed the *Beer Barons Tour* as an extension of his research. Bob has also developed a tour on *Famous Milwaukeeans* who helped create the industrial past and Milwaukee's industry and culture for the past 175 years. His *Mayors Tour* is one of our newer tours. Forest Home Cemetery is the final resting place to 27 of Milwaukee's 38 deceased mayors.

**Paul Haubrich** – Paul is President of the *Forest Home Historic Preservation Association* and has served on the Forest Home Cemetery Board of Directors for nearly 20 years. He developed the initial tours, starting in 2005, and has expanded the series to include a variety of diverse topics including *Cemetery Art and Symbolism* and the ever popular *Milwaukee History Tour*. If you are interested in the series of tours, the *Milwaukee History Tour* is recommended for your initial walk at Forest Home Cemetery.

**Tom Ludka** – Tom is the retired Veteran's Affairs Coordinator for Waukesha County and a Civil War history buff. He has partnered with Margaret Berres to do outstanding research to find the graves and stories of Civil War Veterans from Southeast Wisconsin and especially those buried at Forest Home. He sees this effort as a way to honor those service men and women who came before and insuring that they are not forgotten.

**Sally Merrell** – The daughter of a history teacher, Sally Merrell remembers visiting forts and battlegrounds on family vacations. Taking her interest in History and combining it with her love of outdoors, parks and storytelling and Milwaukee, Sally shares the stories of the people who have our streets and parks named after them and how they helped shape our city. Now that Sally is partially retired after practicing estate planning and law for over 35 years, she is excited to start this new chapter as a tour guide.

**Anita Pietrykowski** – Anita has taken a particular interest in researching the lives and accomplishments of women who are buried at Forest Home Cemetery. She has developed two tours that focus on the stories of remarkable women from the time of the founding of Milwaukee to modern day. Her latest research into the abolitionists buried at the Cemetery has served as the basis for her new tour, *Milwaukee Abolitionists*. Now retired, Anita worked as a teacher and administrator for Milwaukee Public Schools.

## Forest Home Historic Preservation Association

The Association's goal is to assist in preserving the history and legacy of Forest Home Cemetery. In addition, the Association has worked to sustain the quality collection of trees that help define the cemetery by raising monies for planting, removing and trimming the arboretum quality collection found at the cemetery. In the future, the Association hopes to assist cemetery management in other restoration efforts and programs that will continue the unique qualities of this lovely cemetery and community resource.

If you have an interest in supporting these efforts you can make a contribution to the *Forest Home Historic Preservation Association*, 2405 West Forest Home Ave, Milwaukee WI 53215, Attention: Paul Haubrich.

Forest Home Cemetery has served the city of Milwaukee since 1850 and is the oldest operating cemetery in the city. It is home to some of the finest cemetery monuments in the Midwest and is considered to be a "garden cemetery" due to its design and layout by Increase Lapham who insured that its green spaces of beauty would be the main focus when people came to visit. The cemetery was founded by St. Paul's Episcopal Church as a cemetery for the city and was never considered to be a religious cemetery. The Chapel was designed by architects George Ferry and Alfred Clas in 1892 and is a lovely example of Victorian era design. Ferry and Clas are probably most famous for their designs of the Pabst Mansion and the Milwaukee Public Library.

The cemetery is 189 acres in size and still has about 30 acres of unused land and will be burying for generations to come. Currently the number of burials at the cemetery is approaching 115,000. Forest Home Cemetery built the first crematorium in the Upper Midwest having been installed in the basement of the Chapel in 1895.

If you are interested in a more detailed history of the cemetery the book **Silent City, by John Gurda**, is available at the cemetery office for \$20.00. Proceeds from the book go towards the ongoing operation of the cemetery.