

***SALEM CEMETERY DECORATION DAY***

***JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2015***

Dear Friends of Salem Cemetery,

Your Board of Trustees deeply regrets the passing of **Harold Harnden** after many years of dedication to the Salem Cemetery Board. A tribute to Harold - the reading of "The Man on the Hill" - will be part of Decoration Day.

Over the past year, your Board has put a lot of effort into keeping the cemetery in the best shape possible. The work of raising and levelling stones is ongoing. The grounds are tidied up twice a year and the lawn is mowed on a regular basis. In some sections, the monuments have been cleaned. All sections will eventually have the same treatment. We are well aware of the historical importance of this sacred place.

Considerable thought is continually being put into our expectations for the appearance of the cemetery. A **survey** for the development of **future plots** is expected to be completed soon. As well, plans are being studied for some **landscaping** to add to the enhancement of the grounds.

Our **new entrance**, now the official one, is graced by a beautiful wrought iron portal, complete with a civic address: **537 Blyth Park Road** (runs south off County Rd. 2 on the west side of the cemetery.) No matter what may happen to Heritage United Church, we will always have access through this entrance.

Our **new Columbarium** is attracting a lot of attention and several niches have already been sold. Please contact the Administrator (see below) for information on how you can be sure of safe, secure, above-ground storage for the cremated remains of your loved ones. N.B.: one niche holds two cremations.

We also have a **new water tank** installed at the side of the pond so that you can water your live flower arrangements and plants. Please note that this water is NOT drinkable.

We are pleased to announce that soon we will have a **website** to keep you better informed! The address will be <<http://www.salemcmemetery.ca>>

You may be interested in taking a look at the Canadian Gravemarkers website: <[www.gravemarkers.ca](http://www.gravemarkers.ca)>  
The monuments in our cemetery are being photographed and will be posted on this site for easy reference.

**Your Board is grateful for your continuing generous support in assisting us to carry on this work.**

**DECORATION DAY is June 21<sup>st</sup>.** A short service of commemoration conducted by members of the Board will be held in the sanctuary of Heritage United Church at **1:30 p.m.** Afterwards, refreshments will be served in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us and meet the members of your Board, who will be wearing identification tags.

Donations to the work of the Board are always welcome. Please make out your cheques to the Salem Cemetery Board and bring them with you on Decoration Day. If you prefer, you can mail them to the Treasurer John McKnight, 65 Parliament St. Colborne, ON K0K 1S0 using the enclosed self-addressed envelope. **Please note that all donations are tax-deductible. Receipts will be issued in December 2015 or early January 2016.**

Sincerely,

**Your Salem Cemetery Board**

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