



Missoula Cemetery

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Stories and Stones Historical Tour

Sunday, Oct. 28

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

One of Missoula's oldest cemeteries presents an afternoon of history brought to life through the stories of people from Missoula's past. This is the Missoula Cemetery's 10th year of this vastly popular event for all ages.

Missoula Cemetery is proud to feature exciting new stories for this year's tour:

- * Josephine Stepanzoff was born to a family of German bakers who feared the onset of World War I and immigrated to Montana, where they established the long-standing Bon Ton Bakery.
- * Garnet was a town that exploded with miners and their families, then faded away to be placed on the National Historic Register as Montana's best preserved ghost town. The story will touch on 30 of Garnet's families who help to tell the wonderful tale of this town.
- * Edgar Paxson had a gift for capturing on canvas the essence of the land and people in such a way that his paintings are revered as historical works portraying the old West.
- * Missoula was a destination for immigrants from many countries. Missoula's Greek and Italian families convey the struggles and successes of their ancestors and the ties that bound those communities together within the larger Missoula town.
- * Thomas Lewis was a young boy who fought as a confederate soldier, worked as a bullwhacker on the Santa Fe Trail, and later became a Baptist minister. This minister went to the people even if that meant holding services in the local saloon with the sheriff on hand to control the crowd.

Do you know that at the Missoula Cemetery you will also discover...

- * What happened to the nine children of one of Missoula's founders?
- * Which renowned Shakespearean actor lived his life on and off the stage to its fullest dramatic potential?
- * How Prohibition changed Missoula?
- * What is the legend behind a Missoula madam's large stone that faces the railroad?
- * Which Missoula mayor drove Missoula's last operating streetcar into the car barn?

- * Which Missoula laundress was murdered by her husband?
- * Which pioneer rancher learned to speak English from instructor Alexander Graham Bell?
- * The meaning behind the cryptic “Loser Card” letter mailed to a man who died in 1912?
- * Why a prominent local farmer was arrested on Missoula’s streets and convicted of sedition?
- * Which radical sheriff helped lead Montana’s strong socialist movement?
- * Which member of Scottish royalty married an infamous baron?
- * Why one pioneer woman owed the “Fool Soldiers” her life? You’ll hear and see these stories and so many more!

Volunteers will tell up to 50 stories. Visitors will be treated to live music, food and fun. Come see volunteers dressed in times of old as they capture your imagination by reenacting people of our past. Stroll under the fall canopy of trees while being serenaded by music of bygone days.

Admission is FREE! The event is sponsored through your generous donations.

Vendors: Sons of Norway, Polka Dot Patties, and Lighthouse Espresso

Music: Dance around the bonfire to the Old Time Fiddlers.

Cemetery Contact for this event: Mary Ellen Stubb at 552-6070

Storytellers available for interviews before the event:

Jennie Pak who portrays Sarah Woody	251-7248
Robert Brown who portrays C. P. Higgins	728-3476
Matt Denison who portrays Nez Perce Jones	822-8778
Ralph Starr III who talks of his ancestors	251-5759
Robert ‘Dusty’ Deschamps who talks of his ancestors	543-4692
Marcia Porter who portrays Josephine Dukes	728-0594