*Friends of Woodlawn Cemetery*

*Accomplishments*

*2021-2022*

Awards and Fundraisers

* Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce Rosie Award:

*Community Beautification of the Year*

* $20,800 Dominion Energy Conservation Stewardship Grant
* $1500 Blue Tip Committee Awards
* Fundraisers- Headstone cleaning service offered to general public in area cemeteries
* Gained 100 members during first year as a nonprofit

Old Grounds

* Sponsored Headstone Restoration Workshop
* Restored over 33 headstones and cleaned over 300
* Cleaned John McGregor statue
* Renovated College St. flowerbeds and planted 250 daffodils for naturalization
* Provided weekly maintenance around headstones plus debris pickup and pathway cleaning
* Manufactured flag holder bases for veterans’ graves
* Celebrated Norwegian Christmas Remembrance event

Civic Organization Collaborations

* Six Eagle Scout projects (Boy Scout Troop 402)

( 2 benches, 2 flowerbed, creek and dump cleanup, Woodlawn sign and front steps renovation)

* Girl Scout Troop 90936 projects:

Built trash can enclosures, swept grass off vet headstones

* American Legion Post

Placed flags on veterans’ headstones for Memorial Day

Veterans Projects

* Researched and recorded location, year of death, and conflict of every veteran buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Produced book with all information.
* Completed book given to local service organizations, city, historical society, and area libraries.
* Placed location sticker on veterans’ headstones.
* Cleaned monument of the Unknown Soldier.

Mausoleum

* Renovated front flowerbeds with perennials and annuals
* Added shrubs and perennials to East and West side beds
* Began annual cleaning of interior and opened for public viewing
* Refurbished antique urns at entrance
* Decorated exterior for Christmas

Records Digitization

* Digitized Section ledgers and lot ownership maps for FWC and cemetery use
* Completed 100% interment records of Woodlawn burials on Find-a-Grave (world-wide genealogy website)
* Created FWC website and Facebook page
* Updated interment database on FWC website
* Obtained link to FWC website from City website
* Restored and digitized 1902 hand drawn cemetery maps
* Currently digitizing original interment ledger (1817-1973)
* Obtained drone shots for future mapping of Old Ground

Publicity

* Produce bi-annual newsletter
* Featured on WCTV and Wadsworth Community Radio
* Presentations to Buds N Bloom and Lions Club
* Participants in Medina County History Fair, Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Fair, First Friday, Medina County Fall Foliage Tour

Nature Projects

* Installed 6 bluebird houses in open areas
* Mapped location and variety of all trees in cemetery
* Produced self-guided tour featuring select trees in cemetery for Medina County Fall Foliage Tour
* Started development of Cemetery Walking Map to include points of interest within the grounds
* Planted 8 trees dedicated to Platinum Level members

Goodwill Projects

* Hosted out of town guests interested in family burial plots, documents, and other historical family information
* Took the lead to return a discarded headstone dated 1900 to its original place of rest. A group effort ensured the stone was secured, researched, restored and shipped back for reinstalment at the family cemetery in Selbyville, DE.

Future Plans

* Currently developing Master Plan in cooperation with the superintendent and Cemetery Trustees which includes One, Three, Five, and Ten Year Goals
* Begin Dominion Energy Conservation Stewardship grant project to a) help with erosion control of creek by planting trees and native plants, b) develop a blueprint for future cemetery use with conservation in mind, c) educate the public and school students in best practices of conservation, d) develop an aesthetically pleasing area for others.