



Missoula Cemetery

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Stories and Stones Historical Tour

Sunday, October 25, 2009

12:30 – 3:30p.m.

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

The historical tour will answer these questions and more:

- ✳ Which sheriff was removed from office for making moonshine in the jail?
- ✳ Which Shakespearean actor went bust east of town?
- ✳ What brought a famous sheriff from the City of Deadwood to the Missoula valley?
- ✳ How did two young girls on a "mission of faith" with \$40 to their names build a network that grew to include a college institute?
- ✳ What three men founded Missoula?
- ✳ Who ran Missoula's Red Light District and still waves to "her boys"?
- ✳ Which local laundress was murdered in the streets by her husband?
- ✳ Who was Missoula's first schoolteacher?
- ✳ What mysteries surround the burial of a smokejumper/CIA operative?
- ✳ Who was Missoula's only female mayor?
- ✳ What well-known French-Canadian family homesteaded the Frenchtown area?
- ✳ **New this year:** Which minister needed a sheriff to keep the drunks in line during church services held in the local saloons?
- ✳ **New this year:** What do a dove, a tree trunk, an ivy plant, an anchor, and a bird's nest symbolize?
- ✳ **New this year:** What is the history of the Rock Creek Lodge?

Volunteers will tell up to 40 stories. Visitors will be treated to live music, food, and fun. Come see individuals dressed as figures from times of old as they capture your imagination by re-enacting people of our past. Stroll under the fall canopy of trees while being serenaded by music of bygone days. Admission is free with donations gladly accepted. Vendors will be on hand selling hot food and drinks.

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

The following storytellers would be happy to talk about their roles for news coverage before the event: Capt. Willis Hintz portraying Sheriff William H. Houston – call 258-4008; Kim Kaufman portraying Madame Mary Gleim-- call 626-4140; Dr. Robert Brown portraying Captain Christopher P. Higgins -- call 728-3476; Marcia Porter portraying Josephine Dukes – call 258-3457.