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(607) 687-3047 and leave a message
Meetings: 1st Monday of month – 10:15 am
at the Coburn Library

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2022 Season Begins



Dead Tree removal
continues in 2022



Invasive bush removal

2022 Work Days
In Evergreen
9 am – noon
Sign-in at the office
building in the
cemetery

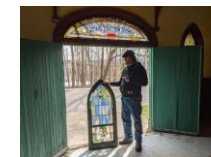
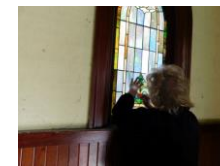
Join up with teams at
work anytime during
our morning.

April 23
May 21
June 27
July 16
Aug 20
Sept 17
Oct 15

Bring work gloves,
pruning tools, other
gardening tools – we
have a few to loan.
Appropriate clothing
& footwear for the
side hill conditions.
Children under 18
must be accompanied
by parent/guardian.

Friends of Owego Evergreen Cemetery Inc

Newsletter: Spring April – May - June 2022



Tioga State Bank Foundation – Grant for
Preservation & Restoration of stained glass at
Evergreen Mortuary Chapel

2022 Projects at Evergreen



The “Friends” are partnering with the Village Evergreen Cemetery Committee members one Saturday each month April thru October. On volunteer work days we continue our invasive bush removal, documenting gravestones needing preservation or repairs, and other similar projects. Our focus will be on working section by section. Hope to see all at the volunteer work days.

Joan & Alicia will be continuing the cleaning stones that are on the walking tour map. If you’d like to volunteer to help, or have a cleaning demo, contact us, they are usually up in the cemetery on a weekday. FriendsEvergreenCemetery@gmail.com Watch for more announcements on programs open to the public on cleaning/preservation demonstrations.



Educational presentations - walking tours can be arranged for families, youth groups, etc. for a \$25 suggested donation/group. . Send an email OwegoHistorian@gmail.com



Friends of Owego Evergreen will have a booth at the Strawberry Festival – June 17th & 18th. Friday nite you might find us on the lawn of M&T Bank with our cornhole games. The cornhole moves to the court house firemen fountain lawn area on Saturday. A booth will be in the vendor area on Saturday. Our crafty sewing team is busy making pie carriers and an assortment of carry bags to sell along with handing out cemetery info. You and your family are welcome to volunteer time at the booth or cornhole.. Contact us to sign up by our June 6th meeting.

An Evergreen Companion - Touring Owego’s Historic Cemetery book is available locally at Riverow Bookstore and online via Amazon.

Peter is now compiling another book on the architecture of homes in our village and gateway roads. We want stories people have about these homes and businesses. Photo(s) and memories you have regarding a building in your neighborhood can be sent to our postal box. Photo will be scanned & returned if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope.



Our Mission

The Friends of Owego Evergreen Cemetery exist for the benefit of the community by raising funds for preservation, maintenance, and promoting education projects in the cemetery – things not included in the Village of Owego’s cemetery budget. “Friends” is a NYS not-for-profit and a tax exempt 501(c)3.

Projects:

Grant funding: Tioga State Bank Foundation presented a check for \$5000 to the Friends of Owego Evergreen Cemetery in February for the preservation/restoration of the Mortuary Chapel stained glass windows. There is *still a need for another \$5000* to be raised to complete the project. In March the stained glass project began with the removal of the first window by Sandy Ruscak. Peter assisted the Ruscaks to template the window and cut plywood to cover & protect the interior after the removal of the window. Another local stained glass artist (Jim Overhiser) will donate his labor for the repair of the smaller upper windows.

Guide Rail Replacement: The Village DPW has a contractor who will start on replacing the entry road guard rails in early May. Closure of the cemetery access road will be necessary during the construction. The Friends will use the generous donation received last fall to fund the replacement of the guard rail.

Preservation & Restoration - Education & Training:

Dale and Tina Utter (gravestone restoration specialists) will be invited back this season for a hands-on tutorial, open to the public, on environmentally safe cleaning and restoration of gravestones. Friends’ members will also give demonstrations to families interested in cleaning gravestones.

Structures & Signage: Restoration plans for the Mortuary Chapel (with possible parking lot & sidewalks) & how to fund are being discussed. Two new signs for the cemetery entrance and interior are approved (similar to the walking tour map). Signage for visible section numbers are also being designed for approval and placement.