

# 2015

## Cemetery Association of Oregon Annual Business Meeting & Conference

*Annual  
Meeting  
Networking  
Elections  
Teach  
Learn  
Explore!*



### Admiral Hood

Samuel Hood, 1st Viscount Hood  
(1724 -1816)

He joined the Royal Navy in 1741, he saw service in the Seven Years War. Promoted to Rear Admiral, he was sent to the West Indies to serve with Rodney. After Rodney returned to England in poor health, he fought at the Battle of Chesapeake Bay (1781), St Kitts & Nevis, where he distinguished himself and again with Rodney at the Battle of the Saintes (1782). After the American War of Independence, he entered politics, before being recalled to active service, as commander in chief of the Mediterranean fleet during the French Revolutionary War in 1793.



Artist J Northcote

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## Cemetery Association of Oregon - President's Message

Dear Cemeterians & Colleagues:

Welcome to our Annual Business Meeting and Conference, we decided to head back to Hood River this year and bring back some amazing speakers and entertainment.

We wanted to book the Hood River Inn as we did in 2013 which caused the conference to be later than usual. Because of this please note that instead of golf there will be a welcome reception and kick off event with bowling at Orchard Lanes in Hood River, complete with pizza, beer, wine and soft drinks. So, "Dude," get your Big Lebowski on!

Back by popular demand we welcome founding member of Information Society (popular 80's band), James Cassidy, he's now known for his work at Oregon State University's Soils program. We'll also hear from former Mayor of Hood River, Arthur Babitz, he'll give some great trivia and history of the Hood River region. It was well recognized by our membership that they value our work in the legislature, with that Ty Cochrane will provide us legislative updates. Rounded out by a regulatory update and Q & A from Michelle Gaines, Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board Executive Director. Kuri Gill will be joining us from the State of Oregon Historic Cemeteries Commission; she will be updating us on grant opportunities for many of our historic cemeteries. Saturday evening we will be entertained by Hood River's own Cemetery Tales group and will have a chance to learn about the lives of the early settlers in the Hood River area. This year we are going to mix things up on Sunday morning and will have a "Sunday School," in class we will discuss the OMCB's push for continuing education hours for cemetery operators and we will host our own mini Death Café. How do you want to be remembered?

I am finishing up my term as the Association's President; this means there will be elections. I don't want to bore you with just voting, my vision is to hear from each of you, therefore, building off of our facilitated discussion from 2014 we will do the same again and then vote. It will be an exciting Saturday afternoon as we welcome in new board members and elect the next officers. Our organization is close knit and it's been my pleasure to serve the Association over the past few years.

See you at Orchard Lanes, I don't claim to be a Pro Bowler but I can assure you I'll be having fun mixing with all of you.-- Rachel Fox, President



Friday, Nov.6th

- Registration
- Bowling & welcome reception Orchard Lanes, 1141 Tucker Rd., Hood River  
<http://www.orchardlanes.net/>

Saturday, Nov. 7th

7:30-8:30 Breakfast

8:30 CAO Welcome & vendor introductions – Rachel Fox, Cemetery Association of Oregon President



Hood River History & Community Welcome by former Hood River Mayor

Arthur Babitz



# MCB

OREGON MORTUARY & CEMETERY BOARD

Regulating Death Care Facilities & Practitioners in Oregon.

Regulatory Update,

Michelle Gaines, Executive Director of Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board

---Break---



CAO Legislative Update 2015 and 2016, Ty Cochrane, General Manager, Belcrest Cemetery



Do you have a cemetery in your community established before 1909? Come and learn from Kuri Gill, State of Oregon Historic Cemeteries Commission. She will discuss grant opportunities and headstone care.

BREAK - Lunch & mingle with our vendors

Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, Cont.

James Cassidy, Soils instructor at Oregon State University



So, just who is this mysterious man of mulch? Although Cassidy is well-known at OSU, both as a soil scientist and an instructor, he also has a not-so-secret identity: He's a pop star. Cassidy plays bass for Information Society, a free-style electronic band, which reached popularity in the late 1980s. He still draws upon his skills as a performer while teaching students at OSU about crop and soil science.

Remember him from 2013? Who knows where his talk will take us!



Annual Meeting & Elections – how did we do for 2015 what would you like for 2016?

Social Hour followed by Banquet Dinner & Hood River Museum – Cemetery Tales



**Nov. 6, Friday**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker/Activity</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Noon – 3:30	Early Registration	Hood River Inn – Columbia Room
4-7:00 pm	Registration, Welcome Reception – Bowling	Orchard Lanes, 1141 Tucker Rd., Hood River <a href="http://www.orchardlanes.net/">http://www.orchardlanes.net/</a>

**Nov. 7, Saturday**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker/Activity</u>	<u>Topic</u>
7:30-8:30	Breakfast	
8:30 am	Rachel Fox, CAO President	Welcome & Vendor Introductions
9:00 am	Arthur Babitz, former Mayor of Hood River	Community welcome & local history
9:30 am	Michelle Gaines, Executive Director of Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board	Regulatory Update, Q & A
10:00am	Break	Break
10:15	Ty Cochrane, General Manager Belcrest Cemetery	2015 & 2016 CAO Legislative Update + Q & A
11:15-12:00	Kuri Gill, State of Oregon Historic Cemeteries Commission	Available Grants & Headstone repair
12:00-1:00	Lunch	Lunch Break & Visit Vendors
1:00 – 2:00	James Cassidy, OSU Soil Instructor	Managing soil conditions and decomposition
2:00	Break	Refreshments provided
2:45 pm	CAO Annual Meeting & Elections	All members to join share ideas and cast votes
5:30-7 pm	Social Hour	Cocktails & Appetizers
7-9:00 pm	Dinner	(entertainment) Hood River Museum Cemetery Tales

**Nov. 8, Sunday**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker/Activity</u>	<u>Topic</u>
8:00 am	Breakfast	
8:30 am	Sunday School	CAO's continuing education test program
9:30 am	Death Café	Fun facilitated discussion of your own final wishes

## 2015 Cemetery Association of Oregon Elections

We have several open positions. We would like to encourage you to contact us to join our board. Requirements to serve on the board are: you are a member of the Cemetery Association of Oregon, you are able to attend our board meetings, that you participate in helping the board make outreach to our membership. Outreach includes: Newsletter assistance, mail & email distribution to membership, assist with annual meeting, periodically attend Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board meetings. If you are able to regularly attend the board meetings and assist the board with one or more of the outreach efforts indicated we would welcome you to be placed on our ballot.

Open positions:

Rachel Fox (President)

Justin Trowbridge (Past President)

Bob Huskey (Vice President)

Bill Patrick (Board Member)

Vacant (Board Member)

Please contact Kimberly Morley or Rachel Fox if you are interested in serving as a board member.

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