

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## CAC NEWSLETTER, JUNE, 2009

Dear members, friends and associates of the Colorado Association of Cemeteries:

Now that Memorial Day has passed and the festivities are over, it's time to turn our attention to the many challenges that summer has to offer during these changing, and difficult times. One constant, common denominator that remains, no matter how the times challenge us, is our collective commitment to ensuring the sanctity and respect of caring for our beloved dead. We as an organization, and collectively as members, remain steadfast to this important charge.

I hope you enjoy the reformatted *Cemeterian* newsletter, finding it more informative and filled with pertinent news and information. As a Board, we have been working hard to update our modes and methods of communication which ultimately reflect on all of us members of the organization.

The Board has also proposed some very slight revisions to the CAC by-laws, intended to bring them more up-to-date since the last version was ratified. You will be receiving a copy of the proposed changes prior to the convention business meeting where they will be discussed and voted upon.

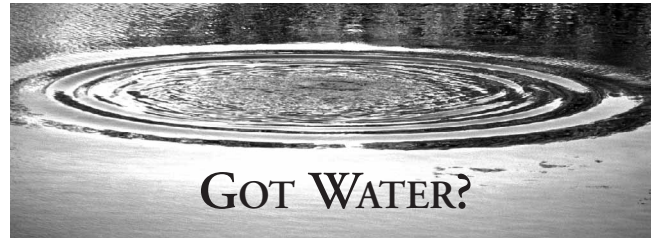
In addition to the *Cemeterian*, we have done extensive work on the CAC Web site, making it more interactive, informative and user friendly. All of our coming events, including the convention, are listed for your review. In addition to coming events, membership renewal forms are available for you to download during this renewal period. Please visit our Web site at [www.coloradocemeteries.org](http://www.coloradocemeteries.org) to check it out. We would appreciate your feedback and any suggestions you might have. We are asking for photos of your cemetery for the web site so we may showcase all of our member cemeteries. Upload your photos with small captions and we will post them on the site's photo gallery.

Mark your calendars for the 2009 CAC/CFD combined convention, which will be held September 9-11, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, I-70 at Chambers in Denver. See the CAC web site for the convention schedule and a list of speakers and featured presentations to include Gary O'Sullivan, and the current presidents of ICCFA, NFDA and CANA.

I look forward to the rest of this year as we wrap up some projects we've been working on and as we move toward the convention. I hope you will check out the Web site and know that your serving Board has had a great and very successful year thus far.

Fraternally,

*Lloyd Swint, President*  
Colorado Association of Cemeteries



Everywhere you go you hear the phrase "GOING GREEN." However, how does a cemetery go green when it doesn't have the water to irrigate the grass in a state like Colorado that is drought-ridden at times?

Some of you might be aware of Riverside Cemetery in Denver, Colorado. In 2003 Fairmount Cemetery (which manages Riverside) could not afford to pay for city water to irrigate when their ditch went dry and literally "dried" up. Since then there have been numerous articles, television news stories and multiple complaints.

Earlier this year Patricia Carmody, executive director of the Fairmount Heritage Foundation, along with Fairmount management, wanted to do something about this situation. They contacted local lawn-care organizations and seed companies, and with the help of horticulture specialists, they donated time, people and products. They are now doing test areas using native and hybrid grasses and some flower mixes to see what works and what doesn't.

Roselawn Cemetery in Pueblo, Co. is also experimenting with their own historical section to eliminate watering and decrease mowing by using a type of "ground cover" instead of grass.

Many cemeteries across our state are having - or will have - water issues and as time goes by the type of "green" in a cemetery WILL have to evolve.

As with our Association, if anyone has similar projects of this type, please share the results for everyone's benefit. You can contact the CAC through our web site at [coloradocemeteries.org](http://coloradocemeteries.org).

— *Frank Nash Jr.*, Facility Manager  
Roselawn Cemetery

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**CAC/CFDA Combined Convention**

**September 9-11, 2009**

Crowne Plaza Denver International Airport Hotel,  
Denver, Colorado

**CANA 91st Annual Convention**

**August 19-22, 2009**

Marriott City Center Hotel,  
Denver, Colorado

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