

# SAVANNAH CEMETERY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

El Monte Cemetery Association

∞ An American Graveyard and California Historical Landmark 1046 ∞

A Historical and Genealogical Repository Representing the Collective Memories of the San Gabriel Valley

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“Winter is an etching, Spring a watercolor, Summer an oil painting and Autumn a mosaic of them all.”

Starley Horowitz

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## Read All About It!

### Plans Are Coming Together at Savannah Memorial Park

Several tree services are donating mulch that we need for our water conservation program. Now we need volunteers to help spread the mulch!

We are planting more trees for shade, color and to improve air quality.

We are landscaping around our historical landmark wall.

Did you know...we would like you to join in our membership drive?

**Find Out About  
What's New**

# A New Day in the Short and Long-Term Care of Savannah Memorial Park

Stewardship \* Restoration \* Preservation \* Maintenance \* Beautification \* Scholarship

Winter Greetings From the President and Board of Directors of the El Monte Cemetery Association:

In 2014, the El Monte Cemetery Association experienced positive and innovative growth as we moved forward as a catalyst of new visions for Savannah. With that same momentum moving forward at the January 2015 Annual Meeting, a new board of directors was elected. We look forward to working together in the process of transforming Savannah Cemetery into a water-wise pioneer garden. We are proceeding with rolling back a portion of the grass and replacing it with mulch, which is a large portion of our water conservation project. We are planting new trees, all lined with tree wells filled with river rock, rock and trees donated by the City of Rosemead. There is plenty of activity at Savannah and the Board looks forward to a productive 2015.



## ESSENTIALS FOR OUR CEMETERY PRESERVATION

Preserving the cemetery is a paramount project embraced by the El Monte Cemetery Association (EMCA). The staggering scope and application of 2010 CA AB 1881 at Savannah, along with our limited funding, is making progress slower than the association would like.

California Assembly Bill 1881, or the "Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, requires landscaped areas undergoing a renovation of 5,000 square feet or more, meet 2010 State water conservation standards. As part of our sustainable water-management program, the EMCA is "rolling back" grass, retrofitting our antiquated sprinkler heads, adding low-water use plants and planting trees that offer shade and improves air quality.

With this said, Water Wise Consulting, Inc., is helping us to achieve our conservation vision by designing Savannah's landscape as one that will meet or exceed the standards of AB 1881. Flintridge and Steven's tree services are currently providing free mulch to us - we will need approximately three acres of mulched area to complete the project.

EMCA is dedicated to create a beautiful garden at Savannah, for the City of Rosemead and our many visitors to enjoy. The AB 1881 guidelines will facilitate lowering our water bill over the long term and help California during this historic drought.



*Can You Donate \$10.00 Toward Low-Water-Use Plants for Our Conservation Project?*



# Savannah is More than just a Final Resting Place of Pioneers It's Also a Valuable Repository and Community Hub

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LANDSCAPE CLEAN UP



RAISING & LEVELING  
GRAVE MARKERS



The El Monte Historical Museum, located at 3150 Tyler Avenue, offers an extensive collection of possessions of the early San Gabriel Valley material culture and Includes a small reference library.

Historic Savannah Memorial Park is Grateful for the Generosity and Support of the Following 2014 Fourth Quarter Donors:

Don & Mary Alley  
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*In Loving Memory of Bruce Steele*

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We use this list to contact members about upcoming special events.

***Don't be left out - email us today!***

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Savannah Memorial Park, hosted by  
**Michelle Hewitt**

"There is No Greater Agony than Bearing an Untold Story."

Maya Angelou

“The Historical and Cultural Foundations of the Nation Should be Preserved as a Living Part of our Community Life and Development in Order to Give a Sense of Orientation to the American People.”

∞ National Historic Preservation Act ∞



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## Savannah's New Mission

Promote Our Membership and Donation Program to  
Raise Funds for Conservation and Maintenance Projects

### 2015 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Student \$15  
Individual \$20  
Family/Dual \$35  
Silver \$125  
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Friend of Savannah "\$ Name Your Amount \$"



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