Grave Kappenings

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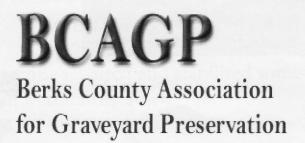
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



BCAGP always has opportunities for volunteers who are interested in helping to maintain graveyards. We are organizing a list of neglected graveyards in need of maintenance that will be posted in our next newsletter.



WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK!!!

Berks County Association for Graveyard Preservation is now on Facebook. This will serve as a resource for anyone interested in viewing photographs of our county's historic graveyards or receiving updates regarding BCAGP activities.



RICKENBACH, BERN TOWNSHIP -EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Eagle Scout Zach Beatty has been volunteering to help BCAGP with the clean-up of the Rickenbach graveyard in Bern Township. Zach installed and painted a new fence surrounding that grave site. BCAGP is thankful to Zach for volunteering his time to this project!



GRIM, MAXATAWNY TOWNSHIP



BCAGP recently repaired and stabilized some sections of the wall at the Grim graveyard in Maxatawny Township.



FIX/GERBER/BITTING, CITY OF READING

This grave site was recently cleared and raked thanks to the Berks County Office of Corrections and their work crew. The work crew has been maintaining this site over the past few months. This location before clean-up (above), and after clean-up (below).



Grave Happenings



PETER, OLEY TOWNSHIP-

The trees (pictured above) were removed from this site in order to prevent damage to the tombstones. Efforts are being made to raise funds for the wall to be rebuilt.



SCHNEIDER/LIMEKILN, OLEY TOWNSHIP -

This graveyard was recently cleared and the caps on the wall were patched to prevent further deterioration. Planning is in the works for rebuilding a section of the wall that collapsed.





KELCHNER, RICHMOND TOWNSHIP-

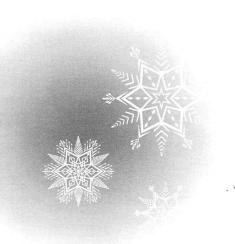
BCAGP will be installing thirteen granite piers with an adjoining chain attachment to surround this graveyard.



KIRBY, MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP -

Two walls are scheduled to be re-pointed and the inside of the cemetery will receive some minor repairs.





January is the time to renew your annual membership.

Individual Membership- \$15 Family Membership -\$25 Business or Municipality- \$35

In appreciation of the support we have received from our members, the Berks County Association for Graveyard Preservation has included a new membership option this year. We now offer a FAMILY MEMBERSHIP option. If not a current member, please join us while we continue the work begun by so many before us. Or if you do not wish to be a member at this time, but are interested in contributing support for a specific graveyard, please indicate that graveyard on the form below.

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\$_____Annual Membership, Individual \$15 Family (residing in the same household) \$25

- \$_____Annual business or municipality membership, \$35
- Donation earmarked for the Association General Fund
- Donation to be used for the ______ gravesite
- Donation to be used in _____ municipality

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