



## Grave News

# NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF IOWA CEMETERIES

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## Membership

### SAPIC needs YOU!

The organization has lost some key personnel this year and there are openings that need to be filled. You can help continue the important work of SAPIC by volunteering and renewing your membership.

PLEASE, let the organization know you can help with an email to [sapiciowa@yahoo.com](mailto:sapiciowa@yahoo.com).

Complete the SAPIC Membership Application at the end of this newsletter, add your dues, and submit both to the postal address on the bottom of the application form.

Membership is maintained on a calendar year basis. **Yes, it is that time of year!**

### Next Meeting

The first meeting of 2021 will be on **January 9, 2021**

As in the past several years, this winter meeting will be held by e-mail. Suggested agenda items should be submitted to the president by January 2nd. [reedyart@jtt.net](mailto:reedyart@jtt.net)



### Upcoming Deadline:

Patricia Shaw SAPIC Cemetery Grant applications are due April 1<sup>st</sup>. A limited number of \$250.00 grants will be awarded annually in April by SAPIC, providing adequate funds are available. Priority will be given, but not limited to, individuals, groups or organizations that are in the process of restoring neglected cemeteries in Iowa. The application form is on the SAPIC website.



Apply for a grant to get that stone out of the ground and upright!

Due to the passing of Pat Shaw, Grave News Editor, Vol. 25 Issue #3 was **not** published. Yes, it has been a challenge this year to assemble meetings and organize work groups while keeping ourselves and families healthy. When you reflect upon the efforts required this year, they mirror endeavors of citizens before us, prior leaders, and our ancestors. We wish to continue honoring those people. SAPIC honors them by promoting cemetery preservation, providing advice for proper cemetery repairs, and offering financial assistance to those engaged in cemetery preservation in Iowa.

## Remembering Pat Shaw, Grave News Editor

Pat Shaw, in Jones County during the 1980's, was trying to get township cemeteries restored. She contacted groups of people (youth church groups and local FFA's) to work in cemeteries in Jones County.

Patricia, an educator for 27 years, was a teacher for Kirkwood Community College at the Men's Reformatory in Anamosa, Iowa. Pat had contact with Dean Gipple, Iowa Legislator and Loren Horton, State Historian to develop an Iowa law for the preservation of pioneer cemeteries. In May, 1996 the Iowa legislator established the Pioneer Cemetery Law (SAPIC). This allowed County Board of Supervisors to set up pioneer cemetery commissions to oversee and improve the pioneer cemeteries in a county. It was not required of the counties, but each individual county could decide to enact the law or not. Jones County established a Pioneer Cemetery Commission.

Following her husband Morris Hugh Shaw's retirement as Superintendent of the Anamosa schools, (Jones County)



Pat and Hugh moved to southern Iowa where Pat continued her work with Pioneer Cemeteries. Pat worked tirelessly to encourage counties to establish Pioneer Cemetery commissions.

Pat often said "Pioneer cemeteries reveal much about early settlers. They tell of affluence and ethnic backgrounds," she told people "You are preserving a special part of history." She was co-author of periodical *Grave News*. Patricia was a member and served as president of SAPIC.

Patricia Irene Shaw, 81, passed away on Saturday, August 08, 2020. Graveside services were held the Abel Cemetery in Hedrick, Iowa.

### MINUTES ~ October 10, 2020

The State Association for The Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries met Saturday, October 10, 2020, in Marion, Iowa at the Marion Parks building and hosted by Friends of Oak Shade Cemetery. President Reedy called the meeting to order at 10:40 AM. with eleven members and guests present. President Reedy ask the attendees to recognize two SAPIC members in silent prayer, Pat Shaw and Steve Story, who passed away this past summer.

### Treasurers Report

Treasurer Brad Hughes presented the following financial summary: Funds on hand as of September 30, 2020, consisted of \$3,775.76 in a share draft (checking) account, \$5.00 in a reserve savings account, and \$9,447.61 in two certificates of deposit. These funds total \$13,228.37 and closely approximate balances on hand year-end 2019 and 2018. Actual cash flow to date in 2020 is negative at \$-64.86, below the full year budget of a positive \$247.68. The deficit amount of \$-312.54 is expected to be overcome as dues are received in the remaining months of 2020.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Minutes of Past Meeting**

Secretary Larry Davis read the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2020 meeting as amended. Motion carried.

**Communications**

President Reedy and Brad Hughes reported the urgency to fill the position of Grave News newsletter editor. Considerable discussion was held explaining the process of preparing the newsletter about mailing lists, addresses, postal requirements, etc. Jody Holland offered to work with other members to organize some of the concerns and solutions to coordinate producing the newsletter and other communications.

**Nominations Committee**

Larry Davis reported the nominations committee is presenting the following candidates for officers and board member for 2021:

- President: Bill Reedy
- Vice President: John Heider
- Board member: Mary Richards
- Board member: Vacant
- Board member: Vacant

There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made and second to approve the report and cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. Motion carried.

**Cemetery and Grave Marker Survey Program**

It was noted that this program was set up several years ago and never promoted for it to be successful. Larry Davis reported it was suggested that he, as secretary, would receive the reports and file them. He also reported only two reports have been received. It was suggested that the form maybe too complicated and needs to be simplified and the instructions need to be updated.

**Grants**

A letter was received from Mary Richards recommending the SAPIC Grant Program be named after Pat Shaw. After praising Pat Shaw, who passed away this past year, for being instrumental in forming the SAPIC Grant program and a major supporter of SAPIC, the following action was taken. Motion made and seconded that the SAPIC Grant program be named "The Patricia Shaw SAPIC Cemetery Grant Program". Motion was carried.

**Pioneer Cemetery Commissions**

It was noted SAPIC does not have a current list of Pioneer Cemetery Commissions, and it would be advantages to have the current list updated. Perhaps a student could accomplish this. It was suggested that the current website be reworded to leave out any reference of a list of Pioneer Commissions.

**Future Meetings (pending)**

January 2021, virtual.  
April 2021, no host currently

**Adjourned**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.  
*Larry Davis*, Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

Funds on hand as of December 1, 2020, consist of \$3,800.76 in a share draft (checking) account, \$5.00 in a reserve savings account, and \$9,447.61 in two certificates of deposit. These funds total \$13,253.37 and approximate balances on hand of \$13,293.23 at year-end 2019 and \$13,091.36 year-end 2018. An expanded treasurer's report as of year-end 2020 will be submitted for approval for the January 2021 meeting of SAPIC.



## SAPIC GRANT Award Reports:

We received a \$250 check from SAPIC in April of this year to help with our project of repairing monuments at our City owned Greenlawn Cemetery in Afton.



We hired Irving Monument to help us with these repairs. Kevin Irving started the work this summer and was able to complete the repairs of the monuments we had flagged for repair on 11/6/20. We had several small and medium sized monuments that had fallen over, broke or were leaning. The total costs of repairs by Irving Monument was \$2,150.



Our caretaker, Terrinda McIntire, also put in between 85-90 hours working on repairing monuments that she was able to fix. We are very happy to report our project was a success and we hope to continue the work annually. Thank you so much for the grant to help us with our project! Toni Landers, City Clerk - City of Afton

Thank you SAPIC of Iowa for the generous grant funds you awarded O'Brien County Cemetery Preservation Association in the amount of \$250.00 this year. We are grateful for the funds to enable our organization to build a website. Our website address is: [www.ocpcpa.com](http://www.ocpcpa.com) Warm regards, Eunice Wilson, Treasurer [occpa18@gmail.com](mailto:occpa18@gmail.com)

## County Updates



### *Buchanan County*

Our activities in 2020 were severely limited by the epidemic along with other factors. We had no on-site workdays, and we had to reconfigure our meetings schedules. One meeting was cancelled, and the next was held by conference call.

Thereafter, we met in a park shelter, for good air movement and room for safe distancing. We did complete a lengthy process whereby the county took title to a pioneer cemetery owned by a defunct association. This will give the county, through its commission, the ability to make decisions regarding new burials, as well as any other questions.

### *Blackhawk County*



Submitted by Michael Magee  
It is saddening to report Elmwood Cemetery in Waterloo (not Elmwood Cemetery in Louisa County) has been vandalized again. Please see the links below for pictures of stones damaged and some, unfortunately destroyed beyond repair.

<https://kwwl.com/2020/11/06/elmwood-cemetery-vandalized-for-second-time-in-5-months/>  
[https://wcfcourier.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/police-investigate-devastating-vandalism-at-elmwood-cemetery/article\\_44e615db-f44b-5325-8d4f-ca587b4a7be7.html](https://wcfcourier.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/police-investigate-devastating-vandalism-at-elmwood-cemetery/article_44e615db-f44b-5325-8d4f-ca587b4a7be7.html)

See also their page at <https://www.facebook.com/WaterlooElmwoodCemetery/>

*Winneshiek County*

The Winneshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission hosted Jonathan Appell this last September. We were his Iowa stop on his 48 states in 48 days tour! It was a lot of fun. Here is the link to an article that was written about it. <https://www.decorahnews.com/archived-stories/2020/09/26248.html>

**NEW EDITOR**

Mildred Stewart (Milly) attended the October meeting and volunteered to collect and coordinate articles and information for the *Grave News* along with the reasonable tech savvy and knowledgeable Donna Story.

Please encourage those interested in cemetery preservation to share their work and stories with us.

**Share  
ideas  
Start  
something  
good**

**SAPIC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

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## **SAPIC dues:**

Individual for one year: \$25.00

Household for one year: \$35.00

Business or organization for one year: \$40.00

Lifetime individuals:  
\$200.00

*Donations welcome and tax deductible.*

Send dues to:

Brad Hughes, 308 NW Sunset Lane  
Grimes, IA 50111

## **Cleaning Headstones**

I recommend a chemical product called KEYSTONE that is very similar to D2, a comparable product. There are less expensive products, but if you're going to spend the effort and time, choose one of the following chemical cleaners:

D2 comes as a one gallon RTU product and cost about \$60 delivered.

KEYSTONE is a concentrate, comes in a quart, and makes 2 gallon of cleaner. Cost is \$25 delivered.

D2 may be ordered from Miles Supply, 1660 West Broadway, Rockville, MN 56369; 1-800-789-0813.

KEYSTONE may be ordered from R.I.P., Ltd., 988 Iron Horse Place, Monticello, IL 61856; 217-898-2422. --

*John Heider*

## **WHERE TO GET SIGNS**

Iowa Prison Industries  
Box B  
Anamosa, IA 52205  
1-800-336-5863

## **STATE CEMETERY REGULATOR**

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**We're on the web:**

[sapiciowa.org](http://sapiciowa.org)

**SAPIC is on Facebook!**

SAPIC Lending Library has books and other materials related to cemetery preserva-



## **VETERANS' HEADSTONES**

<http://www.cem.va.gov/>

Telephone: 1-800-697-6947

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## SAPIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SAPIC is a non-profit organization 501 (c) (3). Contributions are deductible under sections 170, 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (+4) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check)

Individual \$25: \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$35: \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Individual \$200: \_\_\_\_\_

Business \$40: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \$40: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION or MEMORIAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List names of honoree (s) if desired: \_\_\_\_\_

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