
IVY HILL CEMETERY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Dedicated to the preservation of monuments, promotion of history, and protection of flora and fauna of Ivy Hill Cemetery

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NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2012

Community Salutes Record of Service

Supporters Honor IHCHPS Founder Tom Bowling



Ivy Hill Cemetery's Tom Bowling shares a moment with Gant Redmon and Dick Labbe at the breakfast in honor of his 50 years of service.

On June 6, 2012, the IHCHPS, with the support of community sponsors, honored Tom Bowling, Ivy Hill's President and General Manager, at a breakfast event at the Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria.

After an introduction by Society President Lucy Goddin, Gordon Peyton, as keynote speaker, shared memories of Mr. Bowling dating back to his childhood in Alexandria. Gant Redmon acted as emcee, *(Continued on p. 4, 50th Anniversary)*

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VETERAN FLAGS

VOLUNTEER WITH MEANING

BY LUCY GODDIN

Placing flags at our Veterans' graves has become a tradition at Ivy Hill. Before Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year, volunteers amass at the Circle of Honor, team up and set out with maps, flags and a feeling of camaraderie to actively honor the men and women who stood up for us and our country. Every summer the flags at Ivy Hill wave through the holiday weekend and on to Flag Day. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, neighbors and friends come to help -- some folks come every year and others are new to the process. All are welcome and everyone leaves satisfied, knowing he or she has made a difference by making a gesture of remembrance and respect. Please see our website for a few photos from this year's event.

The following story is excerpted from correspondence to the editor from David Carnes, a college friend of Ann Griffith Lindsey.

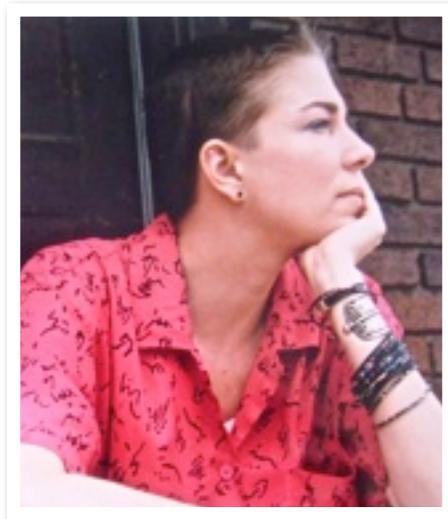
Finding Ivy Hill

I have been visiting your website quite a bit lately, because I recently learned that a long-lost late friend of mine, Ann Griffith Lindsey, is buried at Ivy Hill. Learning this has culminated 25 years of searching and wondering the whereabouts of her burial.

Losing a Friend

One horrible day in late January 1987, I ran into a friend of Ann's and learned that she had died in an automobile accident. Not having known any of Ann's family nor many of her friends, I was left without any leads as to how to get in touch with her family and extend my condolences. Thus, I've been frustrated in my search for her grave ... until last week.

I moved to the Baltimore-Washington area in 1989 and, more specifically, Clarendon in 1999. I had passed by Ivy Hill Cemetery a hundred times, if not two hundred, in my excursions into Alexandria over the years. A strange serene comfort has overcome me now knowing where Ann was laid to rest.



Ann Griffith Lindsey
October 2, 1953 – January 5, 1987

The Gifts of a Poet.

I saw on your website that April was National Poetry Month. I met Ann while we were both students at Purdue University; she a graduate student in English, I an undergrad. Ann sought university support to establish a literary journal for student work. Upon her death, her parents gifted money to the English Department at Purdue, fledgling as it was in 1987, and thus was born the *Sycamore Review*, Purdue's first literary review.

Keep in mind, at Purdue agriculture, engineering, pharmacy and the Krannert School of Management were kings, thus they got the most consideration for monies from the university board. I remember one of my political science professors being quite vocal in speaking out about how the humanities were being gutted at Purdue, sadly so. This was in the mid to late 1980s. So, Ann's lobbying and bureaucratic battles in trying to pitch the idea of a literary journal at Purdue were very real.

Anyway, I submit a favorite poem of Ann's, given her remains rest on Ivy Hill's grounds, while her spirit fertilizes me still. I type the poem below from memory.

For more about Ann Griffith Lindsey and the *Sycamore Review*, visit <http://www.sycamorereview.com/ann-griffith-lindsey/>

THE ANGEL OF BACK EAST

A POEM

BY ANN GRIFFITH LINDSEY

The Angel of Back East sings delirious,
drunken hymns in my ear, pulling me toward
pine crowded hills and cold, rushing streams
of poetry which I had forgotten and left
in the shadows of my mother's house.
I put the cool, dark landscape behind me
and crash blindly out onto the plains
of the denuded, storm flattened midwest -

the victim of one incomprehensible image
after another. I lay my battered head on
my seraph's transparent breast and tell her
not to patronize me; as far as I can tell,
reality began the night Walt Disney died -
and rose again from the dusty place
the day I moved to Indiana.

We all remember Woody Woodpecker from childhood -- the cartoon, the laugh, the mischief. Woody was an animated pileated woodpecker, his inspiration a 16 to 19-inch tall member of the Picidae family. Well, we haven't seen Woody around Ivy Hill, but his smaller cousin, the red-bellied woodpecker, was spotted and photographed by Scott Saltsgaver in late April.



A red-bellied woodpecker at Ivy Hill dining outside his nest

illegal in Virginia.

Unlike Woody, this industrious little guy is only 8.5 inches long. He creates a nest by drilling out a small cavity in dead hardwood trees. These holes are used in ensuing seasons by other birds, small animals and even squirrels.

The red-belly, like all but one of eight species of the woodpecker family in Virginia, is a resident of the Commonwealth all year long. Perhaps somehow they know that harming a woodpecker, its nest or eggs is

The red-belly is also an asset to the neighborhood in keeping the wood-boring and other insect population under control. Living near Ivy Hill is a plus because the woodpeckers have a lot of work to do in our trees rather than making occasional visits to local wood siding to seek bugs.

Sources: humanwildlife.org & wildobs.com/place/Virginia-USA

MOSQUITO CONTROL

March 1 to December 1



Bouquet in a Chinese Vase, Odilon Redon, Metropolitan Museum of Art

To prevent the breeding of West Nile Virus carrying mosquitos, Ivy Hill eliminated standing water with french drains and new soil grading. Please help by respecting the March 1 to December 1 rule: during this period each year vases and potted plants may be inverted or removed on a weekly basis to stop the mosquito breeding cycle.

Beautiful flowers are a lovely tribute, but in mosquito season the policy of regularly emptying and inverting containers is kind to all.

Water in flower vases gives disease-bearing mosquitos all they need to breed.

For more information please go to: <http://www.ivyhill.org/Policies.htm#Policies>

SPRING FOR ALEXANDRIA

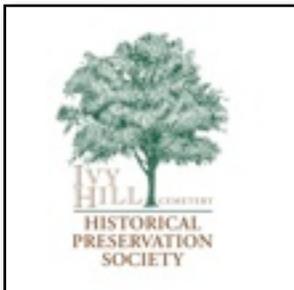


Fire Department EMT Class 27 volunteered to paint the fence at Ivy Hill

May 4, 2012, was Spring for Alexandria's Community Service Day. Hundreds of volunteers comprised 30 teams to work on projects at nonprofits throughout Alexandria. EMT Class 27 gave a fresh look to IHC's wrought iron fence.

TAILORED SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE

In addition to classes from TC Williams and Episcopal High Schools and groups of adults from historical associations and sites, this spring the Society branched out to develop a program for a pre-school group. A class from the Trinity MOPS Preschool enjoyed a book reading, followed by an exploration of Ivy Hill to find items to complete a special project. If your group would like a special tour of Ivy Hill, please contact us at info@ihchps.org.



50 Year Anniversary

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read letters of commendation by Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and the IHCHPS Board of Directors, and presented Mr. Bowling with an original pastel of Ivy Hill's Fire Fighters' Memorial that was donated by a local artist. Ann Martyn, of Roanoke Virginia, wrote a tribute to Mr. Bowling for the event program. Alexandria Fire Department Chief Adam Thiel ended the program with a tribute to Mr. Bowling and Ivy Hill for the important role they have played in honoring Fire Fighters and EMT's.



The event was supported by Presenting Sponsor Speck - Caudron Investment Group of Wells Fargo Advisors LLC, Hosts Redmon, Peyton & Braswell, LLP, Andrew Eyck, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Simpson, Sr., as well as Sponsors Pat Crusenberry, Friendship Veterans Fire Company, Patricia Ridgeley, Robert Evens Jefferson Funeral Chapel, William and Ann Webb, and four Anonymous Friends of Ivy Hill. Individual donors also took the opportunity to contribute to IHCHPS in honor of Mr. Bowling's years of service. All donations raised by the event will be used in

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Thank you to David Carnes for the *Feature Profile* & to Scott Saltsgaver for the woodpecker photos.

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Special thanks to the Society Volunteers.

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