



Community Education FALL quarter 2023

Dying to Know

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Course Description:

Meet some of the more interesting residents there, learn about headstone art & symbols and their meanings. Hear the history of undertaking & morticians. Learn the proper way to clean a headstone. Discuss trends toward earth friendly coffins, urns & burials and determine the best way to use Find-a-Grave to do family history research. Class meets at Fern Prairie Cemetery, 25700 NE Robinson Rd, Camas, WA

Dress for the weather and wear comfortable footwear for walking.

Learning Outcomes: *As a result of taking this course, students will:*

- Identify best practices in cleaning headstones.
- Interpret headstone art.
- Learn about new burial trends.
- Discuss some of the pioneers buried at Fern Prairie cemetery.

Course Schedule:

Dates: 10/21/2023 - 10/21/2023

Times: 9:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Days: Sa

Sessions: 1

Selected Bibliography/Resources:

Below you will find recommended references and online links to give you more information about the topics of this course. If you have a special interest on a topic we discuss, please ask me for further references.

Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography
by Douglas Keister | Apr 5, 2004

Understanding Cemetery Symbols: A Field Guide for Historic Graveyards (Messages from the Dead)
by Tui Snider and H. E. Cameron | May 30, 2017

Cleaning Headstones
<https://www.funeralhelpcenter.com/how-to-clean-a-cemetery-tombstone-or-marker/>

Clark County History
<https://cchmuseum.org/>

Class Evaluation: Class evaluations are sent by email. Sometimes the email will be delivered to your “junk mail,” but we can assure you it’s from Clark College only. Your responses are completely anonymous. If you do not see your evaluation immediately after class, look in your junk mail and send it to your email address. If you do not receive an evaluation, please email Continuingeducation@clark.edu or call 360.992.2939.

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