

SAVE THE DATE

2-PART CEMETERY PRESERVATION WORKSHOP Basic - May 31, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advanced Repairs - June 1, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. to noon

Sponsored by the
Argyle Bible Church

Instructors:

Dawn Cobb, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and
John & Geni Heider, Restoration in Progress (R.I.P)

This cemetery preservation workshop will be presented in two parts by Dawn Cobb, archaeologist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and John & Geni Heider, R.I.P., Ltd. They frequently lecture on understanding cemeteries and the laws protecting them as well as cemetery preservation. They also provide hands-on training for the proper repair and resetting techniques used to fix grave markers.

Part 1 is a Power point presentation on **May 31, 2024, Argyle Bible Church, 5135 North 1250th Road, Colchester, from 9:30 a.m. - noon.** Parking is available at the church. The presentation will focus on why we preserve cemeteries, preservation laws, and the basic methods we use to do this. Our work is mostly on the cleaning, repairing, and resetting of marble markers that are common in nearly all cemeteries in Illinois. We will also discuss the Do's and Don'ts of cemetery preservation to help participants understand why some methods will work to preserve the grave markers and why other methods will damage them. Using improper methods and products will lead to a loss of important information. ***Participants must have completed the Basic workshop prior to taking the Advanced Repairs workshop.**

Part 2 is a hands-on training workshop **from 1-4 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 1st, 2024, Argyle Bible Church, 5135 North 1250th Road, Colchester.** Parking is available at the cemetery. By "hands-on", we really mean hands-on. On the 1st day workshop participants will be probing for and exposing buried grave markers, cleaning the markers, and learning how to straighten and reset a marker. On the 2nd day we will be teaching repairs of tablet markers and multi-base markers using lime mortars. All participants are strongly encouraged to learn each of the methods to ensure the continued preservation of historic cemeteries.

What you need for the workshop:

The church is generously providing a light lunch on Friday, May 31st.

Please bring drinking water, a lawn chair, and a pair of gloves. Dress for the season and wear sturdy shoes. Restrooms are available at the church.

The workshop is limited to **12** participants.

Fee for each class: \$75 per person, or \$125 per same household couple.

RAIN DATE – June 7 and 8, 2024