

St. Thomas Cemetery Company

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Columbarium Fundraising

Our Goal \$160,000

Raised to Date
\$20 520.31

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world to us*

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\$1000 and up
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What a Summer!

The summer of 2007 was a changing year.

We welcomed a brand new staff to the yard at the Cemetery. Dexter Beauregard, who was on staff last year took a new position as Grounds Foreman. Rick Godderris and Steve Williams assumed the Grounds Worker positions.

There were some major tasks completed when the grass took a break this growing season.

- The office building got a fresh coat of paint inside (and I am enjoying my clean space and new desk).



- The wrought iron fencing received a fresh coat of paint that is 104 -8 foot sections and in some places a little bit of welding was needed – especially where the tree smashed threw in the Spring.
- The manholes on the sides of the main roads were raised and the drainage system is operational.
- Section D was raised and leveled, as well as south sections B and C received the care of having all flat markers raised.
- White marble markers in Old Survey were straightened. Just leveling and raising markers could keep us busy for the next hundred and fifty years. Unfortunately the dollars required are what prohibits us from completing the whole cemetery at once.

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Kathryn Catterill
In memory of Sarah
McNaughton
Paula (Penhale) Clark
Mrs J.H. Currah
Cheryl Doyon
Elfriede Dziabenko
Lance Earhart
David Ferguson
Patsy Green
Meta Haddock
Patricia Hanley
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Murray Jackson
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Ronald Lake
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Alice Mann
Dr. R. Donald McBane
Jerry and Linda McCorkell
John McIntyre
In memory of H. D McKenzie
Sandra Menard
M.N. Moir
James Newcombe
Wayne & Terri Phillips
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In memory of Sarah Rayner
Enid Ripley
Kathleen Robinson
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Helen L. Stevenson
Eileene Stewart
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W.R. Tilden
Ernest Vickerman
Wm & Velma Watson
Barbara Ann Way
Wilfred & Jean Wilhelm
Catherine Williams
Percy & Doris Woods
Ila J Young

- The back of the Cemetery has had a major face lift. The Shop addition is finally complete – the staff are comfortable with their nice clean work environment.
- Bunkers were installed at the back which incorporates parking and area storage for soil and gravel, wood chips etc.

We had five trees removed this year – each one was a disaster waiting to happen – if they had fallen they would have caused extreme damage. We always hate to remove trees but continue to replace them where we can – without compromising anyone's existing plots.



The Southwold Veterans committee; in the form of Lorne Spicer and Pat Temple; has been extremely busy placing poppies like the one shown above, in both our cemeteries and across Elgin County. These little markers are permanently affixed to the granite markers for each person that they are aware of, who participated in a war. To order one of these, for a veteran, a payment of \$5 is necessary, made payable in cheque to the Southwold Veterans Committee these can be forwarded to the office. Check the cemeteries in Elgin, which currently have 546 commemorative poppies placed... and counting.

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When I started to contact each of you with requests for donations I never believed that such results would be achieved so quickly. (Already the results exceed my timeline expectations.) I kept telling myself – “build it and they will come” and come you did Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued support of this venture-at the rate that you are going you will achieve our goal within five years.

Lesley

To continue giving to one of these Funds
Columbarium Fund,
Care and Maintenance Fund,
Monument Restoration Fund,
Operating Fund

Send cheques payable to

St. Thomas Cemetery
Company
67 West Ave
St. Thomas, Ontario

Or

On-line at

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Remember- we are a
Registered Charity.
We issue tax deductible
receipts.

Remembrance Day 2007

Will and Liz Alden, will be placing Canadian flags with poppies on the grave of every veteran at South Park Cemetery from November 9th until November 12th. We will try to match their heroic effort at West Ave.



Again this year, we were fortunate enough to receive a HRDC grant for a summer student. Mallory Austin spent the summer in our gardens and the beauty of gardens continues to grow. Each year our students have a different passion – so their attention to that specific area is great. This has allowed us to have development across a multitude of horticulture venues. They bring a talent that enhances something new each year in the cemetery, be it the trees, the gardens or the shrubs.

We are recruiting new Board Members – if you are interested please call 519-631-2038

Christmas Wreath will be available from the Cemetery Office again this year for a fee of \$25.00

Please place your orders soon!!!

Look at the Packages for 2008!!!

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Our Historic Moment

*Ralph Herbert
Crocker
1878-1950*

As you drive through the city did you ever wonder how the streets got their names?

Ralph Herbert Crocker, Veteran florist and nurseryman of St. Thomas and member of the one of the oldest St. Thomas Families.

Ralph Herbert Crocker was in the florist business in St. Thomas for more than 45 years and was widely known not only in the city but throughout the province.

Ralph Crocker had a greenhouse on what is now the site of Metcalfe Gardens. Crocker Ave heads north from Wellington St to the site of Metcalfe Gardens.

Ralph Herbert was the third generation in St. Thomas. His parents the late George K and Mary Crocker were highly esteemed residents of the City.

Ralph was blessed in life with a loving wife Ethel Maud, three daughters Isabel, Gertrude and Betty and three sons George Kirby, Daniel and Fred. At the time of his death he was survived by 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The Crocker Family resided at 31 Wellington St at the time of Ralph's passing. Ralph will be remembered for the elaborate casket sprays that adorned the caskets of many prominent people.

