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# FCACO News

Serving the Central Ohio Community since 1953

## From the President's Desk Cathy Elkins



Please join us on May 20, 2023, at noon, at the First Unitarian Universalist Church Of Columbus, 93 W. Weisheimer Road, 43214.

Lunch will be provided at 12:00. Please Call 614-263-4632 by Monday, May 15, to register for lunch. There is no charge, but donations are always welcome.

We are very fortunate to have as our speaker, Krista Horrocks, whose presentation will begin at 1:00 pm. She is an archaeologist with the Ohio History Connection and serves as the OHC's cemetery preservationist where she helps Ohioans research the 14,630 cemeteries in the state. She also specializes in the Works Progress Administration (WPA) veteran grave registry, efforts that took place from 1938-1940. Although a cemetery might not be in your future it certainly is in our past. I know we will glean some interesting insights.



A Business meeting will follow the program.

### FCACO Mission Statement

- To promote end-of-life planning and preparation
- To outline practical steps to be taken before death
- To inform and instruct the public concerning the funeral industry
- To offer reasonably priced options for dealing with remains at death
- To monitor the funeral industry on a local and statewide level
- To maintain public awareness through action, education and publications

### Funeral Advice You Can Trust

Founded in 1953, FCACO is a 501(C)3 organization run entirely by volunteers who have no connection to the funeral industry or any religious group. Our service area for members includes Columbus and surrounding counties, serving Springfield, Urbana, Yellow Springs, and Dayton.

FCACO is an affiliate of the national organization: Funeral Consumers Alliance, which is actively involved in improving regulation of the funeral industry through the Federal Trade Commission.

### 2021-2022 Board Members: Officers Through May 31, 2024

**President:** Cathy Elkins  
**Past President:** Su Ann Farnlacher  
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**Recording Secretary:** Kristen Figg  
**Membership Secretary:** Cathy Elkins  
**Directors**

Nancy Alonzo Through May 31, 2023  
Phyllis Byard Through May 31, 2024  
Jack Holdford Through May 31, 2025  
Dennis Rankin Through May 31, 2025

### SLATE OF CANDIDATES for DIRECTORS for Election at the annual meeting

	Term
<b>Director</b> Margaret Sproul	Through May 31, 2026
<b>Director</b> Michelle Miles	Through May 31, 2026
<b>Director</b> Rita Haider	Through May 31, 2026

## CHECK OUT THESE USEFUL DOCUMENTS

At our website [www.funeralsohio.org](http://www.funeralsohio.org):

1. Survivors Checklist
2. Ohio Disposition Form (to designate a person to arrange disposition of your remains)
3. What To Do When Death Occurs
4. A Letter to My Family

On the national website: [www.funerals.org](http://www.funerals.org)

(Go to: *Resources*, then to *FAQ pamphlets*) These are just a few of them:

1. Green Burial
2. Should You Prepay Your Funeral?
3. Death Away From Home
4. Embalming Explained
5. Cremation Explained

### Resources for Your Planning Folder Body Donation

Ohio State University; (614) 292-4832

[www.go.osu.edu/bodydonation](http://www.go.osu.edu/bodydonation)

Boonshoft School of Medicine; (937) 775-3066

<https://medicine.wright.edu/anatomical-gift-program>

### Organ Donation

LOOP (Lifeline of Ohio Organ Procurement)

(877) 223-6667

[www.lifelineofohio.gov/probate](http://www.lifelineofohio.gov/probate)

### Advanced Directives forms

Franklin County Probate Court;

[www.franklincountyohio.gov/probate](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/probate)

### Links to Our Websites

#### Funeral Consumers Alliance:

[www.funerals.org](http://www.funerals.org)

#### Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central

Ohio [www.funeraslohio.org](http://www.funeraslohio.org)

### The providers who offer discounts to FCACO members

Columbus Area: Cook & Son-Pallay

(614) 444-7861

Dayton/Springfield area: Conroy Funeral

Home: (937) 324 4973

### General Price List of Funeral Homes

The Federal Trade Commission has issued requirements on the information that must appear in the price lists funeral homes give to customers. The FTC does not currently require a uniform format nor that these documents be posted on their websites. Our national office has campaigned to add a requirement for funeral homes to post GPLs on their websites.

FCACO conducted a survey in 2022 of Funeral Homes in our service area. The data from those who responded to our requests was entered into a searchable Excel spreadsheet which contains selected services of interest to our members. This document will be posted on our website:  
[www.funeralsohio.org](http://www.funeralsohio.org)

Newsletters will be mailed to only one person in a household

### Got Your Ducks in a Row?



### Visit [www.funeralsohio.org](http://www.funeralsohio.org):

1. Survivors Checklist
2. Ohio Disposition Form (to designate a person to arrange the disposition of your remains)
3. What To Do When Death Occurs
4. A Letter to My Family (lists the location of key documents and legal authorizations)
5. Survey of General Price Lists in central Ohio

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FCACO attempts to verify all information in this newsletter. Legal questions should be directed to your attorney.

## WHEN DEATH OCCURS ABROAD

Kristen Figg

Among the many things to consider when traveling, the possibility of dying in a foreign country is not usually at the top of the list. However, about 750 Americans die each year in traffic accidents alone while traveling in foreign lands.

When a U.S. citizen dies abroad, the death must be reported to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate, wherein the Bureau of Consular Affairs will assist by confirming the death, identity, and citizenship of the deceased and by attempting to locate and notify next of kin. It will also coordinate with the legal representative regarding remains and personal effects, provide guidance on forwarding funds to cover costs, and serve as provisional conservator of the estate if there is no legal representative in the country. Finally, the Bureau will prepare documents for the disposition of remains and distribution of personal effects, and forward signed copies of the consular report of death of a US citizen abroad. The consulate cannot, however, incur any of the expenses for repatriating remains or shipping personal effects which can amount to tens of thousands of dollars, particularly if your death occurs in a country where cremation is not permitted. It is therefore advisable to add "repatriation" to travel insurance or private medical insurance, which will cover body preparation, paperwork, associated certificates, coffin, and transportation of the body or ashes of the insured from place of death to the home country. Beware, though, that some policies may not pay out if the death is from a pre-existing medical condition, so, as always, read carefully.

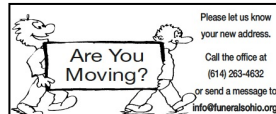
If you are not travelling with immediate next of kin, consider using the form for Agent for Disposition of Remains, which the Consulate may find useful. For more information, see: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/while-abroad/death-abroad1.html>

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## GREEN AND NATURAL BURIALS in OHIO

Cathy Elkins

Green or natural burials are eco-friendly alternatives to traditional burial. Ohio has 6 certified Green Cemeteries:

Canton Cemetery Association Natural Burial Ground in Canton

[www.cantoncemeteryassociation.net](http://www.cantoncemeteryassociation.net)

Foxfield Preserve Conservation Burial Ground in Wilmot, OH [www.foxfieldpreserve.org](http://www.foxfieldpreserve.org)

Glen Forest Natural Burial Cemetery in Yellow Springs, OH <https://glenforestcemetery.com>

Kokosing Nature Preserve in Gambier, OH [www.kenyon.edu/kokosing-nature-preserve/](http://www.kenyon.edu/kokosing-nature-preserve/)

Preble Memory Gardens Cemetery in West Alexandria, OH [www.greenburialatpmg.com](http://www.greenburialatpmg.com)

Union Grove Cemetery in Canal Winchester. [www.ugcemetery.com](http://www.ugcemetery.com)

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# Thank You to our Wonderful Donors!

(As of April 4, 2023. Our apologies if we have missed anyone)



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To be Green, a cemetery must obtain a Green Burial Certification, prohibit embalmed bodies, concrete, plastic, metal or other materials for caskets, vaults and liners; minimize use of pesticides and herbicides; and preserve native plants. Costs can range from \$1,000 to \$4,000, or more. I checked with the two Funeral Directors with whom FCACO has a contract. Mr. Kyle Conroy of Conroy Funeral Home in Springfield, Ohio advised me that his facility is certified as a Green Funeral Home. The cost for a Green burial is \$3495 (discounted for FCACO members). The cost covers the basic service fee, refrigeration fee, necessary permits, hearse, body preparation for burial in a simple shroud and a graveside service. Burial is at the Glen Forest Cemetery in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Private viewing can be provided for an additional fee. The Funeral Director coordinates between the parties if there is a committal service. The cemetery charges \$1500 for a plot and \$650 for opening and closing a grave.

Mr. Pallay at Cook & Son, Pallay Funeral Home in Columbus offers a natural burial option for \$1400. This includes transfer of the body to the funeral home, placement of the unembalmed body into a cardboard box, and transportation to Evergreen Cemetery/Eastlawn on the southeast side of Columbus, which is a natural burial site, but not a certified Green Cemetery. Mr. Thor Triplet, owner of Evergreen, said the cost for a plot and to open and close a natural burial grave is \$1475 and includes a tent if there is a grave side service. If not, \$50 is deducted.