Restless spirits of Oakwood Cemetery beckon all to OHA's Ghostwalk

Stowell Monument, Oakwood Cemetery

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For the next two weekends, restless spirits will summon the living to Syracuse’s historic Oakwood Cemetery for the first annual “Icons of Oakwood” Ghostwalk. The Ghostwalk is presented by Onondaga Historical Association, in collaboration with the Historic Oakwood Cemetery Preservation Association. A number of the cemetery’s restless souls will be on hand to tell their stories to those who dare venture the winding pathways. Guides will lead visitors to the places where they will encounter several of the spirits who call Oakwood their home.

Dedicated in 1859, Oakwood Cemetery was designed by New York City landscape architect Howard Daniels, and is an excellent example of nineteenth century rural cemetery landscape architecture. Today, the cemetery comprises one hundred and sixty acres.

Dates for “Icons of Oakwood” are June 17th and 18th and 24th and 25th. Tours will leave from the Cemetery chapel every fifteen minutes beginning at 6:00 p.m. each evening. Reservations made before June 15th will cost $8. for OHA members and $10. for non-members. After June 15th, admission will cost $10. for OHA members and $12. for non-members. Advance reservations are strongly advised. For more information and to make reservations, call OHA at (315) 428-1864, extension 312.

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