

## *help us help Riverside Cemetery*

Your donation to Friends of Historic Riverside Cemetery helps promote awareness and preservation of Denver's oldest cemetery.

### *membership*

I would like to join the Friends at the following level:

- Individual member    \_\_\_ \$10
- Family                   \_\_\_ \$15
- Nonprofit               \_\_\_ \$20
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### *donation.*

Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### *volunteer*

Please contact me with volunteer opportunities in:

- \_\_\_ events
- \_\_\_ preservation
- \_\_\_ environment
- \_\_\_ fundraising

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Please enclose check or money order and send to:

**Friends of Historic Riverside Cemetery**  
**P.O. Box 16237**  
**Denver, CO 80216**

To pay by credit card, please visit us online at  
*friendsofriversidecemetery.org.*

How did you hear about the Friends? \_\_\_\_\_

*The Friends of Historic Riverside Cemetery has applied for 501(c)3 status from the IRS. Your donation may be tax deductible, please contact your tax professional for more information.*

For more information, visit [friendsofriversidecemetery.org](http://friendsofriversidecemetery.org).

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## *our mission*

The Friends of Historic Riverside Cemetery is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness and promoting preservation of Denver's oldest cemetery.

## *about Riverside Cemetery*

Riverside Cemetery, founded in 1876, is Denver's oldest operating cemetery and is designated as a national historic district.

Many of Colorado's most famous pioneers found their final resting place at Riverside, including Augusta Tabor, Barney and Julia Ford, Silas Soule, three territorial governors – John Evans, Samuel Elbert and John Routt – and numerous mayors, entrepreneurs and civic figures.

A rich variety of religions and cultures are represented at Riverside, including Russian Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Italian and African American.

Riverside also hosts an official military cemetery, and is the permanent home of more than 1,000 veterans from the Civil War through the first Gulf War.

The statuary at Riverside is a document of 130 years of Colorado history: the imagery above the ground is every bit as compelling as the history under the ground. For instance, the unique Drake Cabin (pictured on the cover) is the limestone monument to Black Hawk pioneer Lester Drake.

Riverside Cemetery has been owned and operated by the Fairmount Cemetery Company since 1900. Although plot sales ended in 2005, the cemetery is still operating and remains an extraordinary frontier burial ground. As a testament to its importance to Colorado's heritage and its need for assistance, Colorado Preservation, Inc., identified Riverside Cemetery as one of *Colorado's Most Endangered Places* in 2008.

## *who we are*

Volunteer-run and supported by donations and membership fees, the Friends of Historic Riverside Cemetery represent a broad spectrum of the community including local historians, family members, artists and neighbors.

## *promoting awareness*

The Friends of Riverside Cemetery is dedicated to promoting awareness and education of the historical and cultural value of Riverside through our Web site ([friendsofriversidecemetery.org](http://friendsofriversidecemetery.org)) and through printed material.

## *organizing and promoting events*

The Friends produce, co-produce and promote events at the cemetery including tours led by experts in history, culture, architecture and horticulture. Events also take place at other venues, including art galleries, libraries and museums.

## *conducting preservation activities*

The Friends of Historic Riverside Cemetery have an interest in restoration and maintenance activities at the cemetery, including headstones and sculptures. These activities are coordinated with the owners of the cemetery and are conducted by experts in historic preservation assisted by volunteers.

## *improving and maintaining the environment at Riverside*

The Friends hope to improve and help maintain the horticulture and environmental features of the cemetery that have suffered dramatically in recent years due to limited water access. Activities include planting and tending low-water use (xeriscape) gardens as well as supporting the existing landscape. The primary maintenance of the cemetery will continue to be handled by the cemetery's owner.

## *raising funds*

In coordination with the property's owners, the Friends of Historic Riverside Cemetery intends to apply for public and private grants to support our education, preservation and restoration programs.

## *how you can help*

As a membership-based, non-profit organization, our activities are primarily supported through generous individual donations of time and money. We encourage you to get involved however you can:

## *join the Friends*

Our annual membership fees are affordably priced, starting at \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families.

## *make a donation*

Every dollar you donate to the Friends goes directly to support our efforts to save Riverside.

## *volunteer*

One of the best ways to help Riverside Cemetery is through your time; we need help with promotions, events, preservation and fundraising.

Please use the form on the back, or visit our Web site, [friendsofriversidecemetery.org](http://friendsofriversidecemetery.org), to join us in helping to save Riverside Cemetery.

