

Membership Benefits

Friends presents educational programs, hosts social events, and coordinates volunteer activities.



We offer guided walking tours of the cemetery in the spring and fall.



We publish a quarterly newsletter, *Heritage Happenings*.

Visit our website to read past issues at www.friendsofbnc.org.



Members also receive:

- ◆ Discounts on books and gifts
- ◆ Member rates for tours
- ◆ Opportunities to work with others who share your interest in the cemetery

Our members appreciate the cemetery as a showcase of art, sculpture, and architecture; a source of historical and genealogical information; and a serene resting place.

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About Friends

Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2004.

Our mission is to promote the historical significance, enhance

the beauty, and preserve the artistic heritage of Bohemian National Cemetery.

We work to restore and preserve the cemetery’s buildings, monuments, records and family stories.

Friends and Bohemian National Cemetery have received numerous grants and donations, enabling the repair and restoration of:

- crematorium/columbarium roof
- historic water tower
- gatehouse bell tower
- cemetery burial registers
- art glass windows in the Ceremony Hall



We continue our work on various restoration projects at the cemetery, with a particular focus on the crematorium/columbarium building.

Please join us. Become a member of Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery.

About the Cemetery

Bohemian National Cemetery was founded in 1877 by eight Bohemian fraternal societies “to provide suitable burial site for persons of Bohemian birth or extraction.” Ten years later, the cemetery was opened to all nationalities on a non-sectarian basis.

After two expansions, the cemetery today covers about 124 acres, where over 115,000 are at rest in mausoleums, gravesites, tombs, and columbaria.

Bohemian National Cemetery has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 2006.



Points of Interest

- 1915 crematorium/columbarium (photo above) with interior decoration by John A. Mallin
- Anton J. Cermak family mausoleum
- Unique war memorials
- Sculptures by Albin Polasek and J. Mario Korbel
- Beyond the Vines columbarium for Chicago Cub fans
- Graves of 144 victims of the *Eastland* Disaster
- Funerary art, including Victorian treestones, “littering ladies,” Egyptian Revival symbolism, Art Deco designs, and enameled portraits

Join Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery

(circle desired membership) One-Year Membership: \$30 Individual; \$40 Family; \$25 Student or Senior; \$30 Senior Family
 Two-Year Membership: \$55 Individual; \$70 Family; \$ 45 Senior Family
 Membership year is from January 1st through December 31st.
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