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Cemetery Preservation

Seminar Overview

Learn how to begin a cemetery preservation or restoration project and how to help ensure that sound choices are made to avoid harming what you seek to protect. Discussions focus on current issues in cemetery preservation, such as recording and documenting cemeteries and graveyards, undertaking preservation efforts, and exploring conservation techniques and issues.

Agenda

Day One

- Introduction
- Nature of cemeteries
- Overview of preservation planning
- Major stone types
- Major types of markers
- Transcription and recordation issues
- Symbolism
- How use make recordation projects functional
- Landscape, planting, and maintenance issues
- Access, circulation, pavements, and pathways
- Lighting, security, and amenities
- Signage and administrative issues
- Problems of specific stone types
- Conservation issues
- Resetting
- Cleaning
- Ironwork

Day Two

- Sugaring and consolidants
- Stone repair issues
- Concrete repair issues
- Understanding mortars and specifications
- Repointing, with special emphasis on box tombs and cemetery brickwork
- Stucco and whitewashing
- On-site examination of repair issues
- On-site examination of landscape issues