LAUREL HILL CEMETERY’S SPEAKERS SERIES

What
Laurel Hill Cemetery was founded in 1836 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as the first landscape-designed garden cemetery in the United States. We now hold title as the first cemetery to be designated a National Historic Landmark. Today, the site is managed by the Friends of Laurel Hill, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to its interpretation and preservation. Proceeds raised through the Friends’ Speakers Series support these charitable missions.

Through the Speakers Series, a knowledgeable Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery guide will visit your host site and present a lecture on a cemetery-related topic of your choosing. Lectures will last up to 1.5 hours and include a slideshow presentation and Q&A session.

Terms
The host site must supply a laptop, projector and screen (or blank, white wall) for the PowerPoint presentation, a working electrical source and extension cord (if necessary). As needed in larger spaces, or with larger audiences, the host site will also be responsible for providing a microphone and amplification.

Fee
The fee for the Speakers Series is $250, with a $75 deposit. This rate covers transportation and speaker fees for lectures within a 25 mile radius of Laurel Hill Cemetery, located at 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132. Rates may vary depending on audience size and distance.

Scheduling Information
All lectures must be booked two months in advance on a mutually agreed upon date and time. To schedule a lecture, a reservation form must be completed and returned to the Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery, along with a $75 deposit, payable via cash, check or any major form of credit card. Once a date has been established, and deposit received, an e-mail confirmation will be sent.

Cancellation Policy
Cancellations must be made two weeks prior to the lecture date. For lectures cancelled less than two weeks in advance, the deposit is non-refundable. A $20 processing fee will apply to all cancellations.

Our Audience
Laurel Hill Cemetery’s Speaker Series is appropriate for all audiences including students, senior groups, cultural organizations, history buffs and social clubs.

Lecture Topics:
All lectures will include general information and history of Laurel Hill, with an emphasis on one of the following topics: General History, Civil War/Military, Ladies of Laurel Hill, Victorian Symbolism, or Art and Architecture. Additional topics are available upon request.