

THE BELL TOWER

BULLETIN

WEST LAUREL HILL • BRINGHURST FUNERAL HOME • TURNER FUNERAL HOME



At left, Bill with members of the Board: Wilson L. Smith, CFA, R. Kimber David, Alexander L. (Pete) Hoskins, President & CEO of West Laurel Hill Cemetery Company, Logan Smith, Clifford C. David, Jr., Linda Callahan Henry and Bill.

BRINGHURST ANNOUNCES NEW SUPERVISOR

Bringhurst Funeral Home is pleased to announce the appointment of its new supervisor, William A. Sickel, F.D. Bill attended Eckels College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia and has been a licensed funeral director for over sixty years. He succeeds long-time friend and business partner H. Blair Anthony, F.D., Supervisor.

As one of our long-time funeral directors Bill has happily served countless Bringhurst families throughout its history. Founded in 1822, Bringhurst Funeral Home is located here on the grounds of West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Family, friends, staff and board members attended a reception in Bill's honor in December. Welcome, Bill! (Photographs courtesy of Emma Stern)

CEMETERY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS/INTERNS

Are you looking for a new and unique volunteer opportunity? Do you enjoy local history and learning about the past? Have a special interest or area of expertise you'd like to share? Need to fulfill an internship requirement?

West Laurel Hill is looking forward to an exciting year of programs, tours and events and offers a variety of volunteer opportunities. Contact Sarah for more information: 610-668-4258 or sjb@forever-care.com



DID YOU KNOW?

WEST LAUREL HILL IS ON FACEBOOK!



2011 EVENTS

BONEYARD
BOOKWORMS
DISCUSSION

JANUARY 27th

CHOCOLATE, CANDY
& COUGH DROPS:
WEST LAUREL HILL'S
CONFECTIONERY
CONNECTIONS

FEBRUARY 20th

BONEYARD
BOOKWORMS
DISCUSSION
FEBRUARY 23rd

www.forever-care.com

215 Belmont Avenue
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
610-664-1591

Visit our Sister Cemetery
LAUREL HILL
3822 Ridge Avenue

COMING SOON...

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE

JANUARY 17th

Volunteer on the
CYNWYD HERITAGE
TRAIL!

www.cynwydheritagetrail.org

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY'S 175th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

FEBRUARY 26th

CEMETERY HOURS

Gates

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Office

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Chapel

Monday - Saturday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Holidays and Sundays
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Bringhurst Funeral Home is
available by phone
24 hours a day
by calling toll-free
1-877-668-9900

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EMPLOYEE TO OPEN STUDIO & EXHIBITION SPACE



Emma Stern

Emma Stern and her partners, Katie Tackman and Benjamin Riley, are three Philadelphia-based fine art photographers currently working to open a studio and exhibition space where they will create and show their individual photography projects.

The new space will open at 2212 Sepviva Street in Fishtown. Its location is unique as the building is shared with other fine artists and a vintage motorcycle shop. Construction is underway and the artists expect to open the space in time for First Friday on March 4th.

Emma has been with West Laurel Hill for a year assisting the accounting department, coordinating flower orders and photographing our events.

Congratulations, Emma!

CEMETERIES ANNOUNCE BOOK CLUB

Laurel Hill and West Laurel Hill Cemeteries are pleased to announce the establishment of our first book club, Boneyard Bookworms.

The Boneyard Bookworms will meet monthly at Laurel Hill or West Laurel Hill Cemetery. There is no fee to join or to attend our monthly discussions but advance registration for each session is required since space is limited.

January's pick is *Hershey: Milton S. Hershey's Extraordinary Life of Wealth, Empire, and Utopian Dreams* by Michael D'Antonio. The name Hershey has been synonymous with chocolate for over one hundred years, and although not widely known, has a connection with West Laurel Hill Cemetery. In 1915, Milton Hershey's wife, Catherine, died in Philadelphia. Because there was no cemetery in Hershey at the time, her body was held in the receiving vaults until 1918. Join the Boneyard Bookworms to discuss Milton and Catherine Hershey, their chocolate empire and their legacy.

The discussion will be held at Bringhurst Funeral Home on the grounds of West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Deadline to register is Friday, January 21st.

For more information or to register for the January meeting of the Boneyard Bookworms, contact Rachel at 610-668-0887 or raw@forever-care.com.

Visit the club's webpage for information about upcoming sessions or to register: www.boneyardbookworms.com



IN MEMORIAM...

The Bringhurst family mourns the passing of long-time supervisor and friend H. Blair Anthony. Blair passed away in October at the age of eighty-four. A funeral director for sixty years, Blair was the great-grandson of Andrew J. Bair who founded the original Andrew J. Bair & Son Funeral Home in 1822 and was a former owner/partner of the Bringhurst–Bair Funeral Home together with William A. Sickel, F.D., Supervisor. A welcome presence at Bringhurst, Blair always shared a smile and a pleasant word. He is sorely missed.



H. Blair Anthony, F.D., Supervisor