Spirits Alive at Eastern Cemetery

Spirits Alive at Eastern Cemetery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of Portland's historic Eastern Cemetery through a range of activities including regular and special summer guided tours, the annual Walk among the Shadows event and their Winter Lecture Series. Proceeds earned from these events fund the stone conservation activities so important to preserving the antique stones.

We are volunteers and welcome volunteers of all ages. Thank you for helping us and the City of Portland keep the gates to our cemetery open so that everyone can benefit from this spectacular piece of history.

This Is a Sacred Place

Thank you for supporting Eastern Cemetery by attending our event. Although we are providing entertainment this evening, it is our goal that everyone remembers this is a sacred burial ground. Please maintain a respectful demeanor, stay on Funeral Lane, follow your specter, and refrain from touching stones or markers. Funeral Lane is uneven and dimly lit, so please watch your step.

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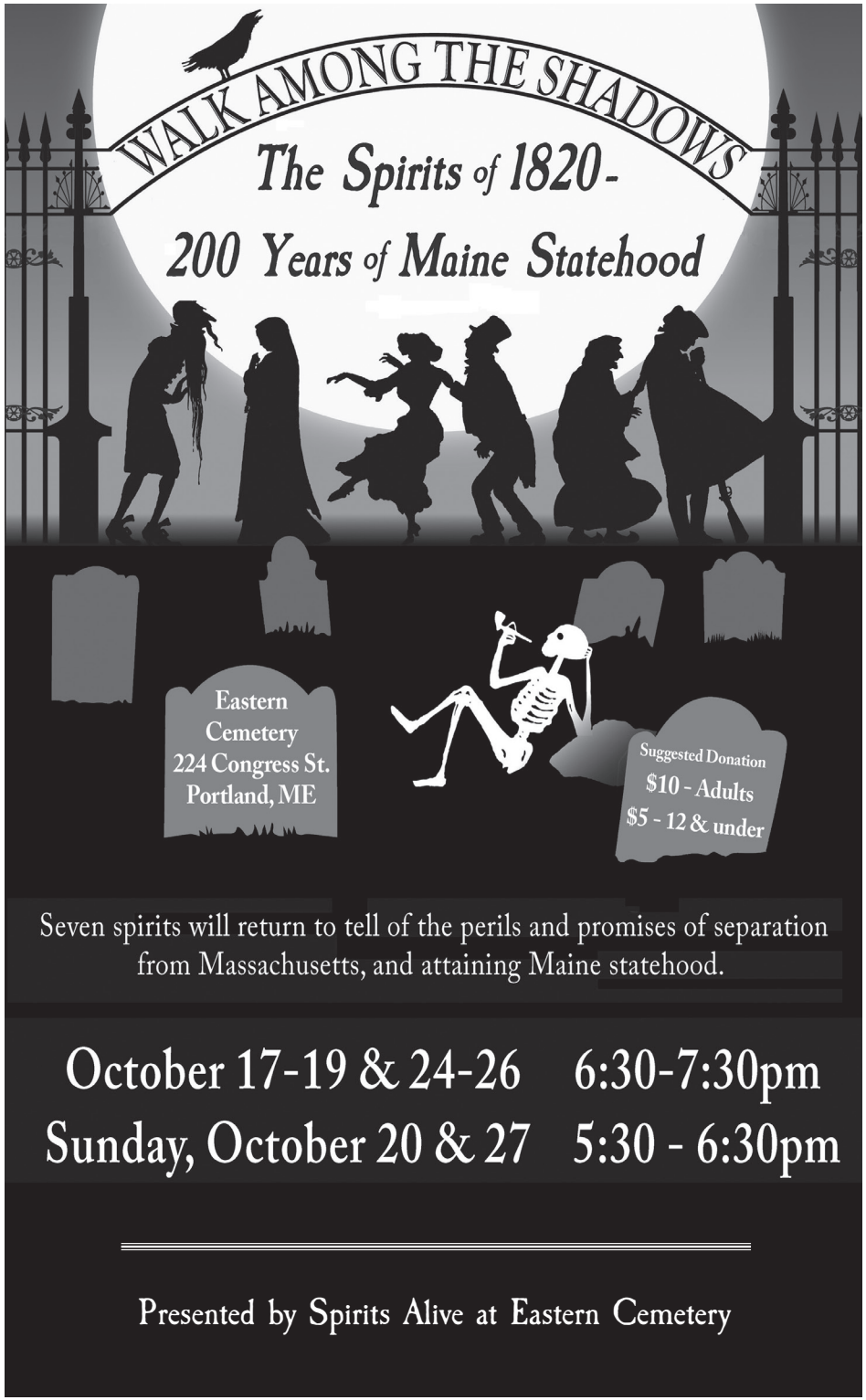
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SPIRITS ALIVE



Spirits of 1820 - 200 Years of Maine Statehood

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Spirits outside the gates

Character from novel by Sally Wood ..... Kathleen Carr Bailey

Billy Hans ..... Peter Weigel

Spirits within the gates

William King ..... Herb Adams

Elizabeth Widgery Thomas ..... Janet Lynch

John Holmes ..... Seth Berner

Christopher Christian Manuel ..... Daniel Gay

Sarah Sayward Barrell Keating Wood ..... Patricia Mew

Moses Greenleaf. ..... Chalmers Hardenbergh

Lucy Flucker Knox. ..... Rose Humeniuk

The Facts behind the fiction . . .

William King (1768-1852)

First governor of Maine (1820-1821), a wealthy businessman and politician. He was the leading force behind the movement for separation of Maine from Massachusetts, heading the Democracy of Maine movement. His homestead in Bath is a stone mansion known as "Stone House." (buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Bath)

Elizabeth Widgery Thomas (1779-1861)

Abolitionist. Married to Elias Thomas. Their home on India Street was a "safe house" for slaves on the Underground Railroad. Active in women's rights and hosted Lucy Stone, the first woman in the U.S. to graduate college, and suffragette Susan B. Anthony. Her home burned in the Great Fire of 1866. (buried Eastern Cemetery)

John Holmes (1773-1843)

A Representative from MA. When Maine became a state, he was elected as Maine U.S. Senator and served 1820-1827, and 1829-1833. Served as U.S. District Attorney for Maine. The Senator John Holmes House was erected in 1820 in Alfred. (buried Eastern Cemetery, private tomb of Cotton Brooks)

Christopher Christian Manuel (1784-1845)

Native of Cape Verde and a leader of Portland's Black community. The first elected President of the Portland Anti-Slavery Society. An entrepreneur, and bought a plot next door to the Abyssinian Meeting House. (buried in Eastern Cemetery)

Sarah "Sally" Sayward Barrell Keating Wood (1759-1854)

Considered the first American female writer of gothic fiction. She lived more than nine decades, authored four novels and one collection of tales, and was renowned as Maine's first novelist. (buried Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk)

Moses Greenleaf (1777-1834)

Maine's first mapmaker. He believed that Maine's economic and civil success depended on a clear understanding of its geographic, economic, and demographic resources. He reached out to the indigenous people in Maine to learn from their knowledge of the territory. (buried Brownville Village Cemetery)

Lucy Flucker Knox(1756-1824)

Daughter of Royalist officer Thomas Flucker. Lucy joined the Continental Army with her husband, Henry Knox. He became Secretary of Defense under President Washington. They had 10 children, only 3 of whom survived. Their mansion in Thomaston, Maine was resurrected in 1929 as a museum. (buried Thomaston Village Cemetery)

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