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 new 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.

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Thank you for supporting Eastern Cemetery by making a donation to Spirits Alive. You'll find the link on our website. We are thrilled to bring you our event for free this year, and appreciate your donations to help keep our cemetery healthy and beautiful.

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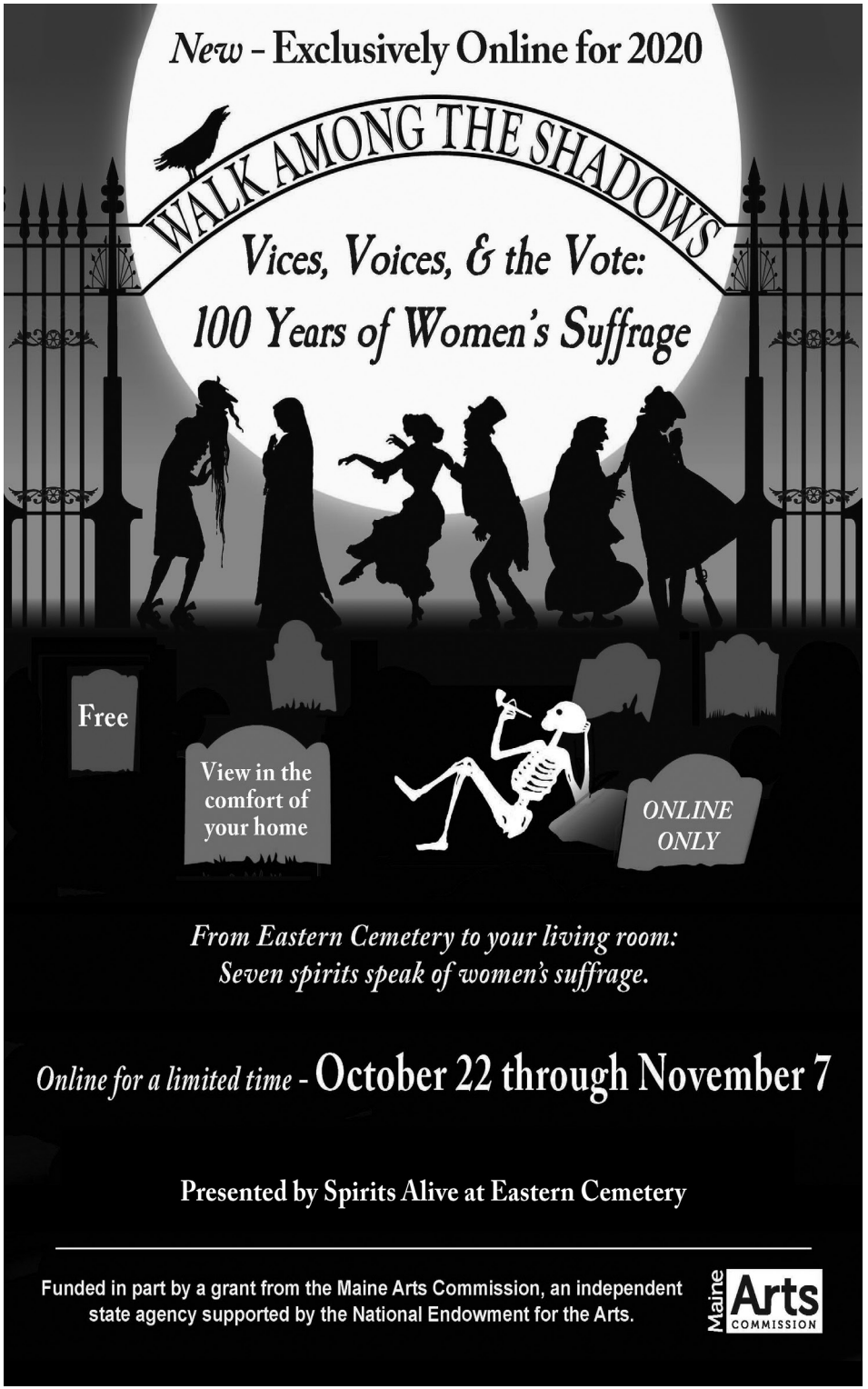
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Spirits outside the gates

Julia Bragdon Parsons . . . . . Kathleen Carr Bailey

Billy Hans . . . . . Peter Weigel

Spirits within the gates

John Neal . . . . . Herb Adams

Alice Greele . . . . . Rose Humeniuk

Lillian M. N. Stevens . . . . . Lynne Cullen

James McGlnchy . . . . . Seth Berner

Lydia Louisa Neal Dennett . . . . . Molly Donlan

Frederick Hale . . . . . Chalmers Hardenbergh

Augusta Hunt . . . . . Janet Lynch

The Facts behind the fiction . . .

John Neal (1793–1876) (Western Cemetery, Portland)

An American writer, critic, editor, lecturer, and activist. Considered eccentric and influential, he delivered speeches and wrote magazine essays, novels, poems, and short stories in the US and Great Britain. Neal advanced the development of American art, advocated for early feminist causes, advocated the end of slavery and racism, and helped establish the gymnastics movement in the US. A pioneer of colloquialism and natural diction, John Neal is the first author to use "son-of-a-bitch" in a work of fiction.

Alice Greele (d. 1795)

Owner of Greele's Tavern (1735-1795). Greele's, which stood on 300 Congress Street, was a popular meeting place for various groups, clubs, and societies. In 1761, Alice was a nurse during a smallpox epidemic. The town voted her $4.00/week for her services. After Alice's death, her daughter sold the building, which was moved to Forest Avenue. It burned down in the Great Fire of 1866.

Lillian M.N. Stevens (1843–1914) (Stroudwater Burying Ground, Portland)

American temperance worker and social reformer, born in Dover, Maine. She helped launch the Maine chapter of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, served as its president, and was elected president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union after the death of Frances Willard. She studied at the Foxcroft Academy, and the Westbrook Seminary.

James McGlinchy (c. 1821 – d. 1880) (Calvary Cemetery, South Portland)

James McGlinchy was born in County Derry, Ireland. He sold Casco Brewery beer, along with other imported ales and liquors, at his shop and saloon at 89 Commercial Street (121-123 Commercial now). McGlinchy closed that shop in 1875. His wife had died four years before, and he had lost two daughters, aged 24 and 18, in the year before his death. At his death, his estate was worth $200,000.

Lydia Louise Neal Dennett (1798 - 1881) (Evergreen Cemetery, Portland)

Mrs. Lydia Neal Dennett was born in Eliot, Maine. She was educated in a Quaker home; married Oliver Dennett in 1822; they lived on Spring Street in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Dennett were among the pioneers of the antislavery movement in Portland. She was a first cousin of John Neal. They were personal friends of William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass, and many other abolitionists to whom their home was always open.

Frederick Hale (1874 –1963) (Woodbine Cemetery, Ellsworth)

U.S. Senator from Maine; born in Detroit, Mich.; attended preparatory schools in Lawrenceville, N.J., and Groton, Mass.; graduated from Harvard University in 1896; attended Columbia Law School from 1896 to 1897; admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of law in Portland, Maine, in 1899; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1916, 1922, 1928, 1934.

Augusta Merrill Barstow Hunt (1842-1932) (Evergreen Cemetery, Portland)

Born in Portland in 1842. She and her husband lived at 165 State Street and raised two sons. She had a lifelong interest in improving the lives of women and children. She heard a story of a husband who sent his children to live with relatives in Canada. His wife objected but had no legal way to stop him. Hunt went to work, and in 1895, the Maine legislature passed an equal guardianship law.

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