

Headstone Cleaning Event

May 7, 2022 at 9 – 12 am (weather permitting)

Old Section of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (top of hill)

The Lock 52 Historical Society Cemetery Committee will be hosting a headstone cleaning event. The goals will be to clean some headstones, do a bit of inventory and headstone assessment for future events. We will also offer advice on the proper cleaning techniques and what not to do.

Lock 52 will provide a few cleaning kits in 5-gallon buckets. These will contain trigger spray bottles, water jugs, plastic scrapers and scrubbing brushes. We will also have on hand larger pump type garden sprayers for the final rinsing and a limited supply of D-2 biocide which is one of the few chemicals that is headstone safe.

You might wish to bring your own brushes and cleaning aids. Please be certain that they are nylon or natural fibers— no metal, brass, or very stiff bristles. Cheap plastic scrapers are also very good. Also, **DO NOT** bring your own soaps or cleaning chemicals. The only chemical that we will use is D-2. (Of course, if you are cleaning your own family headstones you are free to use whatever you wish, but it is not recommended.) You might wish to bring something to kneel or sit on, and of course you will want to wear old clothes.

We will also have on hand garden spades and trowels to help clean around the stones, and probes in case we need to look for any buried stones.

You are welcome to come clean you family stones, or pick one of the over 4000 stones and monuments in the cemetery.

We will be at the cemetery between 9 and noon, so feel free to show up anytime, keeping in mind that it might take 30 minutes to clean one stone.

There will be more events throughout the year. We are also looking for people and groups who might wish to help with more intensive headstone straightening, resetting, and repair.

Check out the blog on the Lock 52 website or Facebook page to see how a simple scrubbing can make a big difference.

Questions? Call Mike at 315-704-8874