

Local Events

Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board Meetings

2019 Meeting Dates

Tuesday, July 9th
Tuesday, October 8th

Please note:

Meetings will typically be held at the
State Board Offices at
800 NE Oregon St, Suite 430
in Portland at 9 AM.

For official location information,
you can contact the OMCB at 971.673.1500

Funeral Service Practitioner & Death Care Consultant Exam Schedule

(Exams Held At The Portland State Office Building)

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OFDA Events

2019 Convention
April 29th-May 2nd
Chinook Winds Resort
Lincoln City, Oregon

National Events

May 2019

16-17th
NFDA

Embalming & Restorative Art Seminar
Pittsburgh Institute Of Mortuary Science
Pittsburgh, PA

July 2019

13-16th
NFDA

Leadership Conference
Manchester Grand Hyatt
San Diego, CA

20-25th

ICCFA

ICCFA University
Fogelman Executive Center
University of Memphis
Memphis, TN

August 2019

15-16th
NFDA

Embalming & Restorative Art Seminar
Location TBA
Nashville, TN

October 2019

27-30th
NFDA

2019 Annual Convention & Expo
Chicago, IL

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OFDA 2019 Convention April 29th to May 2nd in Lincoln City!



The 2019 OFDA Convention will be held
April 29th through May 2nd, in Lincoln City.
Join us at the coast!

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President's Letter

CONVENTION 2019 IN LINCOLN CITY IS A DREAM COMING TRUE!! The beach is a great place to entertain family and friends. Please come join us for a mind expanding experience and to simply share a lot of fun. The more the merrier so come one come all to listen, learn and be heard.

My dear colleagues,

Truly it has been my sincere pleasure to serve as your OFDA president this past year. My goal was simply to bridge the gap. Because of you, our faithful members, the presidency quickly became so much more. In reaching out to people throughout the whole state, listening to concerns, finding common ground, and cultivating relationships, I found a sense of fulfillment that I will cherish forever.

Let me remind you that in the state where so many of our cities are largely populated by folks looking for shelter in an environment perhaps less crowded, less toxic, and more friendly, we have the responsibility of building a culture of tolerance and useful community. We are the primary creators of meaningful, appropriate and affordable services to insure healthy transitions, thus building stronger sustainable communities. Ours is not a simple task but it is perhaps the most rewarding profession imaginable. I am so proud to be a part of something so special. Thank you all for your good efforts.

Humbly yours,
Jerome Daniel
OFDA President

Executive Director's Letter

Spring is here and with it the OFDA Convention just around the corner. We are looking forward to meeting with all of you at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort hotel in Lincoln City on April 29th through May 1st. We have a great agenda to be presented with some very interesting and heartfelt material that will benefit all. Oh, and let's not forget the annual Golf Tournament where the proceeds go to fund the OFDA scholarship for someone that will stay in Oregon and practice as a Funeral Director and or Embalmer. We still have room for more players and will register players right up to tee time on Monday the 29th. If you still need to sign up for the Convention, please do so as soon as possible. Call the OFDA office if you have any questions.

OFDA's lobbyist Wally Ordeman has been very busy in Salem with the legislature being in session. We are fortunate to have Wally representing the members of the OFDA and others in the industry here in Oregon. His experience and ability to navigate the challenges of the legislative chambers in Salem have proven to be quite effective in serving our needs and those of the public. Wally and Chad Dresslehaus of the OMCB will update everyone on the current activity in the legislature regarding current bills that affect us at the Convention - a must see on Tuesday, April 30th.

The OFDA will be publishing the District Meeting schedules and proposed locations after the Convention. Please annotate your calendars and attend. If you have any suggestions as to the discussion at these meetings, please send them to rick@ofda.org

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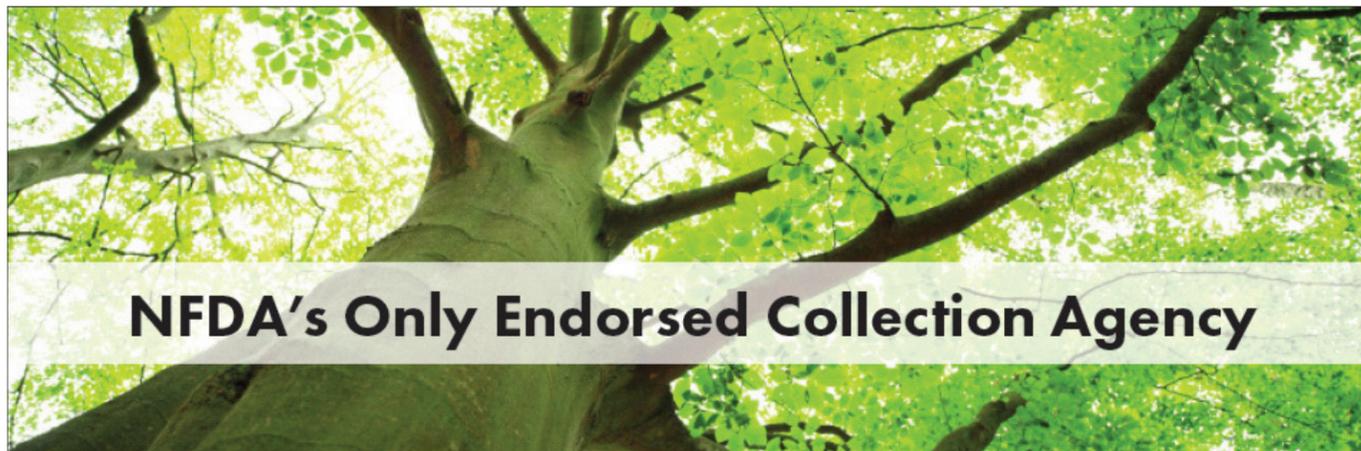
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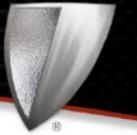
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Vehicle Preparation

While it's true that a driver's skills, training, and experience are key to safety on the road, there's plenty that can be done before a vehicle leaves the garage to help a driver stay safe between Point A and Point B. Make sure all your vehicles are prepared — inside and out — for their intended use before you send employees out into traffic.

In the Cab

Ditch the distractions — Distracted driving is a leading cause of accidents, injuries, and deaths on the road. Train your drivers to refrain from using their mobile devices while operating a vehicle and avoid using communication devices (even hands-free ones) unless absolutely necessary.

Keep it clean — It's common knowledge that a clean workspace is a safe and efficient workspace. Make sure to remove clutter that can draw a driver's attention away from the road or impede the use of pedals. Make sure windows are clean, and mirrors and back-up cameras are clear.

Prepare for an emergency — Even a vehicle with an impeccable service record can break down, so keep an emergency roadside kit in each vehicle. Equipment recommendations include a cell phone and charger, a first-aid kit, flashlight, flares or reflectors, jumper cables, water, and blankets.

Under the hood

Get a grip — When the rubber meets the road, your vehicles' tires can mean the difference between disaster and safe arrival. Make sure the tire tread, inflation level, and overall tire condition are safe for use. Swap the tires with new ones if they're getting old or worn. If you do business in a cold-weather state, make sure your vehicles are equipped with the proper tires for the weather.

Practice constant care — Regular maintenance will help ensure that your vehicles are in proper working order. Oil changes, transmission service, and brake service are just a few of the recommended procedures. Consult a trusted technician for frequency and extent of service.

Watch for recalls — Manufacturers often send out notices when a safety recall is ordered, but taking an active role in safety is always the best policy. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offers a vehicle identification number look-up tool so you can check if your vehicles are under any safety recalls. Simply visit www.nhtsa.gov/recalls and enter your vehicles' VINs.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. So, before you or your employees head out, make sure all your vehicles are ready for what the road has in store.

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COURSE OUTLINE:

Morning Session: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Room 1564

Embalmng Demonstration (Body to be present) Presented by: Scott Whitaker& Monty Birge. This presentation will cover 1) Handling remains including: embalming report form, cot to preparation table, body positioning, and sanitizing body. 2) Feature Posing including: eyes, mouth, maintaining facial character lines, and cotton or InrSeel in mouth. 3) Embalming techniques including: vessel selection, pressure and rate of flow, chemical dilutions, discussion of techniques used for posted remains, embalming treatments for special requirement area, and when do we treat internal organs? 4) Post embalming treatments including: application of packs and application of cream to face and hands. The latest information regarding preparation of infectious remains will be stressed.

Luncheon Recess: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Afternoon Session: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Room 1564

Cosmetic, Restorative Art and/or further embalming -Presented by Monty Birge and Scott Whitaker

REGISTER BY TELEPHONE: Call (503) 419-7967

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MONTY BIRGE - Currently serves as the Dodge Sales Representative in Washington, Northern Idaho, Western Montana, and Alaska. In 2000, Monty started working at Mt. View Cemetery and Funeral Home in Lakewood WA, where he worked until 2012. He then attended Pima Medical Institute and graduated in 2014. After graduation in 2014 he worked for Bonney Watson, and then moved closer to home working at Haven Of Rest in Gig Harbor. Monty joined the team of Dodge Sales Representatives in 2017.

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Wednesday, April 24th, 2019 -9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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2019 OFDA CONVENTION AGENDA

April 29 – May 2, 2019

Chinook Winds Casino / Hotel
 Lincoln City, Oregon

Monday, April 29th

8:00a – 3:00p	Golf Scramble (Rick)	Chinook Winds Golf Resort
1:00p	Convention Registration Opens (Mia)	Chinook Winds Hotel
1:00p	Exhibitor Set-Up Begins	Chinook Winds Hotel
5:00 - 6:00p	OFDA Board Meeting (Jerome Daniel)	Chinook Winds Hotel
6:00p – 9:00p	Welcome Reception/Golf Awards (Rick)	Chinook Winds Hotel

Sponsored by Lions VisionGift & Community Tissue Services

Tuesday, April 30th

All Events Today Held at Chinook Winds Hotel

7:45a-8:45a	Past Presidents' Breakfast (OFDA Past Presidents Only) Host: Jerome Daniel
8:00a-9:00a	Buffet Breakfast (Conference Rm) <i>Sponsored by PRECOA</i>
9:00a – 9:15a	Opening Remarks – Jerome Daniel, OFDA President (Conference Room) Posting of Colors - Oregon Honor Guard
9:15a – 10:00a	Exhibitor Introductions (Rick Harvey)
10:00a - 10:15a	Break – <i>Sponsored by First Interstate Bank</i>
10:15a – 11:00a	Memorial Service - Presented by: Jeff Musgrove
11:00a – 11:50a	Speaker – Jim Brown, Federated Ins. (Rob Neff)
11:50a - 12:15p	Speaker – Marc Lund, NFTS Update
12:15p-1:00p	Lunch – <i>Sponsored by Matthews Aurora Funeral Solutions</i>
1:00-1:45p	Speaker- Debbie Yobs, Pres. CJD Foundation. Meghan Lewis, PDPS Center (Holly)
1:45-2:15p	Speaker- Stephen Ladd-Wilson, Oregon Health Authority (Gene)
2:15-2:45p	Speaker- Heidi Stewart, Community Tissue Services (Jerome)
2:45-3:00p	Break – <i>Sponsored by FDLIC</i>
3:00p – 3:45p	Speaker – Wally Ordeman, & Chad Dresslehaus (OMCB) Leg. Update, (Jason)
3:50p – 5:00p	OFDA Business Meeting / Jerome Daniel / NFTS Update / Marc Lund (Open Evening)

Wednesday, May 1st

All Events Today Held at Chinook Winds Hotel

8:00a - 9:30a	Continental Breakfast, "Exhibitor Time"
9:30a – 10:00a	Speaker: Jeff Musgrove, NFDA Presentation (Jerome Daniel)
10:00a – 12:00n	Keynote: Angelique Simpson (Matthews-Aurora) Be Audacious in Funeral Svc. (Rob) <i>Sponsored by NFDA</i>
12 noon - 1:00p	Buffet Lunch, Exhibitor Time <i>Sponsored by National Funeral Trust Service</i>
1:00p - 2:00p	Speaker – Chad Dresslehaus, OMCB (Alan)
2:00 – 2:15p	Break - <i>Sponsored by Batesville</i>
2:15 – 3:15p	Speaker – Angelique Simpson (Matthews-Aurora), Cremation Phone Inquiries (Randy)
3:15 – 3:30p	Closing Remarks – Jerome Daniel, OFDA President

EXHIBITOR TEAR DOWN MAY BEGIN ANY TIME AFTER 3 PM TODAY

6:00p -7:00p	Banquet Reception Chinook Winds Hotel (Conference Room) (Business Attire)
7:00p - 9:00p	Installation Banquet – Jerome Daniel, Rob Neff by Jeff Musgrove (NFDA Policy Board) <i>Banquet Wine Sponsored by Oregon Wilbert</i> <i>Banquet Flowers Sponsored by First Interstate Bank</i>
9:00p – 11:00p	Music in the Conference Room

Thursday, May 2nd

Chinook Winds Hotel

9:00a -11:00a	OFDA Board Meeting & Welcome Breakfast <i>OFDA Board & Staff Only</i>	Rob Neff
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Refine Your Skills With Other NFDA Education Offerings

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Beyond the new NFDA Virtual Roundtables and free webinars, the association has a variety of offerings to help funeral directors raise the bar professionally and personally.

NFDA's certification and training programs include the Arranger Training Program, Cremation Certification Program and Certified Preplanning Consultant Program. These programs offer an in-depth exploration of issues that funeral directors encounter on a daily basis. The tips, tools and techniques learned during these seminars can transform a funeral director's approach to serving families and lead to increased client satisfaction.

NFDA Online Learning Courses enable funeral directors to learn from the best experts in funeral service to boost their business knowledge and skills wherever and whenever they have Internet access. In recent months, NFDA has unveiled new courses such as:

- *Embalming Risk Management* (3 CE Hours)
- *2018 Annual All-staff Training with the FTC Funeral Rule Coordinator* (3 CE Hours)
- *Approaching Trauma Cases with Confidence* (3 CE Hours)
- *Demonstration of Soft Tissue Repair* (4 CE Hours)
- *Supporting Pregnancy Loss Families* (3 CE Hours)
- *Do-It-Yourself Memorials (with a Little Help from the Funeral Director)* (2 CE hours)
- *Mastering the Art of Funeral Home Phone Etiquette* (1 CE Hour)
- *The Relevance of Restorative Art* (3 CE)
- *RSVP: I'll See You at My Living Funeral* (2 CE Hours)
- *Ten Tools for Stress Relief* (3 CE Hours)

NFDA's conferences and events, which culminate with the annual International Convention & Expo, are specially planned to help funeral professionals take their career and business to the next level. These events offer a chance to grow personally and professionally through unique opportunities to learn from the some of the best minds in the profession and network with peers.

May 16-17 – Embalming & Restorative Art Seminar
Pittsburgh, PA
July 13-16 – Leadership Conference
San Diego, CA
August 15-16 – Embalming & Restorative Art Seminar
Nashville, TN
October 27-30 – NFDA International Convention & Expo
Chicago, IL

New Catalog Released of Dr. Alan Wolfelt's Educational Seminars

The Center for Loss and Life Transition announces the publication of their 2019-2021 Educational Seminars for Bereavement Caregivers catalog. The Center for Loss and Life Transition is dedicated to the education and support of both the bereaved and bereavement caregivers. Dr. Alan Wolfelt's seminars have evolved out of a demand for concise yet comprehensive information in the area of death education and counseling. During these four-day training sessions, Dr. Wolfelt teaches practical ways to “companion” people in grief. These seminars are designed to meet the needs of people from a variety of backgrounds, including hospice staff and volunteers, mental health care providers, social workers, clergy, school personnel, funeral directors, nurses and physicians, students and other interested professionals, as well as lay people.

Author, educator, and grief counselor Dr. Alan Wolfelt serves as Director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado. A past recipient of the Association for Death Education and Counseling's Death Educator Award, he also serves on the faculty at the University of Colorado Medical School in the Department of Family Medicine. He is the author of numerous books on grief and loss and is often consulted by popular media sources on a variety of grief related topics.

The Educational Seminars catalog is available in both physical and digital formats. To view and to learn more about Dr. Wolfelt's bereavement caregiver trainings.

18 States Now Permit Alkaline Hydrolysis

Reprinted from the NFDA Memorial Business Journal, 1/3/2019

With the turning of a new year on the calendar, a number of new state laws are enacted. With North Carolina having voted to legalize alkaline hydrolysis last year, the number of states that permit the process has increased to 18 - Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, and Wyoming.

In the past few years, several states have had alkaline hydrolysis bills introduced. A bill in Ohio was defeated in 2012 after it passed the Senate but never got out of committee in the House due to the Catholic Conference of Bishops' opposition. New Hampshire originally passed a law in 2008 allowing alkaline hydrolysis; it was later repealed. A 2013 effort to pass a new bill failed. An earlier effort in New York failed, and it has not been re-introduced. In 2017, bills were introduced in Indiana, Utah and Washington. Indiana's bill failed, Utah's bill passed in 2018, and Washington's HB 1700 is still pending.

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Keeping Historic Cemeteries Alive! Talk at 4 Daughters

Reprinted from a OCHC Press Release, 4/1/2019

Join the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries at 4 Daughters, 126 West Main Street, Medford, for Keeping Historic Cemeteries Alive! The free event will be April 24 at 7:00 p.m. The presentation explores events in historic cemeteries to connect people with their local history. Cemeteries have a purpose for mourning and memorialization. They also hold the continuous history of the community, the cultural trends over decades and preserved natural space.

The presentation will include a historic portrayal, descriptions of music and other events found in cemeteries in Oregon and beyond. Presenters include commissioners Mike Leamy from Astoria, Mark Petrie with Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians from North Bend, and Milo Reed, on the board of Oregon Black Pioneers from Portland. Joining the commissioners will be Dirk Siedlecki with the Friends of Jacksonville Pioneer Cemetery.

Events At Jacksonville Cemetery

On Saturday, May 11th, History Saturday in the Cemetery programs resume at 10:00 AM and will continue on the second Saturday of the month through August 10th. The topic of the May program is "From a Gold Town to a Trading and Business Center" Also returning in May is our popular Tuesday Evening Cemetery Strolls. The May 14th stroll which starts at 6:30 PM, will focus on some of the cemetery's Mysteries and Myths.

Both of these programs are free and no advance reservations are required. Meet your docents at the top of the cemetery road where parking is available. Donations are always appreciated and help support our work in caring for Jacksonville's Pioneer Cemetery. The Tuesday Strolls will take place on the second Tuesday of each month though August 13th.

Please mark your calendars for our Community Cemetery Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 18th from 8:00 AM to 12 noon. Help us prepare the cemetery grounds for Memorial Day and visiting family and friends. Bring gloves to wear, gas operated weed eaters, blowers, mowers, rakes and pruners. Morning refreshments and coffee will be offered along with our gratitude and appreciation.

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Eric was born and raised in Fosston, Minnesota the youngest of seven children. Being 100% Norwegian, Eric is very familiar with our local Scandinavian heritage. Eric attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota before graduating from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor's Science Degree in Mortuary Science. Soon after graduating from college, Eric moved to Eugene, OR and worked in the funeral business 18 years.

Eric is the proud father of three children, Drew, Isabella and Olivia. Eric enjoys the outdoors, golfing, fishing, hunting and camping. Eric's experience with midwestern traditions and west coast experience is a great addition to the community. Hughes-Ransom will always remain a family centered business and continues to offer the same great service you've come to expect.

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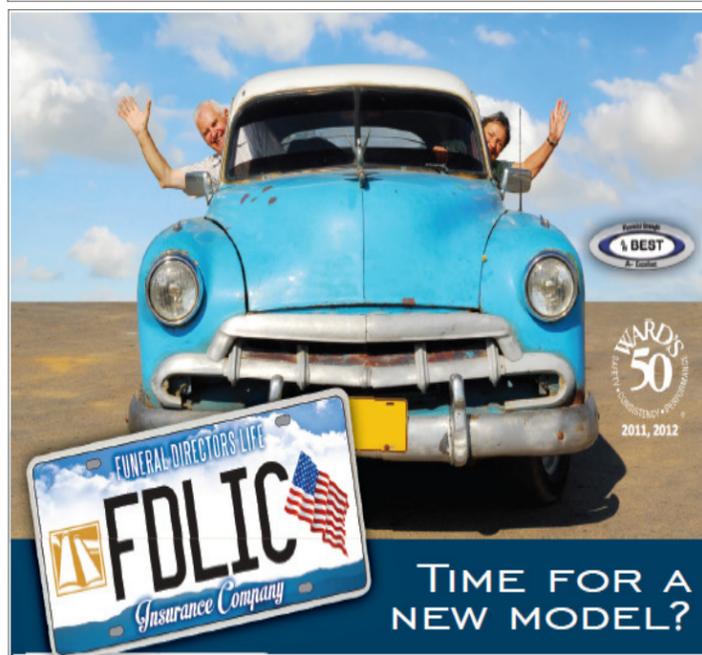
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