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Sebastopol Cemetery Walk

October 1st & 2nd, 2021

The ghosts of many departed Sonoma County citizens will awaken as current citizens to tell their stories and walk among those who attend this year's Barbara Bull Memorial Cemetery Walk at Sebastopol Memorial Lawn Cemetery.

Western Sonoma County Historical Society presents this event which supports the activities of Luther Burbank's Gold Ridge Experiment Farm and the West County Museum.

The evening begins at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, proceeds to the cemetery accompanied by the music of The HubBub Club and visits six gravesites for historic vignettes of the lives of those dearly departed, finishing with home-made apple crisp, coffee and tea served at the historic Burbank Farm. Tour times at 6:00, 6:45, 7:30, and 8:15

This is always a sell-out event and quite a bargain at \$45. Purchase tickets early, online at Event Brite.

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After a long, silent rest the spirits of the dearly departed who reside at Sebastopol Lawn will rise again!

The Western Sonoma County Historical Society will, once again, present the Barbara Bull Memorial Cemetery Walk on the evenings of October 1st and 2nd. This event has become a familiar showcase for the stories of Sebastopol's famous, and not-so-famous, departed brothers and sisters. Many friends and families have attended for years and will now be able to gather once again. This year, tickets are available online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sebastopol-cemetery-walk-tickets-160806782415?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

The spirits whose lives will be remembered this year are:

John Triggs, 1874-1951

John Francis Triggs is best remembered for owning the bicycle business that evolved into J.F. Triggs & Son Auto Parts, which he operated with his son, Delbert.

Thomas Wilton, 1831-1916

Born in New York state, Thomas Wilton settled in Sebastopol in 1864 and opened a general store with money he made prospecting for gold. In 1889 he helped fund the Sebastopol Times newspaper.

John Sebring 1841-1859

John Sebring was among the first European settlers to the Sebastopol area when the family arrived here in 1850. Nine years later, with his death at age 17, he became the first person buried in Sebastopol Memorial Lawn Cemetery.

Earl Baum, 1896-1986

Born on the family farm settled by his grandfather in 1856, his home for 90 years is now the Earle Baum Center of the Blind on Occidental Road.

Emily Frazier Robinson, 1913-1966

Emily was a Sebastopol correspondent for the Santa Rosa Press Democrat in the 1950s.

Georgia Lee Moses, 1985-1997

Georgia Lee Moses was last seen alive in August 1997 in the company of an older man. Her body was found by a Caltrans worker nine days later near Highway 101. Georgia's murder remains unsolved, but her death inspired the Tom Waits song, "Georgia Lee," as well as a home for abused and neglected children called The Children's Village.

Tours will start at **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 500 Robinson Road** and proceed to the cemetery with musical accompaniment from The HubBub Club and then proceed with their guide to the various gravesites for the historic vignettes. Desert and beverages will be served at the Luther Burbank Farm following the walk. Due to concerns about COVID, there will not be a supper preceding the walk this year. There will be four tour times each evening: 6:00, 6:45, 7:30, and 8:15. Tickets are available for \$45. This event always sells out so plan to bring friends and purchase your tickets early at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sebastopol-cemetery-walk-tickets-160806782415?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

The Western Sonoma County Historical Society is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect and promote the heritage of western Sonoma County through inspiration, education, collection, and preservation, and to support community and private efforts toward these goals. WSCHS operates the West County Museum in downtown Sebastopol across from the post office and the Luther Burbank Experiment Farm off Bodega Ave. at the eastern edge of the Sebastopol memorial Lawn. **The Cemetery Walk is the major fund-raiser for the activities of the Society.** More information about WSCHS can be found at wschs.org.

The Cemetery Walk, now in its 18th year, is dedicated to the loving memory of its creator, Barbara Bull 1944-2004. It is an ongoing work of love by a faithful group of tireless volunteers.