
Hugo Graves Team's Duties

We live in a wonderful area that is beginning to change dramatically. Together we can network and influence the changes that may occur in our neighborhood. The *Hugo Graves Team's* duties include carrying out the history elements of the *Hugo Neighborhood's* mission.

- **Preserve Our Local History (preserving, documenting, promoting & interpreting)**
- **Promote Education**

The individual members of the *Hugo Graves Team* will strive to become knowledgeable about Hugo's private home graves (Private Family Burial Grounds - ORS 97.040) and the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.^{1&2}

Members of the *Hugo Graves Team* are authorized to act independently of any direct and specific direction of the Officers, *Hugo Neighborhood*, and/or the Josephine County Historical Society. It appoints its own members. Active volunteerism is required of team members: outreach to property owners, field trips, research, reviewing and editing brochures, education, etc.

When requested by the *Hugo Neighborhood's* Officers the *Hugo Graves Team* will make recommendations to it and the Officers will make the policy decisions. However, very few "graves" decisions will actually come to the Officers, since the *Hugo Graves Team* is authorized by the Officers to independently represent the *Hugo Neighborhood* in all Hugo "graves" matters.

Hugo Neighborhood's History Mission

The big history picture mission is to promote the social welfare of its Hugo neighbors by collecting, preserving, interpreting, and researching its rich local history, and encouraging neighbor's interest in the history of the Hugo area, in their geographic place, in their community.

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Examples of history projects include promoting citizen involvement and participation with individual neighbors about their community's history: the Applegate Trail; historical telegraph and telephone lines and roads; homesteaders and donation land claimers; home graves, cemetery and tombstone quarry; railroad (Tunnel No. 9, depots, sidings, water tanks, etc.); orchards; community stores; schools, and oral histories.

Of special interest to the *Hugo Graves Team* is educating the community about its home graves and local community cemetery, the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, while protecting these cultural and historic resources.

1. Hugo Neighborhood & Josephine County Historical Society. 2007. *Hugo's Home Graves*. Hugo, OR.

2. Hugo Neighborhood Association, Pleasant Valley Cemetery Association, Josephine County Historical Society, Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, Josephine County Community Development, Josephine Soil Water Conservation District. 2004. *Pleasant Valley Cemetery*. Hugo, OR

Want More Information?

Internal The *Hugo Neighborhood* and the Josephine County Historical Society both wish to preserve grave histories and protect private grave sites through documentation. All Hugo home grave brochures are internal to those having a need to know. These brochures will not be distributed to the general public. Please guard our secrets to prevent trespass and vandalism, and to promote the protection of our community's heritage. Copies of brochures will have a very limited distribution:

- Members of the Hugo Graves Team
- Individuals Identified by Members of Hugo Graves Team As Needing To Know
- Applicable Property Owners as property owners are the first line of defense in protecting the grave sites.

Public Cemetery Data Base Information that individuals are buried on a specific tax lot is in the data base. However, the public information is that the individuals are on unidentified private holdings. For example, for William McKenzie it will identify the name, birth date, death date, and place of burial is a private holding. That way nobody will show up on the land of a private landowner wanting to see the grave(s). If a family member is interested, Boling has to be contacted first, not the landowner. Boling will then contact the landowner. In summary, the data is in the data base, but not the "where".

Want more information on the *Hugo Graves Team* ? Contact a member on how you can become involved in your community's heritage.

Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* history mission is to promote the welfare of the citizens of the area by working to promote and preserve its local history (preserving, documenting, promoting & interpreting) and promoting education. It will act, as requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to understand and represent their historical resources.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually and used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them to a member of the Hugo Graves Team; they will get them to our treasurer. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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*Esther Jane Ritchie's
Hugo Grave Site*

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