



Join us **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** in our newly air conditioned **Ames Clair Hall** for Toni's presentation of gravestone cleaning and preservation. Seats are being upholstered for more seating comfort.

Many of us are responsible for the care of family cemeteries. Our shared burying grounds in towns and churchyards also require attention to maintain them as inviting green spaces for relaxation and reflection. Cemeteries hold history and genealogy records, names and dates that can be the basis for research and education of the next generations. But what if you can't read the stones because of lichen, mold and moss?

Toni Ogden has recently been part of a team that conducted a hands-on gravestone cleaning workshop. Her presentation will discuss the correct tools, chemical solutions and methods to safely clean fragile gravestones and preserve their information as well as important tips on the repair of broken and tipping stones.

Toni Ogden holds a certificate in Collections Management and Care from Northern States Conservation Center. She is Vice-President of the Monroe County Historical Society Board and the Museum and Education Coordinator for Greenbrier Historical Society.

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