

# Decatur Cemetery News

## Gravestone Preservation

Gravestone conservator Jonathan Appell of West Hartford, Connecticut, spent a week at Decatur Cemetery in early April repairing several gravestones in the historic section. Most notable was the 19th century box tomb of Miss Emily Pittman, considered the cornerstone of preservation efforts by Friends of Decatur Cemetery/Decatur Preservation Alliance.

Funding for the project came from private donations, grants from Decatur's annual Beer Festival, and the City of Decatur. Decatur Cemetery (c. 1823) is the oldest municipal burying ground in the Atlanta area.

If you would like to demonstrate your support for this very tangible part of Decatur's past, present and future, visit [www.decaturpreservationalliance.org](http://www.decaturpreservationalliance.org) or call 404-371-4444.

## Second Sunday Strolls

Join us for the Second Sunday Cemetery Strolls on the second Sunday of every month, May-October. Meet at the Wellhouse/Gazebo at the Commerce Drive entrance at 2:30 p.m, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, and Oct. 11.



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