

THE FINAL DISPOSITION

De-Mystifying Death, Funerals, Cemeteries & Ceremonies

A forum designed to address practical and philosophical matters on dying and death. Discussion begins with hospice care and continues with the role of funeral homes and cemeteries. Alternative options such as green burial and the importance of ritual and ceremony will end the day.

10:30 am Registration starts
11:00 am – Noon Film Screening
Noon Registration continues

12:30 – 1:15 pm Romyne Gallagher
Romyne Gallagher is Providence Health Care's Division Head of Palliative Care, and the Physician Program Director for the Palliative Care Program at Providence.

What is hospice palliative care, what services are available to those living with a life-limiting illness in Vancouver, dying at home and useful information resources for patients and families.

1:15 – 2:00 pm Barry Jeske
Barry Jeske is an independent funeral director and co-owner of Wiebe & Jeske Burial & Cremation Care Providers in Abbotsford.

The Funeral Home, the Funeral Director. What do they do? Does a bereaved family really need one? Can someone "do it themselves" in British Columbia?

2:00 – 2:45 pm Glen Hodges
Glen Hodges is the Manager of Mountain View Cemetery.

The cemetery is much more than just a place to bury our dead. Learn about the many roles of the cemetery and how they can help future generations. Even if your loved ones are not buried here, find out how the cemetery can become an important place for you, your family and friends.

2:45 – 3:00 pm Break

3:00 – 3:45 pm Stephen Olson
Stephen Olson is the Executive Director of Royal Oak Burial Park in Victoria

Green burial, is it a fad or a trend? From concept to reality, the story behind Canada's first urban natural burial site in Victoria's Royal Oak Burial Park. For the ecologically minded green burial is regarded as the final act of selflessness for the benefit of environment.

3:45 – 4:30 pm Paula Jardine and Marina Szijarto
Paula Jardine is the Artist in Residence at Mountain View Cemetery
Marina Szijarto is a contemporary rites of passage celebrant, artist & designer

As long time celebration artists and the creators of MVC's Night For All Souls, Paula and Marina have a deep understanding and appreciation for the power of community experience and expression. They were led to their work in honouring the dead through personal experience, and a need to understand - and reclaim - the role of the artist in the sacred life of the community. They will give an overview of what they have learned about various cultural practices, and each will talk about ceremonies they have led.

11:00 am – Noon
Film Screening

"A Family Undertaking:
Home Funerals in America"
A one hour, provocative documentary
exploring the psychological,
cultural, legal and financial
issues surrounding the home
funeral movement

Saturday, April 24, 2010
10:30 am - 4:30 pm

Mountain View Cemetery
Celebration Hall & Courtyard
5445 Fraser St

Entrance at 39th and Fraser

Registration: The event is free, but registration is mandatory as seating is limited. Please phone or email the office to confirm your space.

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Parking is available in parking areas in front of the buildings as well as roadways. If you park on a roadway, please ensure that a car can pass.

Do not park on the grass.

Bus routes: #8 Fraser
#41 Joyce – 41st Ave.

Refreshments: Tea and cookies will be available but please bring your own snacks/lunch as there are no restaurants on site.