

# THE GROUND UP

fictionalized stories based on the lives of some of Woodlawn's forgotten folks. The phrenologists Orson and Lorenzo Fowler, who published Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass, are depicted meeting the famous poet; the railroad magnate, Austin Corbin, woos President Chester Alan Arthur as part of an ill-fated business scheme; Mayor John Purroy Mitchel, known as New York's "Boy Mayor," holds the city together during a devastating polio epidemic; the sculptor Attilio Piccirilli comforts his friend Fiorello LaGuardia following the death of his wife and child; the newspaperman Finley Peter Dunne celebrates the career of his friend, Francis Garvan, primary architect of the government's infamous Palmer Raids; Harlem Renaissance poet Countee Cullen shares Thanksgiving dinner with his young student, James Baldwin; leftist Congressman Vito Marcantonio meets with his constituents during a typical Sunday "crying session" at his East Harlem office; and 56-year-old pioneering aviatrix Ruth Nichols, a contemporary and rival of Amelia Earhart, auditions for NASA's Mercury program.

Together, their stories gave me a way to look at New York from 1850 to 1960, and to see if there wasn't something in the lives of those forgotten New Yorkers that speaks to us about the condition of life in our City today. For me, personally, the experience of investigating our city through Woodlawn was a little like finding an old, faded family photograph – and recognizing familiar features in an unknown ancestor.

See you at Woodlawn,  
**fred goodman**



## DECORATE YOUR LOT WITH A HOLIDAY WREATH

Starting the first of December, our grounds crews will be placing holiday wreaths on private family mausoleums, family lots and single graves. Wreaths are available in two sizes: 16" for \$45 and 10" for \$30. Each wreath comes with an easel and they are decorated with bright red bows. Wreaths will remain on the gravesites until February. To order a holiday wreath, contact our Administration Department at (718) 920-0500 or email us at [admin@thewoodlawncemetery.org](mailto:admin@thewoodlawncemetery.org).

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Annual Lot Owners Meeting - March 17, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.**

## NEED INFORMATION OR DIRECTIONS? GO TO OUR WEBSITE.

Before your next visit to The Woodlawn Cemetery, you might want to visit our website first. Log onto [www.thewoodlawncemetery.org](http://www.thewoodlawncemetery.org) to be taken directly to our website. Once you are there, click on Visiting Woodlawn to get a Map & Directions, a Photography Permit, or a schedule of Hours and Holidays. If you click on Lot Owner Services, you can get a copy of our Rules and Regulations or Ownership Guidelines. Our website also has a schedule of daily services, biographies of notable individuals in our care and a schedule of events and programs. You can also read past issues of our Newsletter or make direct email contact with our offices.