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**Walking Historic San Diego
Calvary Cemetery Walking Tour –June 27, 2009, Saturday**



San Diego- Walking Historic San Diego, a new organization dedicated toward exploring historic neighborhoods in San Diego, is pleased to announce the Calvary Cemetery Walking Tour at Pioneer Memorial Park (1501 Washington Place) Mission Hills on June 27 (Saturday) at 11 AM.

The Calvary Cemetery Walking Tour will examine the history of one of San Diego’s oldest cemeteries (1875-1960) and discuss the controversy of converting it to a community park, as well the removal and dislocation of the tombstones that were mostly shipped to Mt. Hope Cemetery.

The tour will locate the specific gravesites of a select few of the 3,000 to 4,000 early San Diegians still buried there. Some of those early San Diego pioneers include Cave Johnson Coutts, Father Antonio Ubach (the last of the Padres), caretaker Peter O’Malley, Old Town pioneers Andrew Cassidy, Jose Altamirano, Luis Serrano. Guides will discuss and examine the historical contributions of our early pioneers including the largely forgotten first airplane pilot of California, Charles Francis Walsh. Captain Walsh died in a plane crash in 1912, just before he was scheduled to give Presidential candidate Woodrow Wilson a plane ride.

Walking Historic San Diego is a new group spearheaded by Mission Hills husband and wife team of Allen Hazard and Janet O’Dea. Allen is a college teacher, Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) Board member; Janet is a local businesswoman and former SOHO Board member and Uptown Planner. Both are active in SOHO and were involved with the founding of Mission Hills Heritage (“MHH”). Both were also behind the first historic district in Mission Hills, Allen developed and coordinated all the walking tours and home tours for MHH between 2005-2007.

Tickets for the Calvary Cemetery Walking Tour in Mission Hills are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 years. Order Tickets online at www.HazArts.com on the Hazard Decorative Arts website. Tickets are also available starting a half-hour before the tour at Pioneer Memorial Park on June 27, 2009 Saturday at 10.30 AM. Tours are limited to 25 people. Tickets may be purchased first come, first serve, the walking tour will happen, rain, shine or a bad moon arising. Ghosts are free!

Future Walking Historic San Diego tours include; July 18 Mission Hills Historic District Extension; August 15 Inspiration Heights Mission Hills; September 12 Historic La Jolla; October 31 Calvary Cemetery Halloween Special; November 21 The Plymouth Rock of the Pacific, Presidio Hills; December 11 The Historic Churches of Mission Hills. Proceeds from these events will go toward a historic cemetery marker at Pioneer Memorial Park and other preservation efforts in Mission Hills. #####