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## **A Walking Tour Celebrating the 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mission Hills**

San Diego -- Mission Hills Heritage, a residents' association, is proud to sponsor a Mission Hills Walking Tour on Saturday, January 21, 2006 to celebrate the 98<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Mission Hills. This walking tour will provide walkers a chance to explore the authentic architectural features, mature landscaping and hear the fascinating history of one of San Diego County's most historic and best-preserved older neighborhoods.

"This walking tour is designed to commemorate the heritage of this wonderful historic community," said, Allen Hazard, the Event Coordinator for Mission Hills Heritage. This will be the first of many special events leading up to the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mission Hills during the next three years sponsored by Mission Hills Heritage. This is a rare opportunity to hear see and hear an insider's tour that also promises a few special surprises along the way.

Mission Hills was officially founded on January 20, 1908 as civic leader George Marston and other leading citizens of the day began planning one of San Diego's most exclusive neighborhoods where beautiful Craftsman homes and later charming Spanish Revival homes were designed by some of San Diego's most respected architects and builders such as Richard Requa, William Hebbard and Emmor Brooke Weaver. The majority of this streetcar suburb thankfully remains as it was before the Second World War and this walking tour presents a welcome chance to step back in time.

This 90-minute walking tour will explore some of the most historic and graceful streets and will provide an in-depth look into the unique architecture of the area and represent an opportunity to hear many wonderful stories of the early families who settled in the community such as Captain Thomas Harbo Rynning, a Rough Rider who helped tame the Wild West and the notorious Stingaree District downtown.

Tickets for the walking tour are \$15 per person, available on the day of the tour starting at Noon at 1920 Fort Stockton Drive (Espresso Mio coffee shop). Walking tours will depart, rain or shine, every 15 minutes starting at 1 PM with groups of 20 walkers each. No Strollers or young children please. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Information is also available online at [www.missionhillsheritage.org](http://www.missionhillsheritage.org). Proceeds from the walking tour will benefit Mission Hills Heritage.

