

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Dedicated to the Preservation of Spanish Colonial Architecture in Balboa Park

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mike Kelly

Since our founding in 1967, not one building on the Prado has been lost. We've replaced four deteriorating, temporary buildings with the permanent buildings we know today as the Casa del Prado, Casa de Balboa, House of Charm, and House of Hospitality. And we rebuilt two missing arcades.

The Panama-California Exposition (1915-1916) brought San Diego to the attention of the world and it introduced Spanish Colonial architecture to Southern California. Newspapers at the time called the Prado and its buildings a "Dream City." This was unlike any other exposition. Towers played off one another and covered arcades tied the buildings together into a unique architectural theme. The experience transported visitors to another time and place. It still does so today.

But most of those buildings were not meant to be permanent. They soon began to deteriorate. Then something unexpected happened. San Diegans rallied to restore the

temporary buildings. Over and over again, we raised money to repair them. We fell in love with our Dream City and we just couldn't let go of those wonderful buildings.

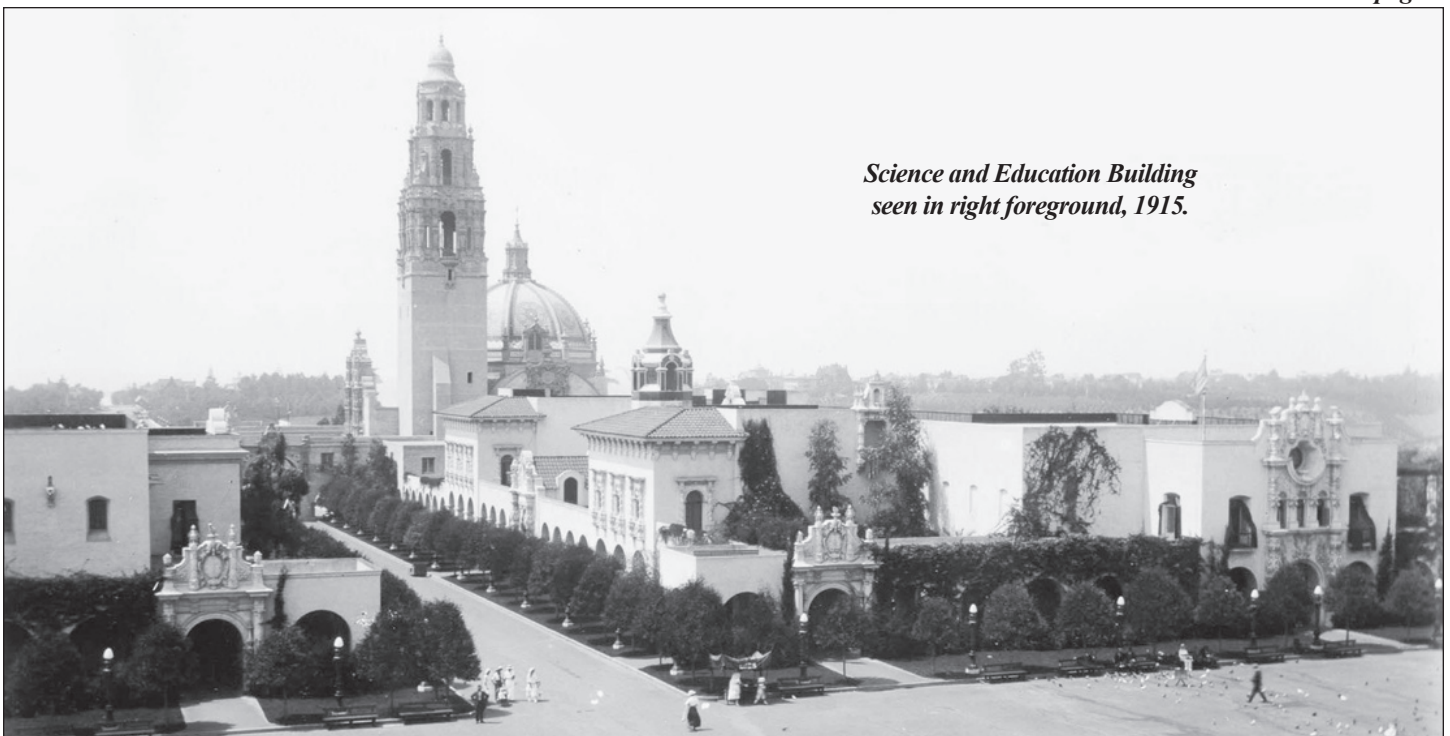
Balboa Park is truly one of the world's great parks. We have a wonderful zoo. Our museums are outstanding. The park has open space and facilities for sports and recreation. But our Dream City on the Prado is what San Diegans came to love and what our visitors remember best.

So what's left for us to do?

Take a close look at the photo below. That less familiar building on the right was called the Science and Education Building. It was demolished in 1965 to make way for the modern west wing of the San Diego Museum of Art.

Let's bring back the Science and Education Building! We have the original set of plans, hundreds of photographs, and even some of the building's original ornamentation. With two basements this building could provide 100,000 sq. ft. of exhibit and storage space for the Museum of Art.

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*Science and Education Building
seen in right foreground, 1915.*

President's Message continued from cover

The Science and Education Building would be the centerpiece of the 2015 Centennial. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see the Prado made whole again? Let's return the Plaza de Panama to its former glory. The Science and Education Building would be the centerpiece of the 2015 Centennial Celebration of the Panama-California Exposition. This building would cost \$25 million that would be raised from private sources – but raising money is what the Committee of One Hundred does best!

THE GIFT THAT GIVES TWICE

As you know, The Committee of One Hundred offers commemorative jewelry and ornaments. When given as a gift to a friend or family member, the proceeds benefit the Committee's many projects as well! A double gift! Contact Quint Crews for information or to place an order at (619) 222-0830.

THE YEAR IN MEMORIAM

Balboa Park lost some very special friends this past year in addition to our Committee of One Hundred president, Pat DeMarce.

Fritz Kunzel was also a past president of the Committee of One Hundred. We've only had three previous presidents: Bea Evenson, Fritz Kunzel and Patricia DeMarce. We couldn't have wished for better leaders. Other Committee of One Hundred Board members who passed away this past year were Mary Adams and Ferd Fletcher, a founding member.

Homer Peabody loved Balboa Park and told it's stories to thousands with his wonderful deep voice and his multi-screen slideshows.

Hamilton Marston, born right on the edge of Balboa Park, became one of the Park's long-time guardians, as did Pauline des Grange, who served as director of Parks and Recreation Department for many years.

None of these wonderful people can ever be replaced. We were fortunate to have known them and the Park is a far better place because of their love, commitment and work on its behalf. Balboa Park will always need more friends like them.

A SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL LUNCHEON



Hundreds of Committee members and friends enjoyed The annual luncheon held on May 8, 2006 in the Balboa Park Club Ballroom. Congresswoman Susan Davis spoke eloquently about her memories of visiting Balboa Park regularly as a child, and then bringing her children to the Park to enjoy and make memories as well. This reminds of us of how important this Park is to generations of San Diegans and visitors to our city.



Special thanks to Kay Rippee who served as chair of the luncheon. Quint Crews donated the wine in addition to his work on the invitations and acceptances. Anita Brown and Jo Ann Knutson contributed the floral arrangements and centerpieces. Among the many others who contributed were Betsey Frankel, Mark and Bruce Bradbeer, Dan and Anita Brown, Pamela Miller, Phil Ward, Bill Callaway and Welton Jones. Thank you all! We couldn't have done it with out your help!



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
THESE THREE PROJECTS NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

Alcazar Garden tile fountain restoration



Damage to tile fountains in the Alcazar Garden

These two fountains and four benches are historic pieces from the 1935-1936 California Pacific Exposition. This Committee of One Hundred project is dedicated to the memory of Pat DeMarce, who loved these fountains and initiated our fundraising efforts to repair them. We plan to place a plaque near the fountains in memory of Pat DeMarce.

Cost estimate: \$50,000.

California Tower earthquake retrofit

The California Tower needs support! Work will be done in two stages: 1) assessment and development of an earthquake retrofit plan and 2) implementation of the earthquake retrofit. The California Tower is one of the most important buildings in San Diego and an icon of Balboa Park. We can't let our tower come down! The Committee of One Hundred has pledged \$10,000 in matching funds for the planning stage.



Cost estimate:
\$600,000 planning,
\$6 million retrofit.

Administration Building Façade



Ornamentation shown over doorway at far left

The original ornamentation has long been missing from the Prado entrance to this building, the first building completed for the 1915-1916 Panama-California Exposition. The Committee of One Hundred intends to restore it to its original condition. We have already begun preliminary renderings. The photo shows the missing ornamentation.

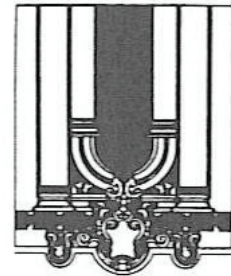
Cost estimate: \$700,000.

SEND YOUR CHECK

Please contribute to one or all of these deserving projects. Send whatever you can. Most of the donations we receive are only \$50-\$100 every dollar counts. Make your check to The Committee of One Hundred and mail it to:

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Recent changes in your Board of Directors

Ronald L. Buckley, our newest board member, provides consulting services on matters of zoning, land use and development project processing. Ron retired from the City of San Diego last year as Senior Planner in the Planning Department/Development Services Department. He has administered the City's historical preservation program and served as staff to the City's Historical Site Board. He received his Masters degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University.

Four of our board members have recently stepped down: our sincere thanks go to Chuck Blake, Margaret Duff, Maxene Hatch, and our secretary B. A. Mierlot for their many years of service to the board.