

# THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED

Dedicated to the Preservation of Spanish Colonial Architecture in Balboa Park



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Alcazar Garden Tile Restoration Dedication Ceremony Friday March 7, 2008, at 2 PM**

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Richard Requa, Director of Architecture for the California Pacific Exposition of 1935-1936, recognized that formal gardens like those in Spain were lacking amidst the grounds of the Balboa Park's Spanish Colonial "dream city" from the Panama-California Exposition of 1915-1916. Requa's solution was to convert the Montezuma Garden from that first exposition, adding two tile fountains, eight tile benches, and a design based on the Moorish alcazar gardens he had visited in Seville, Spain. He renamed it the Alcazar Garden.

After years of deterioration, the restoration of the Alcazar Garden fountains and benches is nearly complete. More than 1,000 new tiles were installed to match the originals closely in color and design. Extra tiles were made to facilitate future repairs. This restoration process cost more than \$50,000. The entire amount was raised by The Committee of One Hundred. We are sincerely grateful to each of the donors who contributed to this project. The fountains are running and the flower beds have been planted. The Alcazar Garden hasn't looked so beautiful in many years!

We have dedicated this restoration to our former president of nearly 30 years, Pat DeMarce, who initiated the project and died shortly after the dedication of the West Arcade. A small plaque dedicating the tile restoration project to her memory has been placed near the Alcazar Garden's east fountain.

The Committee of One Hundred is now accepting contributions for a restricted fund that we call the Alcazar Garden Tile Maintenance Fund. We have committed ourselves to making prompt repairs of any future tile damage to the garden's fountains and benches. Contributions to this fund can be made through a secure link on our web site, using a credit card at:

[www.C100.org](http://www.C100.org)

or send a check designating the Alcazar Garden Tile Maintenance Fund to:

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