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CALENDAR

June – August 2019



SUNDAY AFTERNOON LECTURE*

June 16, 1 pm

*Taming of the Outside Lands –
History of the Richmond and Sunset District*
Author: Lorri Ungaretti, Book signing



MONTHLY TROLLEY TOUR**

July 13, 11 am

Financial Wizards & Miscellaneous Millionaires
1370 El Camino Real, Colma
Professor: Michael Svanevik



SUNDAY AFTERNOON LECTURE*

July 21, 1 pm

*Disaster at Sea – Tragedy of the Luxury Liner
S.S. Central America*
Professor: Michael Svanevik



HERITAGE SUNDAY LECTURE

August 4, 2 pm

*The Queen and Mr. Brown –
A Dangerous Liaison*
Crosby-N Gray, 2 Park Blvd., Burlingame
Professor: Michael Svanevik



MONTHLY TROLLEY TOUR**

August 10, 11 am

*General Excursion of The
East, Westside, and Hillside*
1370 El Camino Real, Colma
Docent: Terry Hamburg



SUNDAY AFTERNOON LECTURE*

August 18, 1 pm

*The Magic of the 19th Century Stereopticon –
Audience participation with
original equipment and slides*
Docent: David Hansen



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EVENT LOCATIONS:

*Cypress Lawn Reception Room, 2nd floor,
1370 El Camino Real

**1370 El Camino Real, Colma, meet at Main Lobby

All Events Are Free • Light Refreshments

Earth Angels at Cypress Lawn

*You are my special angel
Through eternity
I'll have my special angel
Here to watch over me*

Bobby Vinton, Special Angel (1963)



More prolific than obelisks or even crosses, these intermediaries between humankind and heaven dominate the grounds of Cypress Lawn. No other cemetery in Colma has anywhere near the number and varieties of angels.

Angels do not need to have wings. They are, all after, spirits unbound by the laws of nature. Both the Old and New Testaments often present angels appearing as human beings. In fact, Hebrews 13:2 admonishes: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Although winged angels have dominated Christian art from its earliest days, they are largely an embellishment to give more drama and spirituality to the form. Many of these angels seem to the modern eye to be either male or female by their dress, body shape, or poses, but for almost two millennia they were generally regarded as genderless.

This perception and depiction changed in the nineteenth century, especially in countries influenced by English Victorian styles, and most notably in cemetery memorials. The Victorians turned mourning into an art form, and they wanted the experience to be intimate. The East campus of Cypress Lawn and the early sections of the public mausoleum represent this classic genre. The angels you see (with a few exceptions) are intended to be female, and some are wingless creatures, appearing very human.

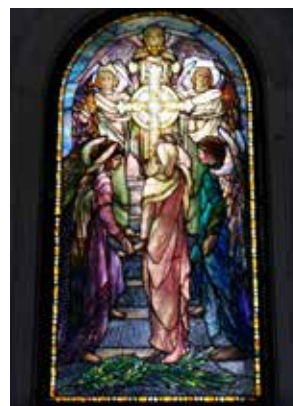
Imagine Cypress Lawn without its angels. It would be a less inviting and comforting space. Angels are our connection here to a higher being and our lost loved ones. These creatures are us, expressing facial emotions and body language, guiding the mourner or observer with a familiar and sympathetic presence.

Every angel at Cypress Lawn — statuary or stained glass — is a unique, one-of-a-kind work. The artistic origins of many remain unknown. All were commissioned, but relatively few are signed. The records of purchase, if they still exist, are in the hands of individual families.

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Angel dropping flower as symbol of the end of life.



There are both wing and unwinged angels in this Tiffany stained glass



Angel watching the lamp of life burn

Earth Angels at Cypress Lawn *Continued from page 1*

There are three general types of angels: *the triumphant*, looking to heaven as a better place; *the mourning*, grieving over the loss of a loved one; and *the pensive/stoic*.

Although there are exceptions to the following rule, Catholics prefer triumphant angels, pointing upward to the glory of eternal life while ignoring or downplaying the grief of a human passing. Protestants place more emphasis on the loss of a life on earth, and the pain and sorrow it causes the living. Pensive Angels can range from mourning to stoic

— TRIUMPHANT —



— MOURNING —



— PENSIVE/STOIC —



For those who believe that angels can come in any form or species, I offer this Cypress Lawn memorial.

Our outdoor museum is open to the public and free. Take a stroll through heaven.

*Terry Hamburg,
Cypress Lawn Heritage Foundation*



WHY CYPRESS LAWN?

William Gladstone said: “Show me the Manner in which a nation or community cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals.”

Every human being is faced with stressful events. The most stressful is the death of a spouse or loved one. The many decisions to be made and items to be paid can be overwhelming. Since 1892, the licensed trained associates at Cypress Lawn have guided our community through difficult times ensuring they are able to celebrate life, heal from their loss, and really have time to remember those they love. Families selecting Cypress Lawn and its affiliates report the value exceeded the cost, the staff was incredibly caring and they are happy they trusted us. When you have one chance to tell your loved one’s story — choose Cypress Lawn.



Eyes to heaven, holding anchor. Christians adopted the anchor as a symbol of hope in future existence because it was regarded as a symbol of safety in ancient times.



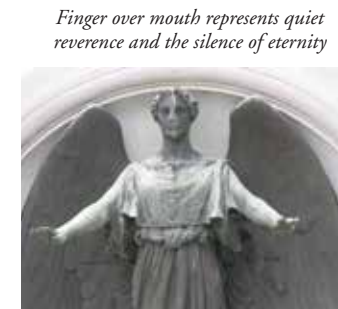
In this depiction, the angel is transporting a deceased child to heaven.



Angel of Death, head down and solemn, guarding the door to the tomb



Grief over the loss a child



Finger over mouth represents quiet reverence and the silence of eternity



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Trolley Tales



We have special Trolley Tours for community groups that offer them a unique funding-raising opportunity through a Cypress Lawn donation for taking the tour. To get more details, please contact the Director of the Heritage Foundation, Terry Hamburg at thamburg@cypresslawn.com or call 650.550.8812.



Our traditional monthly walking tours have been replaced by docent-led tours on the Cypress Lawn Trolley. The free tours are the second Saturday of every month at 11 am, and include disembarking to look at various monuments. Trolley capacity is 24. RSVPs are requested. Call 650.755.0580 to make a reservation. Trolley tour topics appear on the Cypress Lawn Heritage Foundation website under Programs & Events.

Answer to Who Am I (page 4)



Eddie Fisher with his most famous wives



Eddie with Betty
You're not my first love but you are my last



Daughter Carrie Fisher. Her mother is Debbie Reynolds.

WOODSMEN OF THE WORLD AT REST IN CYPRESS LAWN

Tucked away in Section F on the East Side of Cypress Lawn lay more than a dozen Woodsmen of the World monuments, products of a "fraternal benefit society" that administers a privately held insurance fund, a major part of which is funeral coverage.

Beginning in 1882, it has undergone many mergers and transformations and still operates today. The original inspiration came from the founder, who upon hearing a sermon about "pioneer woodsmen clearing away the forest to provide for their families," wanted to start a society that "would clear away problems of financial security for its members." There are currently about 800,000 participants.

States are called either "Jurisdictions" or "Head Camps." Local groups were organized into "coves" or "groves", but today are known as "chapters." Fraternalists pledge to "help others and promote patriotism and civic responsibility."

The Cypress Lawn examples shown here are all prior to 1940, when the distinctive stumps and emblems were in vogue. By the late 1920s, these kinds of tributes were growing too expensive and more traditional memorials began to be used.

*Terry Hamburg,
Cypress Lawn Heritage Foundation*



The two pictures above were taken by night photographer Troy Paiva.

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