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American Resting Place Exhibition

American Resting Place, a documentary photography and contemporary art exhibition now on view in the Chamberlain House Galleries at Mission Houses Museum, features a unique visual interpretation of American cemeteries and burial rite traditions from the founding of Jamestown in 1607 to the present. The exhibition provides an overview of American cemetery landscapes across the country and emphasizes the role that these sites play in modern society. Inspired by Mission Houses Museum's own cemetery and its permanent collection, the exhibition features 50 high quality black and white photographs by Reid Yalom, from the new book, The American Resting Place: Four Hundred Years of History Through Our Cemeteries and Burial Grounds, by Dr. Marilyn Yalom. (For more information go to: www.myalom.com/rest.html) Reid Yalom is a fine art and commercial photographer who has exhibited in galleries and museums across the United States since 1990. Dr. Marilyn Yalom is a Senior Scholar at the Institute for Research on Women and Gender at Stanford University.

In addition to Yalom's engaging photographs, the exhibition includes 3-dimensional memorial art pieces made by local artists Maile Andrade, Elsha Bohnert, Bradley Capello, Vince Hazen, Bernie Moriaz, Rich Richardson, Frank Sheriff, Sabrina Sanchez, and Roy Venters. The exhibit also features a continuous slide-show of unique tombstone images by well-known Hawai'i cemetery historian Nanette Napoleon, and various memorial pieces from the Museum's

collection that includes necklaces, broaches and earrings fashioned from human hair. The exhibition is open Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission Fee: \$6.00.

For Public Program descriptions see next page. For artist statements and photos see attached file. Digital photos available upon request.

Mission Houses Museum
American Resting Place Exhibition
Public Programs

All public programs listed here include admission to the Mission Houses Museum exhibition *American Resting Place*. Unless otherwise noted, participants will check in at the Museum Store to confirm reservations and make payments. Reservations: 531-0481 ext. 707.

Meet the Artist Night

Thursday, May 22, 2008, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Mission Houses Museum
Mission Houses Museum is hosting a Meet the Artists Night in conjunction with its new exhibition, “American Resting Place,” which features photographs and 3-dimensional art work relating to cemeteries and memorials to deceased loved ones. Local artists will be present to discuss their artwork. Local artists in the exhibition include Maile Andrade, Elsha Bohnert, Brandley Capello, Vince Hazen, Bernie Moriaz, Nanette Napoleon, Rich Richardson, Frank Sheriff, Sabina Sanchez, and Roy Venters. One night only, Chamberlain House Galleries, admission free.

Walking with the Dead: A Tour of Mission Houses & Kawaiaha‘o Church Cemeteries

Saturday, May 24, 2008; 9:00-11:00 am, Mission Houses Museum
Join well-known Hawaii cemetery historian Nanette Napoleon as she weaves tales from the tombs during a walking tour of the Mission Houses Cemetery and Kawaiaha‘o Church Cemetery. Nanette will talk about the lives of some of the famous people buried there, 19th century tombstones designs and symbolism, and the role cemeteries play in the lives of the living. \$10 for museum members, \$20 for general public; space limited, reservations required.

Rest in Peace - A Slideshow Lecture

Thursday, June 12, 2008, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Hawaiian Mission Children’s Society Library Reading Room
Graveyard historian Nanette Napoleon will take you on a slide-show tour of graveyards that will feature some of the many unique and interesting things found in cemeteries. She will discuss the

history and art of graveyards both in Hawai‘i and in mainland America. Free. Reservations required; space is limited. Phone 531-0481 Ext. 707.

Memories and Me Tea

Saturday, June 21, 2008, 2 – 4 p.m., Mission Houses Museum Lawn

Bring some special memories about your favorite people and your best manners to our popular tea. We will enjoy a delicious cream tea on the lawn, make a scrapbook of memories to take home and play period games. Tea attire encouraged. \$35 fee (\$25 for Museum members). Ages: 8 years and up. This multigenerational program requires one adult for every five children. Paid reservations required one week in advance. Phone 531-0481 Ext. 707.

Graveyard Hopping Bus Tour - A Tour of Several O‘ahu Cemeteries

Saturday, June 28, 2008 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Meet at Mission Houses Museum

Hop aboard a bus bound for a journey into the past as you visit four different graveyards in Honolulu where cemetery historian Nanette Napoleon will talk about cemeteries as outdoor museums and cultural resources. Learn why the Chinese burn “grave money” and why Japanese leave sake at gravesites. Also learn about traditional Hawaiian burial practices and how they affect us today. \$35 fee (\$25 for Museum members). Reservations required; space is limited. Phone 531-0481 Ext. 707.

Mission Houses Lives by Lantern Light - A House & Cemetery Tour

Friday, July 18, 2008, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., Mission Houses Museum and Cemetery

This special evening tour brings the Mission Houses and its cemetery alive by the glow of lantern light. Curator Elizabeth Nosek and costumed guides take you through the historic structures of the Mission Houses Museum where you will hear the lyric sounds of Hawaiian hymns and see the mementoes the missionaries left behind for loved ones. Next, graveyard historian, Nanette Napoleon will take you to the Mission Houses Cemetery and tell you stories making connections with the people you have just "met." Hands-on activities for children and adults will further enhance this unique experience. \$15 fee (\$10 for Museum members). 1 adult free with each paid child admission. Reservations required; space is limited. Phone 531-0481 Ext. 707.

Walking with the Dead - A Tour of Mission Houses & Kawaiaha‘o Cemeteries

Saturday, July 19, 2008, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Meet at Mission Houses Museum

Join well-known Hawai‘i cemetery historian Nanette Napoleon as she weaves tales from the tombs during a walking tour of the Mission Houses Cemetery and Kawaiaha‘o Church Cemetery. Nanette will talk about the lives of some of the famous people buried here, 19th century tombstone designs and symbolism, and the role cemeteries play in the lives of the living. \$20 fee (\$10 for Museum members). Reservations required; space is limited. Phone 531-0481 Ext. 707.

Book signing

Wednesday, August 6, 2008 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Mission Houses Museum Lanai

Author Marilyn Yalom and her son, photographer Reid S. Yalom, will sign copies of their book, *American Resting Place: Four Hundred Years of History Through Our Cemeteries and Burial Grounds* upon which the museum's current special exhibition is based. The exhibition will be opened free of charge to the public for the evening.

In Loving Memory - A Discussion of Ethnic Funeral & Burial Traditions in Hawai'i

Saturday, August 9, 2008, 6:00-8:00 p.m., O'ahu Cemetery Chapel, 2162 Nuuanu Avenue

Author Marilyn Yalom, Bishop Thomas Okana of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i; cremation specialist Kevin Kallet, and archeologist June Cleghorn will discuss death, dying, and memorial traditions comparing Asian, Pacific Island, and Western cultural practices. They will contrast our islands and the world and connect historical customs with present-day practices. Reservations requested, free to the public. Phone 531-0481 Ext. 707.

Kalaupapa: Journey to Enlightenment - A One-Day Excursion

August 16, 2008 (Tentative)

This one-day field trip excursion will take you on a journey to the past to learn about the history of the Hansen's disease settlement, the lives of the victims who were sent there, and their final resting places. Life and death, beauty and betrayal are all part of this story, which is one of the most fascinating in Hawaiian history. Tour fees to be announced. Space limited. Reservations and advance payment required. Phone 531-0481 Ext. 707.