

Historical Walking Tour a Big Success

Two dozen San Diegans enjoyed a guided walking tour organized by the North Park Historical Society (NPHS) on Saturday, April 18. NPHS Board of Directors members Michael Thornhill and “Broker Bill” Vivian each led a group, discussing the architecture and early residents of the Dryden neighborhood along 28th Street and Pershing Avenue from Upas to Landis Streets. This area developed from 1912 to 1941, with most homes completed by the 1920s. The seven-block tour highlighted 30 homes, many built by Master Builder David Owen Dryden. Participants came from El Cajon, Rancho Penasquitos, La Jolla, Pacific Beach, and Ocean Beach as well as North Park. Special treats included walking inside a two-story Dryden house built in 1915, and admiring the 1928 Model A Ford Phaeton brought by NPHS member Randy Sappenfield to the tour starting point. Comments from participants included: “I definitely feel more connected to our special neighborhood. Thanks for putting so much time and heart into this.” “Enjoyed it very much; would like to tour Park Villa area.” “Great tour.” “Loved it.”



Tour Guide Bill Vivian describes the Carr House, the first house built by Dryden in the neighborhood



NPHS Secretary Katherine Hon introduces the 1915 Dryden house opened for the tour



*Tour Guide Michael Thornhill waves goodbye from the 1928 Ford Phaeton
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