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Premiere of Grove Street Cemetery DVD Held on February 1



Premiere audience at Whitney Humanities Center

Although it was indeed “a dark and stormy” late afternoon on Friday, February 1, over 200 stalwart members of the Friends organization and invited guests braved the wind-whipped walls of water to attend the premiere showing of the Cemetery’s just-released DVD, “Grove Street Cemetery — City of the Dead, City of the Living.” Among those attending were several of the individuals shown in the DVD being interviewed at the Cemetery. The cost of the project was underwritten jointly by The Standing Committee of the Cemetery’s Proprietors and by the Board of The Friends of Grove Street Cemetery, Inc.

The first public presentation of the DVD, which was produced and directed by five-time Emmy Award winner Karyl K. Evans, was held at Yale University’s Whitney Humanities Center. The DVD was enthusiastically received by everyone who attended the documentary’s initial public showing and was followed by a reception under the guidance of Board Members Nancy Ahlstrom and Jean Kashgarian.

Dozens of copies of the DVD were sold following the premiere and during the reception. Since then, many more copies have been sold via (postage pre-paid) mail order. There are still more copies of the DVD available for purchase, at \$15 each, and can easily be ordered. (Please see the “How to Order YOUR Copy of the DVD” form on page 3 of this Bulletin.)



Peter Dobkin Hall, Karyl K. Evans, James C. Niederman



Reception following premiere showing of DVD

A Master’s Tea, held on May 12 at Yale University’s Jonathan Edwards College, featured a special presentation by Karyl K. Evans of the Grove Street Cemetery DVD. The attending residents of the College and their many invited guests were excited to learn about the historical significance and horticultural beauty of the Cemetery, which is virtually in their back-yard.

Save the Dates: October 16 and 17, 2008

Thursday and Friday, October 16 and 17, 2008, are important dates to reserve on your calendar. Yale University will sponsor a major two-day event on those days to celebrate the **250th birthday of Noah Webster**. Plans for the several programs include symposiums, special tours at the Grove Street Cemetery highlighting Webster’s gravestone as well as some of his contemporaries (“Noah and Friends”), exhibits, events of interest to children in addition to their participation, and a special anniversary dinner to be held on Friday evening, October 17. The programs and events of this celebration to honor Noah Webster will be open to the public. So – make a note on your calendar and be prepared to receive an invitation to attend and to participate in these festivities.