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**CANNERY ROW FOUNDATION KICKS OFF ITS 25TH
YEAR, ELECTS 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Foundation Celebrates "America's Most Famous Street" Throughout the Year

MONTEREY, Calif. – February 7, 2008, The Cannery Row Foundation has kicked off its 25th anniversary celebration with the election of its 2008 board of directors. Preserving the historical and literary recourses of Cannery Row for the past 25 years, the Cannery Row Foundation has elected Michael Hemp as president, "the Queen of Cannery Row", Kalisa Moore, is past president, historian A.L. Scrap Lundy, vice president and Mike Zimmerman, secretary-treasurer.

2008 Cannery Row Foundation board members include: David Armanasco, Ted Balerstreri, James Bridges, Sylvia Fraley, Pat Hathaway, Bill Johnk, Sandra Johnston, Thor Rasmussen, Lou Rudolf (a charter board member) and Art Ring. Bill Watjowski, retired Monterey director of Community Development, continues as Cannery Row Foundation development coordinator.

Appearing in the Maritime Museum of Monterey in the very near future is board member Bill Johnk's acclaimed historical model of the 1943-1946 "Steinbeck Core" of old Ocean Avenue. The model is on loan to the Foundation by the Oakland Museum of California.

In April the unveiling of a bronze memorial dedicated to the divers of the Old Row will occur at San Carlos Beach Park. The memorial is a tribute to the courage of the hard-hat divers, whose dangerous underwater work on hoppers and their pipelines to the canneries allowed Cannery Row to evolve into the Sardine Capital of the World.

For more information on the Cannery Row Foundation visit www.CanneryRow.org.

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