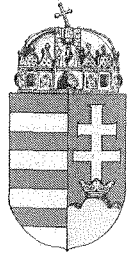




HOUSE of HUNGARY, Inc.

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Exemption # 33-0920937



Susan Lowery-Mendoza
Balboa Park District Manager

San Diego, 12/30/2008

Dear Mrs. Mendoza,

Sándor Márai was one of the most influential Hungarian writers of the 20th Century. He lived his last 10 years in San Diego, but has no public monument where people can stop to reflect on his contribution to the literacy. He was born in 1900 at Kassa, and left the city when it became Kosice in Czechoslovakia after the Trianon treaty in 1921. He could not stay under the fascist and the communist rule in Hungary and lived in Switzerland and Italy until he immigrated to the US in 1951, where he became a citizen in 1957. He moved to San Diego in 1979, and died here on February the 21st in 1989, 20 years ago. He loved Balboa Park, and often spent his time around the International Cottages.

He never returned to Hungary nor allowed his works to be published there until Soviet troops stationed in the country. It is the irony of life, that just one year after his death the Russians left, when Hungary became a free democratic republic in late 1989.

He always wrote in Hungarian, but his works have been translated to numerous languages, and published in over 100 editions around the world. We have more information about him on our web site, www.sdmagyar.org/bighuns.htm#marai, or at the Petőfi Irodalmi Múzeum in Budapest: www.pim.hu/marai.

The House of Hungary wants to erect a bronze plaque in front of our cottage in Balboa Park on the 20th anniversary of his death. It would be mounted to a rock, similarly to the one of Ágoston Haraszthy, the father of the Californian vine industry and first sheriff of San Diego. The plaque design is attached, where everything will be formed in a piece of bronze sized 16"x24".

House of Hungary in San Diego, the Consulate General of Hungary in Los Angeles and the Marai Foundation in Hungary raised the money for the plaque, and we are asking you for a permit to place it in front of our cottage (picture attached with the Haraszthy monument and the proposed Marai one).

Anna Tatar, the ex-director of the San Diego Public Library, and a member of the House of Hungary, also supports our plans, and we got encouragement from the Office of the Mayor of San Diego, when we had a meeting there between Ambassador Balazs Bokor and Director of Protocol Lynn Renee Hajar on 11/7/2008.

Sándor Márai was a great Hungarian-American writer and an enthusiastic Balboa Park lover. We believe he deserves a monument in Balboa Park. Please help to make it happen.

Yours Sincerely

(dr. Zoltan Gidofalvi, president)
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Dear Kathleen,

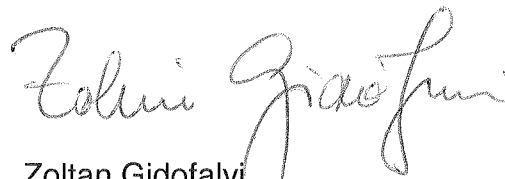
A Hungarian TV station, Duna TV, began broadcasting via satellite to the US last December. The satellite company, Globecast World TV, is the only one providing this program, and it is only on satellite.

The Hungarian community was waiting for this event for a long time, and now we want to enjoy it in our house in the Balboa Park, and show also programs on our TV for visitors during open house hours.

We could install the dish behind the bushes around the House of Hungary, and it is practically invisible, as the attached pictures show. We can even paint the dish to the same color as the exterior of the building.

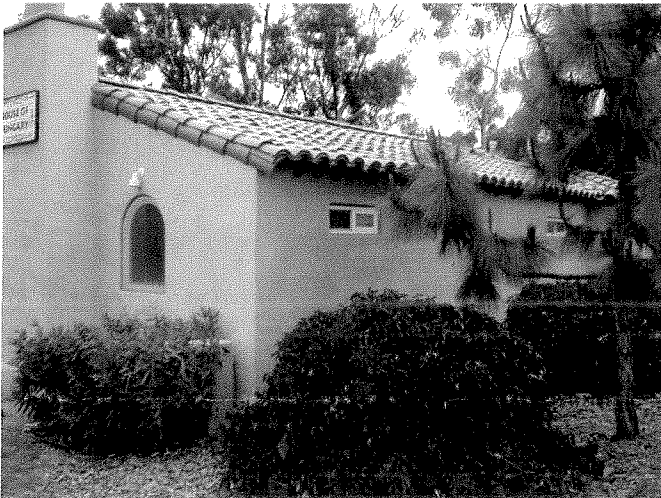
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Yours truly,

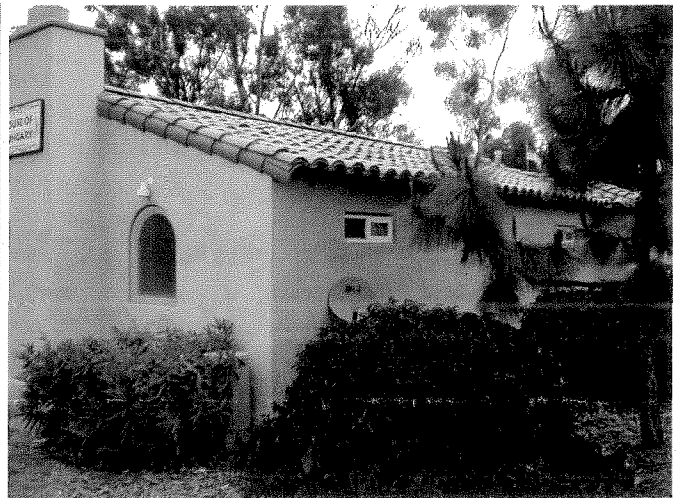


San Diego, 1/17/2003

Zoltan Gidofalvi
House of Hungary
President



view without satellite dish



view with satellite dish