



TOMB IT MAY CONCERN®

WHO WE ARE

Save Our Cemeteries (SOC) was founded in 1974 in response to the proposed demolition of the wall vaults surrounding historic St. Louis Cemetery No. 2.

After huge public outcry and much debate, SOC, led by local preservationist Mary Louise Christovich, partnered with the Archdiocese of New Orleans to stop the demolition and save our history.

Over the last 44 years, Save Our Cemeteries has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the preservation, promotion, and protection of New Orleans' treasured "Cities of the Dead." While much has been accomplished, there is much yet to be done.

SAVING 300 YEARS OF HISTORY

There are more than 40 cemeteries in New Orleans in need of our help in our 300-year-old city. Over the years, the cemeteries have suffered from flooding, looting and the ravages of time. Through restoration, education and advocacy, we strive to increase the public's interaction, appreciation and enjoyment of the architectural, historic and cultural value of these important places.

TOURS

Each tomb is a chapter in the riveting tale of New Orleans. Save Our Cemeteries offers daily walking tours of St. Louis No. 1, St. Louis No. 2, and Lafayette No.1 cemeteries. These intimate, historically accurate tours help support our mission and keep the stories of the men and women who once walked these cobblestone streets alive.

Privateers. Voodoo queens. Grand Creole ladies and gentlemen. Jazz greats. War heroes. Yellow fever victims. Storyville madams. Poets. Artists. Architects. Chefs. Fascinating New Orleanians, enslaved and free. SOC makes sure their stories continue to educate, entertain and inspire.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - Become a member

When you become a member of Save Our Cemeteries, you become a part of a community that treasures and cares for New Orleans' unique Cities of the Dead.

Join, support and experience the satisfaction of preserving the historic cemeteries of New Orleans.

Save Our Cemeteries, a 501(c)3, is the ONLY non-profit touring organization dedicated to cemetery promotion, preservation, restoration and education.



CURRENT PROGRAMS INCLUDE

- Restoration of abandoned tombs
- Maintenance projects including cemetery clean-ups
- Mapping cemeteries
- Cemetery walking tours
- Educational lectures
- An annual Cemetery Seminar
- A Run/Walk Through History, an annual 1-Mile/5K through Metairie Cemetery
- All Saints Soirée, an annual gala