



Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

*El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP • Casa de la Guerra
Santa Inés Mission Mills • Jimmy's Oriental Gardens*

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The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation Celebrates 2022 Community Award Winners

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) celebrated community involvement with the 2022 Community Awards and Recognition Ceremony. Held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the Alhecama Theatre, the event honored eleven awardees for their efforts in historic preservation over the past year.

This year, SBTHP presented their highest and most prestigious honor, the Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award to the late M. Kay Van Horn for her dedication in preserving the history of Santa Barbara's Nihonmachi (Japan Town) and as a member of the Asian American Affinity Group, responsible for annual programming such as the Asian American Film Series and Asian American Neighborhood Festival.

The 2022 George and Vivian Obern Preservation and Stewardship Award was presented to the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department for the restoration of the Cabrillo Pavilion. Originally built in 1926, the building has been meticulously restored with new amenities for the public and a new restaurant downstairs.

Craig A. Makela was named Life Honorary Director. Mr. Makela served on the board from 2002 – 2018, including a term as President. A Presidio descendant, Mr. Makela played a key role in several projects, including the establishment of the olive grove at the Santa Inés Mission Mills.

Nicole Hernandez was named Life Honorary Member. Ms. Hernandez has played a critical role in designating historic buildings at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park and participating in educational programming about historic preservation in Santa Barbara.

This year's Sue Higman Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Pam Iuliano for her ongoing maintenance support at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park and for whitewashing all the interior and exterior walls of the soon-to-reopen Casa de la Guerra.

The Partnership Award was given to the founders of the Mujeres Makers Market: Daniela Aguirre, Maritza Flores, Elysia Guillén, Lilli Muñoz, and Leah Ortega. The community market features women of color creatives selling or curating original handmade, vintage, or reproduced items such as jewelry, clothing, home décor, ceramics, plants, and much more. Beginning with a two-day market to celebrate Fiesta in 2021, the partnership has led to markets celebrating Día de los Muertos, Una Noche de Las Posadas, and International Women's Day.

The President's Award was given for the first time to Cody A. Makela. Makela joined the Board in 2018 and has distinguished himself with robust committee service and was instrumental in helping SBTHP develop several new policies and procedures.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Maria Cabrera for her volunteer work in support of the exhibits at Casa de la Guerra; D.J. Javier for the artwork he contributed for the Asian American Neighborhood festival; Clay Lovejoy and the Pickle Room for their support of SBTHP's Revisiting Jimmy's Oriental Gardens event; and Forrest Mori for his technical support during the filming of an Asian American cultural program in May 2021.

2022 AWARDEES

M. KAY VAN HORN

Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CABRILLO PAVILION

George and Vivian Obern Preservation Stewardship Award

CRAIG A. MAKELA

Life Honorary Director

NICOLE HERNANDEZ

Life Honorary Member

PAM IULIANO

Sue Higman Volunteer of the Year Award

MUJERES MAKERS MARKET

Partnership Award

CODY A. MAKELA

President's Award

MARIA CABRERA

Certificate of Appreciation

D.J. JAVIER

Certificate of Appreciation

CLAY LOVEJOY & THE PICKLE ROOM

Certificate of Appreciation

FORREST MORI

Certificate of Appreciation

For a full list visit of SBTHP award winners visit sbthp.org/awards

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ABOUT THE PEARL CHASE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION AWARD

Each year the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation seeks to present the Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award to a deserving community member or organization dedicated to the values that Dr. Chase stood for in the fields of historic preservation and conservation. This annual lifetime achievement award serves as a tribute to the life and work of Pearl Chase, the famous leader of community activism and preservation in Santa Barbara, and to the work that continues today as a result of the inspiration she provided.

ABOUT THE GEORGE AND VIVIAN OBERN PRESERVATION STEWARDSHIP AWARD

The George and Vivian Obern Preservation Stewardship Award recognizes individuals or organizations that demonstrate outstanding preservation work in connection with a specific project in and around Santa Barbara County. This prestigious award was named in honor of George and Vivian Obern in 2006 for their lifelong preservation work, including their successful efforts to save the Thomas Hope House (built 1875, added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978), condemned by the county of Santa Barbara but saved by the Obern's.

ABOUT THE LIFE HONORARY DIRECTOR DESIGNATION

Life Honorary Directors are persons whom the Board of Directors desire to honor for their distinguished service.

ABOUT THE LIFE HONORARY MEMBER DESIGNATION

Honorary members are persons whom the Board of Directors desire to honor for their interest in or their historical or genealogical connection with the Presidio and/or Casa de la Guerra.

ABOUT THE SUE HIGMAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is given to an individual or individuals who have made outstanding contributions of their time to SBTHP over the course of a year. Established in 2010, the award is named in honor of longtime SBTHP supporter and friend, Sue Higman.

ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Created in 2019, this award recognizes the value of partnership as adopted by SBTHP in 2018. The Partnership Award celebrates individuals or organizations who have participated in collaborative efforts that support SBTHP's mission and made a significant impact toward that end.

ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Given by the President of SBTHP's Board of Directors, the award recognizes extraordinary contributions to the organization in the prior year.

ABOUT CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Certificates of Appreciation are awarded in recognition for a variety of acts of service towards the mission of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

ABOUT THE SANTA BARBARA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) stewards the past and present of the Presidio Neighborhood and inspires preservation advocacy throughout the County in order to create a more vibrant community. SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park, Santa Barbara's 18th century birthplace, under an agreement with California State Parks. In addition to portions of the Spanish fort, El Presidio SHP includes the Alhecama Theatre (1925) and the campus of the Santa Barbara School of the Arts, and Jimmy's Oriental Gardens (1947) the last visible connection to Santa Barbara's Chinatown. The organization also operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820's adobe home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra, and the Santa Inés Mission Mills near Solvang, CA. SBTHP produces dozens of community and school programs throughout the year to provide access to these special historic places. SBTHP is 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; learn more at sbthp.org.