

# Santa Barbara Beautiful... Celebrating 40 Years



**T**HE 40TH YEAR OF BEAUTIFICATION efforts by Santa Barbara Beautiful was celebrated at their annual banquet September, 26, 2004 at the Montecito Country Club. With close to 250 people in attendance, the event sparkled as local builders, landscape designers, owners, and architects were recognized for their contributions to making and keeping Santa Barbara a Central Coast paradise.

Two special awards were also presented. Ray Strong received the Heritage Oak Award for lifetime achievement and Jerome "Jerry" Sortomme the Jacaranda Award for community service.

Retired as Department chair and the only full-time instructor of the environmental horticulture department of SBCC after 22 years, Sortomme is currently project director of Old Mission HUERTA project (repository of heritage plants).

While Ray Strong, who will turn 100 in January, was unable to attend, participants enjoyed a live digital interview with this artist who is responsible for such things as founding the San Francisco Art Students League (1934), co-founding the Santa Barbara Art Institute (1965, which became Brooks), co-founding Gallery 113 (1973), and co-founding the Oak Group (1985). The award was accepted on behalf of Ray by Patrick Davis, Executive Director of County Arts Commission and Ginny Brush, City Visual Arts Coordinator.

Of note, President Desmond O'Neill announced that Santa Barbara Beautiful is anticipating the completion of planting 10,000 trees in the area sometime this spring, with celebrations to mark the occasion.

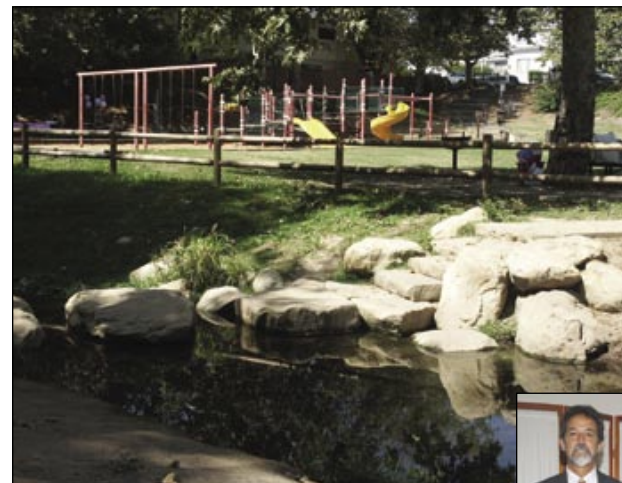
*Event Photography by Richard Carter. Photography of Award Winning Properties by Jacqueline Dyson. Digital Awards presentation by Maria Elena McCall and Dirk Brandts of Pantopia Productions.*



**SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE (large) ~ 1721 East Valley Road**  
Property Owner: Adam and Penelope Bianchi; Architect: David Serrurier, Serrurier Architects; Builder: Geoff Crane, Giffin & Crane; Project Manager: Dan Formanek, Giffin & Crane; Landscape Design & Landscape Contractor: Margaret Grace, Grace Design; Landscape Maintenance: Rafael Flores; Waterscapes: Bruce Raph, Town & Country Water Gardens, Inc.



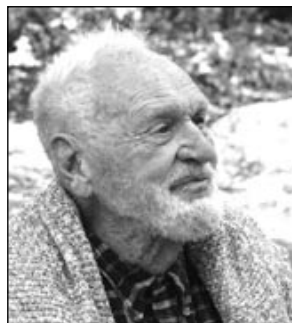
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President Desmond O'Neill, 2nd Vice President, Jacqueline Dyson, 1st Vice President Courtney Seepel



**OPEN PUBLIC SPACE ~ Bohnett Park Creek Restoration, San Andres at West Victoria Sts**  
Property Owner: City of Santa Barbara; Project Design & Engineering: John Gray, URS Corporation; Construction Contractor: Dan Donovan, Elevation Engineering; Project Management & Implementation: Jill Zachary, City Parks & Recreation, Creeks Restoration & Water Quality Division; Civil Engineer: Eric Flavell, Flowers & Associates; Landscape Architect: David R. Black, David R. Black & Associates; Landscape Contractor: Erik Bernal, Azalea Landscape; Landscape Maintenance: City Parks & Recreation, Creeks Division



Jerome "Jerry" Sortomme receiving Jacaranda Award



Ray Strong received the Heritage Oak Award



**SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE (small) ~ 1011 San Carlos Road**  
Property Owner: Rachel Tierney and Rob Robinson; Architect: Jeff Shelton, Jeff Shelton Architect; Builder: Dan Upton, Dan Upton Construction; Ironwork: David Shelton, David Shelton Design; Landscape Design: Rachel Tierney; Jeff Shelton, Architect; Tom Cole, Cold Springs Aloes; Landscape Contractor: Eladio Soriano



**HUGH PETERSEN AWARD for PUBLIC ART**  
Chase Palm Park Sail Structure ~ **East Cabrillo Blvd**  
Property Owner: City of Santa Barbara; Architectural Artist: Scott G. Peterson, Peterson Architectural Arts; Project Coordinator: Patrick H. Davis, County Arts Commission; Landscape Architect: George W. Girvin, George W. Girvin Associates; Landscape Maintenance: City Parks & Recreation





**ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE**

**Kiosk at Marjorie Luke Theatre**

721 East Cota St

Property Owner:

Santa Barbara High

School District;

Project Manager: Rod

Lathim, Marjorie Luke Theatre; Project Architect: Dawn Sophia Ziemer, Kruger Bensen Ziemer Architects; Foundation Construction: Frank Schipper, Schipper Construction; Wrought Iron Design: Sam Demachkie, Ironwood Designs; Wrought Iron Artist: Jesus Ramirez Delgadillo, Ironwood Designs; Ceramic Tiles: Nola Stucky, NS Ceramic; Ceramic Tile Installation: Peter Da Ros; Painter: George Cranford; Landscape: Maggie Bradley



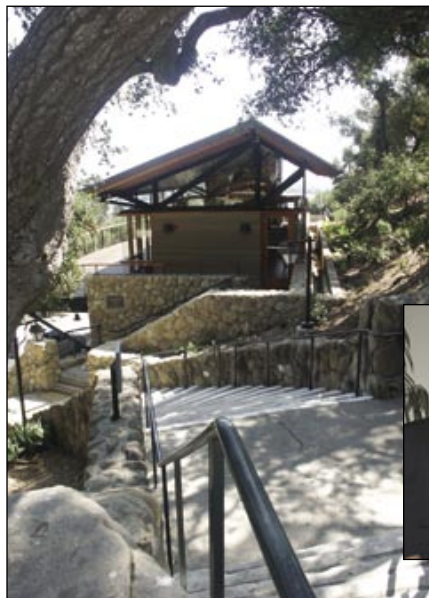
**MULTIPLE DWELLINGS:** Casa de las Fuentes ~ **922 Castillo St**  
 Property Owner: Housing Authority - City of Santa Barbara; Architect: Peikert Group Architects; Builder: Melchiori Construction; Landscape Architect: David R. Black & Associates; Landscape Contractor: Plowboy Landscapes; Landscape Maintenance: Housing Authority, City of Santa Barbara



**HISTORIC RESTORATION**

**Santa Barbara Bowl, Wendy McCaw Terrace ~ 1122 North Milpas St**

Property Owner: Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation; Facility Committee Chair: Eric Lassen, Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation; Project Architect: Steve Carter, DesignARC; Associate Architect: Blake Middleton, Handel Associates; Builder: Michael Diani, AJ Diani Construction Co. Inc.; Construction Management: Gregg Wilson, Intelisyn Inc.; Landscape Architect: Susan Van Atta, Van Atta Associates; Landscape Maintenance: Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation; Benefactor: Wendy McCaw, Wendy P. McCaw Foundation



Mary Lou Schmidt, Dick Riffero



**SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE**  
**3713 Osito Court**

Property Owner: Constance and John Thayer; Landscape Architect: Billy Goodnick, bgdc; Landscape Contractor: Joe Coffey, JC's Landscaping; Landscape Maintenance: Barry Rossington; Decorative Concrete: Rey Corona Concrete Co.; Garden Art: Nofufi Garden Gallery



**MIXED USE**  
**The Grant House**  
**1227 De La Vina St**

Property Owner: Rick Longpre, Sam Maphis, Tim Casey, Grant House Partners; Architect: Pete Ehlen, East Beach Ventures; Builder: John Sullivan, Armstrong Associates; Landscape Architect: Sam Maphis, Earthform Design; Landscape Contractor: Dean Nydam, Nydam Landscape Construction Inc.; Landscape Maintenance: Acorn Landscape Management; Development Manager: Rick Longpre, Latitude, Inc.



Desmond, Ralph Waterhouse, Diane Waterhouse, David Gledhill, Patti Jaquemain, Suzanne Mellichamp, Duncan Mellichamp



**COMMERCIAL RENOVATION:** Brisas del Mar, Inn at the Beach ~ **223 Castillo Street**

Property Owner: Jeanette and Philip Webber; Project Architect: Kirk Gradin, Banyan Architects; Builder: Joe Sevilla and Bob Callis, Joe Sevilla Construction; Landscape Architect: Julio Veyna, Veyna Systems Landscaping; Landscape Maintenance: Rafael Vera; Painter: Jim Brewer







**COMMERCIAL SIGN**  
 Metropulos Fine Foods Merchant ~  
**216 East Yanonali St**  
 Property Owner: Craig and Ann Addis; Sign Design: Brian Cearnal, Cearnal Architects; Iron Work: Patrick Davis, Chapala Iron & Mfg. Company; Sign Fabrication: Paul Thistlewhite, White Signs

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING**  
 Ralphs Market ~ **100 West Carrillo St**

Property Owner: Chapala Street Investors; Project Architect: Jeff Gorrell, Lenvik & Minor Architects; Builder: John Aldridge and Brad Hastings, Savant Construction; Landscape Architect: Robert Fowler, Robert A. Fowler & Associates; Landscape Contractor: Douglas Wasson, Plowboy Landscape



**RESIDENTIAL RENOVATION**  
 ~ **3036 Hermosa Road**

Property Owner: Jim and Colleen Smith; Project Design and Landscape Design: Jim Melnik, A Garden; Builder: Steve Powell, Powell & Associates; Landscape Contractor & Maintenance: Ernesto Flores, La Tierra Landscaping



**FIRESCAPE DESIGN ~ 1427 Tunnel Rd**

Property Owner: Dennis Allen and Jennifer Cushnie; Landscape Contractor & Maintenance: Margaret Grace, Grace Design Associates Inc.; Care of Oaks: McPherson, Clarke & Stevens Arborists, Inc.



Janet and Rick Longpré



John Ogilvy and Brook Ashley



David & Janine Jacoby



Signe Wilson



Esther Baum



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