

Santa Barbara Beautiful Bestowing Honors for Beautification

THE 43RD ANNUAL SANTA BARBARA BEAUTIFUL AWARDS rolled out a red carpet for honorees and parties involved in preserving, beautifying, and designing a more and more beautiful Santa Barbara in a reception and awards presentation at the Lobero Theatre on September 30th. Five special awards and ten property awards were part of the evening that began with pre-awards courtyard reception featuring Luna Gitana and food by Duo Catering Company. When the capacity crowd adjourned into the Lobero where they were joined by even more beautification loving souls, the evening began with a montage of video highlighting the role Santa Barbara Beautiful (SBB) plays in the community, and created by **Dana Morrow** of RoadShow Media.

After the video presentation, **Courtney Seepie**, President of Santa Barbara Beautiful offered a cordial welcome. With a dapper **John Palminteri** as Master of Ceremony at the podium, the honorable Mayor Marty Blum and U.S. Representative Lois Capps stepped up to the ready with special honors for award recipients.

First up was **Business in Art Award** an award originating from the **City Arts Advisory Committee**. The committee selected **The Santa Barbara Downtown Organization** as their third annual recipient. The award was presented by **Phyllis de Picciotto**, Santa Barbara City Arts Advisory Committee and **Ginny Brush** of the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission. The Santa Barbara Downtown Organization was honored for highlighting the downtown's diverse visual and performing arts offerings, revitalizing and promoting the Cultural Arts District, and providing opportunities for the community to

celebrate the arts with the establishment of monthly "1st Thursday" events.

Four Santa Barbara Beautiful special awards began with the **Moreton Bay Fig Award** to a respected community beautification leader, **John Pitman**. The award was presented posthumously to the family of John Pitman by **Robert Adams**, Board Member

Santa Barbara Beautiful. A native of Santa Barbara, Pitman was dedicated to preserving the beauty of the community through his award-winning works and leadership in service spanning several decades.

"The Curious Horticulturist" **Bruce Van Dyke** was recognized for his numerous contributions to our community since arriving in 1948 with **The Heritage Oak Award for Lifetime Achievement**, presented by **David Gress**, Past President, Santa Barbara Beautiful. Van Dyke's contributions over the years have been diverse. He has been and is an educator, mentor, writer, orchid aficionado, and dedicated volunteer

in the service of community beautification.

The "driving force" and inspiration behind the highly successful annual All School Arbor Day Celebration that includes school children K-6, faculty, parents, and civic leaders to raise awareness on the importance



The John and Harriet (front) Pitman Family: Karina (daughter) and John Bell; Lauren (granddaughter) and Lisa (daughter) Peterson; Charlie (son) Pitman and Amy Kennedy.



Brian Sarvis, Superintendent of City Schools with **Jodi Miles**, The Jacaranda Award



David Gress, Former SBB President and **Bruce Van Dyke**, Heritage Oak Award



Alix and Courtney Seepie, President, Santa Barbara Beautiful



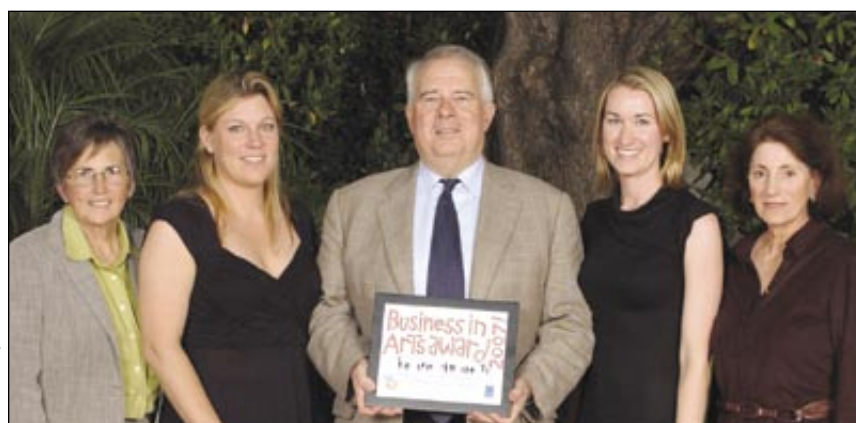
John B. Weller, Environmentalist presented **Hillary Hauser** of Heal the Ocean the **Playa de Santa Barbara Award**.



Congresswoman **Lois Capps**; **Hillary Hauser**, Exec Director Heal the Ocean; **Priya Verma**, Heal the Ocean; Mayor **Marty Blum**.



Santa Barbara Beautiful Board of Directors 2007: (alphabetical order) **Robert Adams; Ginny Brush; Mike Bush; Ricardo Castellanos; Karen Christman; Inge Crowder; Jacqueline Dyson; Randy Figgins; Randy Fritz; Christie Gallagher; David Gress; Vickie Hawks; Howard Hudson; David Jacoby; Patti Jacquemain; Charles Kelly; Norman King; Suzanne Mellichamp; Jo Ann Mermis; Kerry Methner; Desmond O'Neill; Courtney Seepie; Carol Terry; Maury Treman; Bruce Van Dyke; Diane Waterhouse; Mark Whitehurst; and Andrew Wyatt**



Ginny Brush, Jennifer Rose, William Duvall, Michelle Jellin, and Phyllis de Picciotto



Chris Dentzel, Bruce Giffin, Geoff Crane, Thierry Fraye, and Rob Lane



Commercial Building: Braille Institute Of America at 2031 De La Vina Street
 Property Owner: Braille Institute; of America; Project Architect: Brian Cearnal, Cearnal Andrulaitis Architects; General Contractor: Mark J. Melchiori, Melchiori Construction Company; Civil Engineer: Michael A. Caccese, MAC Design Associates
 Landscape Architect: David Niles, Landscapes by Davids
 Landscape Contractor: R. G. Foil, Ron Foil Landscapes
 Landscape Maintenance: Douglas Wasson, Plowboy Landscapes, Inc.

Single Family Residence-Large: 980 West Mountain Drive
 Property Owners: Travis and Tracy Shannon; Architect: Christopher Dentzel; General Contractor: Geoff Crane, Giffin & Crane; Landscape Architect: Katie O'Reilly Rogers, The Office of Katie O'Reilly Rogers; Landscape Contractor: Thierry C. Fraye, Paysage, Inc.; Landscape Maintenance: Jose Perez, Perez Landscape; Landscape Maintenance: Tracy Shannon, Jardin Magnifique.



Back: **Christine Pierron; Brian Cearnal; Angela Nowlin.** Front: **David Niles; Tracy Lyon; and Bob Quackenbush**



Historic Restoration: Riviera Park Research & Communications Center at 2020 Alameda Padre Serra

Property Owner: Michael Towbes, The Towbes Group; Project Architect: John Pitman, Edwards-Pitman Architects; General Contractor: Frank Schipper, Schipper Construction; Project Engineer-Site Engineer: Harry P. Fowler, Penfield & Smith; Building Engineer: Peter Ehlen, Ehlen Speiss & Haight; Landscape Architect: Philip Suding, Suding Design
 Landscape Architect; Landscape Contractor: Douglas Wasson, Plowboy Landscapes, Inc.; Landscape Maintenance: Douglas Wasson, Plowboy Landscapes, Inc.



Doug Wasson, Harry Fowler, Philip Suding, Craig Zimmerman, and Frank Schipper

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The Live Event was filmed courtesy of the SBCC School Of Media Arts and Santa Barbara Channels TV21.

Property Photos Courtesy Of Winning Teams. Participant Photos By **Rick Carter**: 705-4939.



Single Family Residence-Small: 1932 Santa Barbara Street
 Property Owners: Lonnie Merrick and Cynthia Whiting; Architect: James Zimmerman, Zimmerman Architects; General Contractor: Bill Covey, Covey Construction; Landscape Architect: Charles McClure, Charles P. McClure Landscape Architect; Landscape Architect: Bruce and Chris Koehler, Down to Earth Landscapes, Inc.; Landscape Maintenance: Merrick, Whiting & Sons



Bruce Koehler, Bill Covey, James Zimmerman, Lonnie Merrick and Cynthia Whiting, and Charles McClure



Multiple Dwellings: Paseo Bonito at 727-743 East Anapamu Street

Property Owner: Peter Lewis; Architect: Cearnal Andrulaitis LLP; General Contractor: Froscher/Lewis Construction; Project Engineer: Thomas Long, Thomas Long Engineering; Landscape Architect: David R. Black, David R. Black & Associates; Landscape Contractor: Art Gonzales, Progressive Care



Peter Lewis, Brian Cearnal, and David Black



Architectural or Natural Feature:
Italian Stone Pines at East Anapamu Street
 Property Owner: City of Santa Barbara; Landscape Maintenance: City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation Department



Jill Zachary and Nancy Rapp both of City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation Department



Open Public Space: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden at 1212 Mission Canyon Road
 Property Owner: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
 Landscape Architecture & Maintenance: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden



Bob Sherwood; Nancy Johnson; Andrew Wyatt; Ed Schneider, all representing the Botanic Gardens



Residential Garden: Cota Street Studios 225 East Cota Street
 Property Owners: Dan and Maya Upton, Leon and Elizabeth Olson, and Jeff and Karin Shelton; General Contractor: Dan Upton, Upton Construction, Inc.; Landscape Architect: David R. Black, David R. Black & Associates; Landscape Contractor: Rosendo Valencia, Valencia Tree and Landscape; Landscape Maintenance: Eladio Soriano



Owners **Leon Olson and Dan Upton**; and **David Black**



Hugh Petersen Award For Art In Public Places:
"Portrait Of Mexico Today" Siqueiros Mural at the Santa Barbara Museum Of Art
 Property Owner: Santa Barbara Museum of Art; Mural Artist: David Alfaro Siqueiros; Project Architects: Henry Lenny, Steve Yates, and David VanHoy; General Contractors: John L. Sullivan, Armstrong Associates; Structural Engineer: Gregory K. Van Sande, Van Sande Structural Consultants, Inc.; Chief Conservator: Perry Huston, Perry Huston & Associates; Transportation: Ted Hollinger, Master Movers.



Mark Whitehurst and Kerry Methner of CASA Magazine



Commercial Sign: CASA Magazine 23 East Canon Perdido
 Property Owner: CASA Magazine; Sign Design: CASA Magazine Staff; Sign Fabrication: Soboba Wood Company; Earthworks & CASA Magazine



Greg Van Sande; Phillip Johnston, SBMA Director; **Henry Lenny; John Sullivan**, and **Brent Roach**.



Bruce and Dorchen Van Dyke



Councilwoman Helene Schneider and John B. Weller



Rita Ferri



Penny Haberman and David Jacoby



Bud Bottoms



Christie Gallagher and Ricardo Castellanos



Past Presidents of Santa Barbara Beautiful: (left to right) David Gress, Bruce Van Dyke, Bud Bottoms, Mark Whitehurst, and Desmond O'Neill

A memorable courtyard reception preceded the Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards Presentation.



Robert Adams, Congresswoman Lois Capps, and Nancy Clare Caponi



David Gledhill and Patti Jacquemain



Dana Morrow of RoadShow Media and Diane Waterhouse



City Council Member Das Williams and SBB President Courtney Seepie



Maury Treman and Karen Christman



Duncan and Suzanne Mellichamp



Amy Kennedy and Charlie Pitman



Timothy Buynak, John Palminteri, and Brian Cearnal



Angela and Charles Kelly



Jacqueline Dyson and Roberta Hoyt Roeser



Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards 2007 Judging Committee: Committee Co-Chairs: Des O'Neill and Ricardo Castellanos; Assistant Chair: Christie Gallagher. Judges: David Black; Norm and Sue Burr; Karen Christman; Natalie Cope; Bob Cunningham; Rita Ferri; Billy Goodnick; Brian Hofer; Charles Kelly; Rick Longpre; Mort Maizlish; Sam Maphis; Gavin Moores; Carl Schneider; Dennis Thompson; Mike Vining; Mary Wessely; and Denise Woolery.



Jennifer Rose and Marshall Rose

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