

# Santa Barbara Beautiful Celebrates Beautification!

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**P**ERKY CHRYSANTHEMUMS dotted the tables as guests at the annual Santa Barbara Beautiful Annual Awards began to take their places, mingling in the sun dappled country garden at the Music Academy of the West. Awardees, associates, and friends shared stories and enthusiasm as the afternoon gracefully unfurled, imbued with the theme, *Timeless Santa Barbara*. The awards event celebrates individuals and teams of people that have excelled in the eyes of their peers at beautifying Santa Barbara.

## *Timeless Santa Barbara*

“Santa Barbara is a place we call home - full of beauty created by citizens, architects, planners, landscape architects, and business owners. Over the last nearly 50 years, Santa Barbara Beautiful has been dedicated to creating, preserving, enriching, and celebrating this wonderful environment. With our community, we have gathered tonight, and that is what the annual awards are about,” related Kate Kurlas, 2014 SBB President.

Jeanette Casillas and Ricardo Castellanos, Annual Awards Co-Chairs, greeted guests as they arrived, along with most of the 30 plus Board of Directors, who showed up early to help out and have photographer Priscilla capture a shot of them for posterity.

Highlights of the reception included delicious Lief Wines, hors d'oeuvres by Lorraine Lim Catering, and live music by a classical music string sibling trio, Three for Joy.

The party moved from the lush gardens into sumptuous Hahn Hall where Three for Joy continued to ply the crowd as they gathered for a short video about the non-profit and its work

in the community. Evident was the growth in collaboration between Santa Barbara Beautiful and other non-profit entities in the community, several of whom sent representatives to the gala celebration.

Kurlas took the stage to welcome the consummate Mistress of Ceremonies, Paula Lopez, who returned for the third year to do the honors.

With genuine warmth, Lopez introduced SBB Board Members, SBB Past Presidents, Award Judges, and honored guests, and then the awards presentations began.

Presentations moved from property teams to individuals, to awards from the City of Santa Barbara Arts Advisory Committee, to a new award this year, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden's Native Choice Award.

The President's Award was first up. It was presented by Kurlas to Margaret L. Cafarelli and team for Alma del Pueblo.

Next was an award to the Lobero Theatre for Historic Revitalization. The Lobero Theatre has revitalized both its exterior and interior using the original plans and designs of renowned architects George Washington Smith and Lulah Maria Riggs.

The Hugh Petersen Award for Art in Public Places followed with a presentation for the Joseph Knowles' *California Mosaic Mural* now located at Alma del Pueblo. Knowles' son was present to accept the award.

An award to the Boat House Restaurant at Hendry's Beach for their commercial sign followed. Then members of the team responsible for the upgrades of the Public Open Space at the Sea Landing Walkway took the stage. The newly designed oceanfront entry to Santa Barbara was

envisioned as a palm-lined esplanade.

The Heritage Oak Award, an individual award for Lifetime Achievement, was presented to Isabelle Greene by SBB Treasurer Robert F. Adams. Greene is an internationally lauded landscape architect, with over 600 gardens in Santa Barbara and across the country to her credit. She has regularly demonstrated that lushness is available without excessive water use.

Greene and the President's Award recipient will receive a commemorative tree marker honoring their contributions to the community.

Ms. Greene's award was followed by the Multi-Family Residence Award to the beautiful property at 121 West De La Guerra. Its design revolved around preserving an old Norfolk Pine, creating an Old Santa Barbara feel.

Then a colorful entry in the Single Family home category offering a bold, vibrant, color scheme adorned with paintings by local artists. This home at 521 Santa Barbara Street, designed by Jeff Shelton, Architect, embodies an artistic approach to living.

A Commercial Property Award to The Anacapa Project at 131-137 Anacapa Street in the lively Funk Zone neighborhood followed. It offers a synergy in this pedestrian friendly quarter, that invites patrons to wander through the spaces between businesses and along the street, between Lark Restaurant, Figueroa Mountain Brewery, Cutlers, Guitar Bar, RiverBench Winery, and Lucky Penny cafe.

A break in property awards made room for the inaugural Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Native Choice Award, presented to the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation by Steve Windhager, PhD, Executive Director of the Garden. “We honor this vital nonprofit for its vision and environmental leadership for choosing natives in its spectacularly designed landscapes,” Windhager related. “The Bowl's multi-phased landscape design renovation includes three sites that wholeheartedly reflect the spirit of the Native Choice Award: the Overlook, the Glen, and the landscaping around the new Box Office.”

Two more property awards followed. For Architectural Feature, the team from the Lucky Penny received kudos for their “Penny Wall.” This feature was a community project with



Isabelle C. Greene, Heritage Oak Award Recipient with Robert F. Adams, SBB Treasurer



The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Native Choice Award: Steve Windhager, PhD, Exec. Dir. SBBG. Front: Guillermo González, Van Atta Associates; Susan Van Atta, Van Atta Associates; and Eric Lassen, Board Member & Chair of the Facilities Committee at Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation



Pascucci Restaurant owner Laura Knight recipient of City of SB Arts Advisory Committee Business in Art Award (right) with Ginny Brush, SB County Arts Commission Exec. Dir.

penny donations and volunteer labor attaching thousands of copper disks to the building. It's a striking piece.

Next, a bit of architectural history was honored with the Single Family Estate Award, which went to the Prynne Hopkins House located at 1900 Garden Street known as 'El Nido' or 'The Nest.' This venerable home was designed by local architect Francis Wilson for Charles and Mary Hopkins of San Francisco, and completed in 1897.

The Business in Art Award from the City of Santa Barbara Arts Advisory Committee held the anchor position this year. It was presented to Laura Knight, Owner of Pascucci Restaurant by Santa Barbara County Arts Commission Executive Director Ginny Brush. The Award itself was created by local assemblage artist Sue Van Horsen. Through her restaurant Knight has provided generous sponsorships and financial support to numerous nonprofit organizations in Santa Barbara, including the Celebrity Solstice Night fundraiser which in its 13-year history has raised over \$125,000 to support the Summer Solstice Parade.

In all, there were thirteen awards presented in a fast moving video-rich program. It was topped off with a champagne and sparkling cider toast in Hahn Hall Plaza, where guests continued their conversations and enthusiasm.

“We are very fortunate to have a community of

talented professionals, who through their work, contribute to the beauty of Santa Barbara. The Santa Barbara Beautiful annual awards recognize and celebrate their beautification efforts,” shared Jeanette Casillas and Ricardo Castellanos, Gala Co-Chairs.

The Awards Committee from Santa Barbara Beautiful selected the individual awards and an independent group of over 20 professionals and community members volunteered as judges to select the property award winners.

For information about Santa Barbara Beautiful visit [www.sbbeautiful.org](http://www.sbbeautiful.org)



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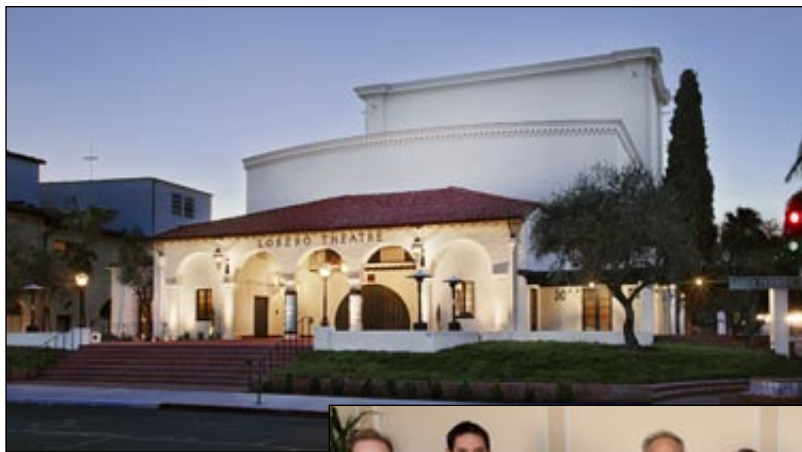
## The President's Award

Alma Del Pueblo  
18 west Victoria Street

Property Owner: Margaret L. Cafarelli - Victoria Street Partners, LLC; Project Architects: Brian Cearnal AIA LEED & Jeff Hornbuckle AIA LEED - Cearnal Andrulaitis LLP; Project Landscape Architects: Bob Cunningham ASLA & Martha Degasis ASLA - Arcadia Studio; Project Builder - General Contractor: Ross Edwards, Co-Founder & Eric Horn, Co-Founder-The Build Group; Project Landscape Contractor & Landscape Maintenance: Scott R. Williams - ValleyCrest Landscape Companies



Alma del Pueblo Team: Joe Andrulaitis, Martha Degasis, Nola Shepard Stucky, Brian Cearnal, Kate Kurlas, SBB President; Jamileh Cannon, Jeff Hornbuckle, and Robbie Smith. Front: Elizabeth Wagner, Margaret L. Cafarelli, and Kathy Shinoda



## Historic Revitalization

**The Lobero Theatre**  
33 East Canon Perdido Street

**Property Owner:** Lobero Theatre Foundation; **Executive Director** - David Asbell; **Project Manager:** Todd Jared; **Project Architect:** Joe Wilcox AIA - Kruger Bensen Ziemer Architects, Inc.; **Project Designer:** Dawn Ziemer; **General Contractor:** Paul Wieckowski - Schipper Construction President; **Landscape Architects:** Bob Cunningham ASLA & Meg West ASLA - Arcadia Studio; **Landscape Contractor:** Doug Wasson - Plowboy Landscape; **Landscape Maintenance:** Wade Nomura - Owner of Nomura Yamasaki Landscapes, Inc.; **Lighting Design:** Ann Kale - Owner of Ann Kale, Ltd.; **Brick Installation:** Mike Monteabaro - Owner of Monteabaro Masonry, Inc.; **Metal Fabrication - Railings & Light Fixtures:** Jeff Meister, Owner of IRONCAD, Ltd.; **Metal Fabrication - Kiosk Restoration:** Sam Demachkie - Owner of Ironwood Designs



Historic Revitalization Team: **Doug Wasson**, Plowboy; **Mat Gradias**, KBZ Architects; **Steve Pivato**, Schipper Construction; **Paul Wieckowski**, Schipper Construction; **Joe Wilcox**, KBZ Architects; **David Asbell**, Lobero Foundation Exec. Dir.; and **Wade Nomura**. Front: **Meg West**, Arcadia; **Megan Repka**, KBZ; **Dawn Ziemer**, KBZ Architects; **Ann Kale**, Ann Kale Lighting; and **Sam Demachkie**, Ironwood Designs

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## Hugh Petersen Award For Art In Public Places

**Joseph Knowles' California Mosaic Mural**  
1315 Chapala Street

**Property Owner:** Margaret L. Cafarelli - Victoria Street Partners, LLC; **Principal Artist:** Joseph Knowles, Sr.



Hugh Petersen Award For Art In Public Places Team: **Joseph Knowles Jr.** and **Margaret L. Cafarelli**

## Commercial Property

**Anacapa Project**  
131 - 137 Anacapa Street

**Property Owners:** Westside Anacapa LLC; **Project Developer:** Katie Hay & David Hay - Central Coast Real Estate; **Project Architect** - Design: Clay Aurell AIA LEEDC AP & Josh Blumer, Principals of AB Design Studio, Inc.; **Project Builder - General Contractor:** Bob Young & Dave Young - Young Construction; **Landscape Designer:** Randy Wilson - Wilson Landscape; **Business Owners:** Sherry Villanueva & Brian Kelly - The Lark, Lucky Penny, Les Marchands Wine Bar & Merchant; Brian McClintic & Eric Railsback - Les Marchands Wine Bar & Merchant; Jamie Faletti - Santa Barbara Guitar Bar; Martin Brown - Area 5.1; Laura Booras - Riverbench Vineyard & Winery; Ian Cutler - Cutler's Artisan Spirits; Jaime Diethofer - Figueroa Mountain Brewing Company



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Commercial Property Team: **Rick Musmecci**, **Bob Young**, **David Hay**, **Josh Blumer**, **Josh Blumer**, **Greg Christman**, and **Ted Bruckner**. Front: **Dave Young**, **Sherry Villanueva**, **Katie Hay**, and **Clay Aurell**



## Public Open Space

**Sea Landing Walkway**  
301 West Cabrillo Boulevard

**Property Owner:** City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Dept.; **Project Architect:** Brian Cearnal AIA LEED & Joe Andrulaitis AIA LEED - Cearnal Andrulaitis LLP; **Project Landscape Architect:** Erin Carroll ASLA - Arcadia Studio; **Project Landscape Contractor:** Gosnell Tree & Landscape; **Project Landscape Maintenance:** Santos Escobar - Supervisor, City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation Dept.; **Mosaic Tile Art:** Elizabeth (Betsy) Gallery; **Mosaic Tile Installation:** Alfred Ramirez; **Mosaic Bronze Metalwork:** Santa Barbara Forge + Iron



Public Open Space Team: **Tom Dietz**, Waterfront Supervisor and Santos Escobar, City of SB Parks Manager. Front: **Alfred Ramirez**, **Betsy Gallery**, and **Erin Carroll**, A.S.L.A.

### 2014 Annual Awards Judging Committee

**Ricardo Castellanos** and **Lori Kari**, Committee Co-Chairs  
**Gina Benesh**, **Ellen Bildsten**, **David Black**, **Marty Blum**, **Phoebe Brunner**, **Jacquelyn Cacan**, **Nancy Clare Caponi**, **Yvonne Chin**, **Nina Dunbar**, **Cass Ensberg**, **Karen Feeney**, **Valerie Froscher**, **Brian Hofer**, **Tom Jacobs**, **Errol Jahnke**, **Eric Lassen**, **Susanne Kortz-Tejada**, **Leon Olson**, **Charlene Pidgeon**, **Victor Schumacher**, **Marcella Simmons**, and **John Whitehurst**

### 2014 Santa Barbara Beautiful Board of Directors

**Robert F. Adams**, **Ginny Brush**, **Jeanette Casillas**, **Ricardo Castellanos**, **Grant Castleberg**, **Tim Downey**, **Jacqueline S. Dyson**, **Suzanne Fairly-Green**, **Randy Figgins**, **Christie Gallagher**, **Donnis Galvan**, **David Gress**, **David Jacoby**, **Patti Jacquemain**, **Lori Kari**, **Charles Kelly**, **Kate Kurlas**, **Duke McPherson**, **Suzanne Mellichamp**, **Jo Ann Mermis**, **Kerry Methner**, **Desmond O'Neill**, **Deborah Schwartz**, **Leslee Sipress**, **Carol Terry**, **Maury Treman**, **Bruce Van Dyke**, **Mark Whitehurst**, and **Lesley Wiscomb**



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### Architectural Feature

**Lucky Penny "Penny Wall"**  
121 Anacapa Street

**Business Owner:** Sherry Villanueva; **General Manager:** Dan Russo; **Project Architect:** Doug Washington - Doug Washington Design; **Builder - General Contractor:** Bob Young - Young Construction; **Project Landscape Designer:** Randy Wilson - Wilson Landscape; **Installation Contractor:** Tommy Moreno - Moreno Tile; **Project Volunteers:** Mrs. Frankie Martinez, Primary Volunteer & The Lark Staff; Future Leaders of America; Multiple Sclerosis Society-Channel Islands Office; Youth Alliance Interactive



### Commercial Sign

**The Boathouse at Hendry's Beach**  
2981 Cliff Drive

**Property Owner:** Tom & Adam White; **Project Architect:** David VanHoy AIA; **Sign Design:** Grant Lepper; **Sign Fabrication:** White Signs



Commerical Sign Team:  
**Casey Novesky,**  
White Signs



Architectural Feature Team: **Jonathon Hernandez,** Youth Interactive Artist; **Bob Young, Dave Young, Ted Bruckner, and Alex Torres.** Front: **Danny Meza,** Youth Interactive Artist; **Nathalie Gensac,** Youth Interactive Founder/ President; **Sherry Villanueva;** Rick Musmecci; and **Toby Troutvein,** Youth Interactive Artist



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### Single Family Estate

**Prynce Hopkins House,** 1900 Garden Street

**Property Owners:** Marcia & D. John Goerner; **Project Builder- General Contractor:** Mark Goerner & Arthur Ablungus; **Project Landscape Maintenance:** Humberto Garcia - Humberto Garcia Landscaping; **Project Plumbing Contractor:** Max Selzer - Max Selzer Plumbing



Single Family Home Team:  
**Richard Wilke,** Artist and **Andy Johnson,** Stone Mason & Artist. Front: **Dan Upton,** Contractor **Karin Shelton,** Artist and **Jeff Shelton,** Architect



### Single Family Home

**521 Santa Barbara Street**

**Property Owners:** Jason Yardi; **Project Architect:** Jeff Shelton - Jeff Shelton, Architect; **Project Builder - General Contractor:** Dan Upton - Dan Upton Construction, Inc.; **Project Landscape Architect:** Tom Cole - Cold Spring Aloes & Job Foreman - Matt Metcalfe; **Ironwork:** David Shelton, David Shelton Designs; **Artists - Exterior Panels:** Richard Wilke & Karin Shelton; **Stone Work:** Andy Johnson



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### Multi-Family Residence

**121 West De La Guerra Street**

**Property Owner:** Thomas Luria - 121 DLG LLC; **Project Architect:** Brian Cearnal AIA LEED & Joe Andrulaitis AIA LEED - Cearnal Andrulaitis LLP; **Project Landscape Architect:** Laurie Romano ASLA - Arcadia Studio; **Project Landscape Contractor:** Randy Wilson - Wilson Landscape



Multi-Family Residence Team: **Brian Cearnal** and **Joe Andrulaitis.** Front: **Ray Robins** and **Thomas Luria**