

Santa Barbara Beautiful Annual Awards Celebrating 50 Years of Beautification!

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THE SAYING IS, WITH AGE COMES WISDOM, IT CAN ALSO BRING AN AMAZING FACILITY FOR CELEBRATION. Santa Barbara Beautiful (SBB) proved this recently when it kicked up its heels celebrating its 50th year of honoring locals who beautify our city. With more than 250 in attendance at a delightful and intimate garden party set at the Music Academy of the West, directly followed by a video-paced awards ceremony in the beautiful Hahn Hall, SBB board, volunteers, judges, community, dignitaries, and awardees kibitzed and celebrated.

Imbued with the grace of sunshine and light breezes, the event, themed *Celebrating 50 Years of Beautification*, honored individuals and teams of people that have excelled in the eyes of their peers and community at beautifying Santa Barbara.

"We had a great turnout and the ceremony was befitting of Santa Barbara Beautiful's legacy of beautification for 50 years. The Awards Committee did a fantastic job of putting on such a special event that just seems to keep getting better each year," related Jeanette Casillas, 2015 SBB President.

Ricardo Castellanos and Jo Ann Mermis, Annual Awards Co-Chairs, greeted guests as they arrived, along with many of the 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 hors d'oeuvres by Tam Trinh's Spices N Rice; Lief and Brander Wines; Figueroa Mountain Brewing Co. craft beer; Flowers by Por La Mar Nursery; a photo booth by Just4Fun Party Rentals; and live music by The Bob Ledner Trio.

The party moved from the lush gardens into sumptuous Hahn Hall where The Bob Ledner Trio continued to play as the crowd gathered for a short video created by Roadshow Media about the non-profit and its work in the community which set the stage for an up and



The President's Award

Sonos, Inc. at 614 Chapala Street

Founders: John MacFarlane, Craig Shelburne, and Thomas Cullen; **Chief Executive Officer (CEO):** John MacFarlane, Sonos, Inc.; **Facilities Manager:** Allison Griffin; **Property Owner:** Kip Bradley, Daketa Pacific; **Project Architect:** Russell Shubin & Robin Donaldson, Shubin Donaldson Architects, Inc.; **Project Landscape Architect:** Lane Goodkind; **Project Builder-General Contractor:** Cary Gerhardt & Gerry Mackay, Sierra Pacific Constructors; **Project Landscape Contractor & Landscape Maintenance:** MAP Landscaping & Tree Service



The President's Award Team: (Back) **Ingvar Meijers**, SBB President **Jeanette Casillas**, and **Robin Donaldson**. (Front) **Allison Griffin** and **Lane Goodkind**

fast moving event.

Casillas took the stage to congratulate awardees and to welcome Santa Barbara's Citizen of the Year and Master of Ceremonies John Palminteri, a long-time supporter of the organization.

"The Santa Barbara Beautiful annual awards strive to recognize those stand out people and teams in our community who have been dedicated to creating, preserving, and enriching Santa Barbara's wonderful environment. It's a tradition that we hope to continue for many years to come," Casillas shared.

Palminteri invited Santa Barbara's Mayor Helene Schneider on stage. She welcomed guests and introduced

Santa Barbara's Poet Laureate Sojourner Kincaid Rolle who read a poem she wrote for the dedication of a tree commemorating the organization's 50 years.

With humor and famous smile, Palminteri introduced SBB Board Members, SBB Past Presidents, Award Judges, and honored guests. Then the awards presentations began.

Presentations moved between property teams and individuals, to the City of Santa Barbara Arts Advisory Committee's Business and Art Award to the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden's Native Choice Award. (See pages 16-17)

The Griswold Award for Philanthropy was presented by SB County Supervisor Salud Carbajal to Jean Kellogg Schuyler, who was present to accept the award. "Jean has been a leader on many difficult conservation issues that started as impossible dreams and ended in success," Carbajal quoted a Land Trust for SB County Past President. Throughout her life Schuyler's love for the outdoors inspired her commitment to the environment and participation on numerous boards. Her sons Peter and John Schuyler were present with her.

Next was the award for Historic Revitalization which went to The New Vic Theater at 33 West Victoria Street. The solid, hand built former Gothic Revival style church received a total revitalization when it was transformed into The New Vic Theater. Complementing its unique character, the building opened wide to welcome the functional requirements of a revamped, cutting edge theatre space. Every detail of the renovated building shows meticulous attention to revitalizing the interior while keeping the character of the exterior intact.

The Award for Commercial Sign followed, going to The Santa Barbara Company at 214 E. Victoria St. Whimsical and friendly, the locally produced sign offers a cut out metal bird on top, a birdhouse built into the back, and cylindrical tile and metalwork in muted colors. Lit from inside its roof, the unique sign is easy to read.

The President's Award was next, presented by Casillas to Sonos, Inc. Accepting the award for Sonos

were Ingvar Meijers, Robin Donaldson, Allison Griffin, and Lane Goodkind. Casillas started her presentation with, "An imagination capturing urban vibe, created with planes of natural wood, metal, glass, and drought tolerant plantings, along with plenty of sweat and creativity has emerged as an important characteristic of the President's Award recipient this year, 614 Chapala Street. It's a millennial nuance originating at Sonos."

The Single Family Estate Award was presented to Hodges House at 2112 Santa Barbara Street followed by the Award for Public Open Space to the recently completed Bath Street Pocket Park.

The second Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Native Choice Award was presented to Virginia L.T. Gardner by Steve Windhager, PhD, Executive Director of the Garden. The garden is a beautiful example of an eclectic design sense developing over 15 years and is located in the front yard at 2014 Garden Street. It boasts color and interest in all seasons including Palmer's mallow, Island Buckwheat, purple sage, Ceanothus 'Puget Blue' and California Buckwheat.

The Hugh Petersen Award for Art In Public Places was next, going to the Anacapa Project Gates at 00

Block East Yanonali Street. In the trendy, millennial Mecca of the Funk Zone, The Anacapa Gates, make their home on a highly traversed walkway. Consisting of six murals fastened to corrugated steel gates and well integrated with the building's decor and overhangs, and down lighting that brightens the walkway at night, the murals draw drivers and pedestrian's attention.

The Multi-Family Residence award was next, followed by the Architectural Feature Award.

The Business in Art Award from the City of Santa Barbara Arts Advisory Committee followed. The award honored the work of Marc and Laurie Recordon from Hotel Indigo for their work incorporating art in their business, including huge murals by nationally known artists on the south face of their building.

The Single Family Residence Award was presented next, followed by the award for Commercial Property.

Bringing the awards ceremony to a close - except for a final Champagne toast in the front courtyard, was Deborah L. Schwartz, SBB Treasurer who presented Phil McKenna, Board President of Gaviota Coast Conservancy with the Playa De Santa Barbara Award for Environmental Stewardship. The Conservancy is an advocacy group representing one of California's rare, undeveloped rural coastlines that seeks to protect and preserve its unique character.

In all, there were fourteen awards presented in a fast moving video-rich program lasting 60 minutes.

"We are very fortunate to have a community of talented professionals who, through their work, contribute to the beauty of Santa Barbara," shared Castellanos and Mermis, Awards Co-Chairs.

For info about Santa Barbara Beautiful visit www.sbbbeautiful.org



Peter Schuyler, John Schuyler, First District Supervisor **Salud Carbajal** with **Jean Kellogg Schuyler**, recipient of the Griswold Award for Philanthropy



The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Native Choice Award: **Steve Windhager**, PhD, Exec. Dir. SBBG with award recipient **Virginia L.T. Gardner**



Business in Art Award recipients **Marc and Laurie Recordon** from Hotel Indigo, SB County Arts Commission Exec. Dir. **Ginny Brush**, and Artist **Maria Rendón**



Melinda McKenna and **Phil McKenna**, Board President of Gaviota Coast Conservancy, winner of the Playa De Santa Barbara Award For Environmental Stewardship with **Deborah L. Schwartz**, SBB Treasurer



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Historic Revitalization

The New Vic Theater
33 West Victoria Street

Theater Renovator & Resident Theater Company: Jonathan Fox, Executive Artistic Director, Ensemble Theatre Company (ETC); **Project Architect:** Jason Currie & Monsiha Adnani, PMSM Architects; **Project Builder-General Contractor:** James Tooley, Superintendent, Frank Schipper Construction; **Project Landscape Architect:** Bob Cunningham, Arcadia Studio; **Project Landscape Contractor & Landscape Management:** Marjorie Bowe Hoffman, Acorn Landscape Management, Co.



Historic Revitalization Team: (Back) Justin Lassahn, Dana White, Bob Cunningham, Derek A. Westen, Paul Wiecekowski, and Jason Currie (Front) Marjorie Bowe Hoffman and Jonathan Fox

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Celebrating 50 years of beautification!



Commercial Sign

The Santa Barbara Company
214 East Victoria Street

Business Owners: Caroline Law & Nancy Law, The Santa Barbara Company; **Sign Design:** Jeff Shelton, Jeff Shelton Architect; **Sign Fabrication:** Dan Upton, Dan Upton Construction



Commercial Sign Team: (Back) Dan Upton and Jeff Shelton. (Front) Nancy Law and Caroline Law



Photo by Patrick Price

Commercial Property

Honor Bar - Plaza Montecito
1255 Coast Village Road

Property Owners: Alberto Valner, Black Valner, LLC; **Project Architect:** Brian Cearnal, Cearnal Andrulaitis, LLC; **Project Builder-General Contractor:** Alberto Valner, Kibo Group, Inc.; **Project Landscape Architect:** Philip Suding, Suding Design Landscape Architect; **Project Landscape Contractor & Landscape Maintenance:** Eric Vallen, Vallen Landscape; **Decorative Tile:** Nola Shepard Stucky, NS Ceramic; **Light Fixtures:** Jeff Meister, Owner, Ironcad, Ltd.



Commercial Property Team: Maria Martinez and Joe Andrulaitis



Multi-Family Residence

The East Beach Collective
331 North Calle Cesar Chavez

Property Management: The Management Trust; **Project Architect:** William Hezmalhalch; **Project Builder-General Construction:** Bill McReynolds, City Ventures; **Project Landscape Architect:** Katie O'Reilly Rogers, ASLA; **Project Landscape Maintenance:** Claudia Golden, Golden Landscape



Multi-Family Residence Team: (Back) Steve Epstein. (Front) Clair Rogers (Daughter of Katie O'Reilly Rogers), Claudia Golden, and Andrea Ruhge

Public Open Space

Bath Street Pocket Park
633-635 Bath Street

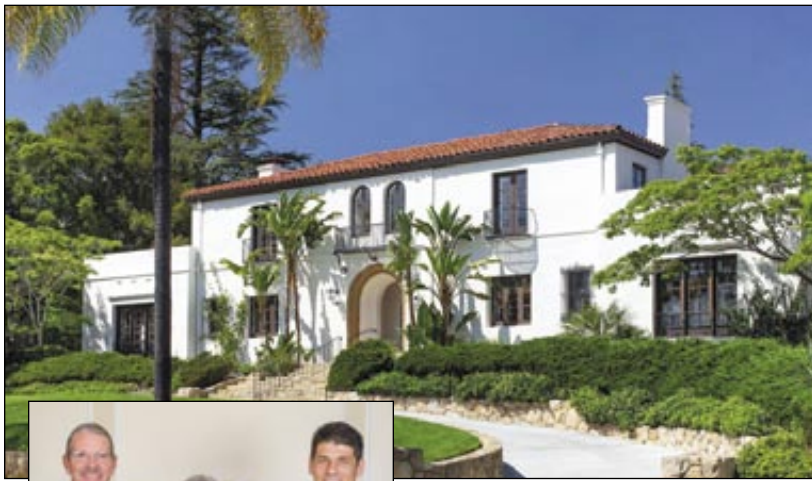
Property Owner & Project Architect: City of Santa Barbara, Parks & Recreation Dept.; **Project Builder-General Contractor:** Mark Heathcote, Heathcote Geotechnical; **Project Landscape Design:** City of Santa Barbara, Parks & Recreation Dept.; **Project Landscape Contractor:** Mark Heathcote, Heathcote Geotechnical; **Project Landscape Maintenance:** City of Santa Barbara, Parks Division



Public Open Space Team: Mark Rincon-Ibarra, Jim Heaton, Justin Van Mullem, Jill Zachary, SB Mayor Helene Schneider, Keven Strasburg, Ken Brown, and Santos Escobar



2015 Judging Committee: Lori Kari, Committee Chair. Judges: Phoebe Brunner, Nancy Clare Caponi, Yvonne Chin, Patricia Clark, Nina Dunbar, Cass Ensberg, Karen Feeney, Valerie Froscher, Brian Hofer, Errol Jahnke, Ann Kale, Richard Kelly, Eric Lassen, Courtney Jane Miller, Leon Olson, Charlene Pidgeon, Marcella Simmons, Tom Simmons, Deborah Campbell Waldron, and Denise Woolery. (Alphabetical order)



Single Family Estate

Hodges House
2112 Santa Barbara Street

Property Owner: Andreana & Marc Jones, Santa Barbara Restore LLC; **Project Architect:** Anthony Spann AIA, Anthony Grumbine, & Barbara Lowenthal, Harrison Design; **Project Builder-General Contractor:** AK Huddleston Construction; **Project Landscape Architect:** Kris Kimpel, Kris Kimpel Landscape Architecture

Single Family Estate Team: (Back) **Hud Huddleton, Barbara Lowenthal, and Anthony Grumbine.** (Front) **Verdeen Weiner**



Architectural Feature

El Jardin
819 Garden Street

Property Owner: REH Property LLC; **Architect:** Jeff Shelton, Jeff Shelton Architect; **General Contractor:** Matt Metcalfe & Dan Upton, Dan Upton Construction; **Ironwork:** David Shelton, David Shelton Studios; **Stone Sculpture:** Anders Johnson; **Decorative Tile & Pottery:** California Pottery & Tile Works; **Glass:** Saul Alcaraz, Santa Barbara Art Glass



Architectural Feature Team: **David Shelton, Michael Kelly, Jeff Shelton, Saul Alcaraz, and Dan Upton**



Sojourner Kincaid Rolle,
SB Poet Laureate



John Palminteri, Master
of Ceremonies

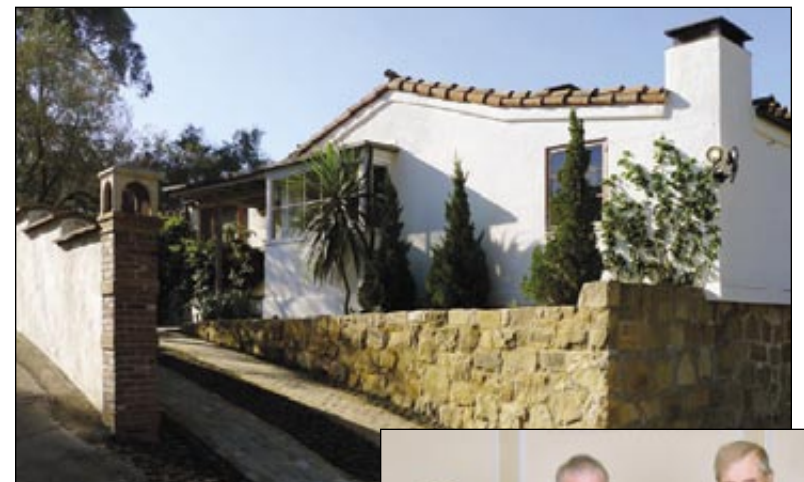
Hugh Petersen Award For Art In Public Places

Anacapa Project Gates
00 Block East Yanonali Street

Principal Artist-Project Designer: Anthon Ellis, AB Design Studio, Inc.; **Project Developer:** Katie and David Hay, Central Coast Real Estate; **Project Architects:** Clay Aurell & Josh Blumer, AB Design Studio, Inc.; **Project General Contractor:** Bob Young, Owner, Young Construction; **Project Manager:** Ted Bruckner, Young Construction; **Project Superintendent:** Rick Musmecci, Young Construction; **Artist Group Coordinator:** Calico Brown, Visual Arts & Design Academy (VADA); **Lead Artists:** Michael Matheson & Chelsea Locatelli, Visual Arts & Design Academy (VADA)



Hugh Petersen Award For Art In Public Places Team: (Back) **Ted Bruckner, David Hay, Clay Aurell, Michael Matheson, Daniel Barnett, and Josh Blumer.** (Front) **Chelsea Locatelli, Katie Hay, and Calico Brown**



Single Family Home

322 East Canon Perdido Street

Property Owners: Anthony & Patricia Craddock; **Project Architect:** Peter Becker, Peter Becker Architect; **Project Management & Project Design:** Randy Franks, Randy Franks Studio; **General Contractor:** Mike Fahrenkrug, Fahrenkrug Construction; **Landscape Design:** Eric Nagelmann; **Landscape Contractor:** Rosendo Valencia, Valencia Tree & Landscape; **Landscape Maintenance:** Jeff Nighman, Santa Barbara Natives



Single Family Home Team: (Back) **Randy Franks, Mike Fahrenkrug, and Peter Becker.** (Front) **Anthony and Patricia Craddock**



2015 Santa Barbara Beautiful Board of Directors: **Robert F. Adams, Ginny Brush, Stacey J. Byers, Jeanette Casillas, Ricardo Castellanos, Tim Downey, Jacqueline S. Dyson, Suzanne Fairly, Randy Figgins, Christie Gallagher, Donnis Galvan, David Gress, David Jacoby, Patti Jacquemain, Lori Kari, Kate Kurlas, Duke McPherson, Suzanne Mellichamp, Jo Ann Mermis, Kerry Methner, Desmond O'Neill, Deborah Schwartz, Leslee Sipress, Carol Terry, Mark Whitehurst, and Steve Windhager.** (Alphabetical order)

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