

Santa Barbara Beautiful

'Golden Leaf Awards'



"Locals Helping Locals"
Top: Brass Bear Brewing & Bistro
Bottom: Little Kitchen

HONORING BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS FOR THE LAST 55 YEARS, Santa Barbara Beautiful is recognizing local individuals, businesses, and organizations in a reimagined way this year by presenting the "Golden Leaf Awards" rather than hosting their annual Awards Gala.

"We're honored to celebrate our 55th Anniversary with Golden Leaf Awards – dedicated to the strength of our community and the individuals who have given joy to our city during these difficult times of COVID-19. Congratulations to each and every one!" shared Penny Haberman, Santa Barbara Beautiful President.

Every year since 1965, SBB has celebrated the city's beautification efforts with an Awards Gala in September, a gathering that recognizes people engaged in beautification and their publicly viewable projects. The Gala has seen many changes throughout the years, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SBB had to cancel their in-person celebration. They directed focus on those who have dealt directly with the local impacts of the pandemic.

Honorees were selected by SBB's Publicity/ Marketing/ Communications Committee and presented to the Board of Directors. Award winners will receive their award certificates via mail.

2020 Golden Leaf Award Winners are as follow:

"Light It Blue" by the City of Santa Barbara

Local landmarks were lit up in blue during the month of May to show gratitude to healthcare and essential workers.

Project Coordinator: Nina Johnson

Host Facility Sponsors: Arlington Theater; Lobero Theater; SB Museum of Natural History Sea Center; Cottage Hospital Santa Barbara; Mission Santa Barbara

Coordinators/ Artists/ Sponsors: Andrew Gartner, Gartner Design Co. (Coordinator); Lani Ballonoff, SPARK Creative Events (Sponsor); Kym Cochran & Jonathan Smith, The Environment Makers (Participating Artists); Casey Caldwell, SB Arts Collaborative/CAW (Sponsor); Jake Hanson, Bella Vista Designs (Sponsor); Ethan Turpin Art & Design (Participating Artist); Nina Dunbar (Coordinator)

"Locals Helping Locals" by Allen Construction

Putting community first, Allen Construction offered pro bono assistance in building Outdoor Parklets, Seating, ADA Ramps, etc.

CFO Project Coordinator: Lindsay Helmick

Community Partners: Hayward Lumber; Mission Audio & Visual; CJM:LA; Evergreen SB

Local Businesses: Brass Bear Brewing & Bistro; Dune Coffee; Holdren's Steaks & Seafood; Kunin Wines; Little Kitchen; Mollie's Restaurant; Renaud's Patisserie & Bistro Montecito; Restaurant Roy; Valley Project; Villa Wine Bar.



"Light It Blue"
Top: Santa Barbara Sea Center
Bottom: Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital

"AIA SB 2020 Design Charrette – Downtown State Street" by AIA Santa Barbara Chapter

With a goal to Reinvigorate, Reinvent, Reimagine, and Repurpose our Downtown with housing, energy, and life, the AIA SB hosted a Design Charrette for Downtown.

Charrette Committee Co-Chairs: Cassandra Ensberg FAIA & LEED AP; Detlev Peikert AIA, LEED AP BD+C; Ellen Bildsten AIA LEED AP; Matt Beausoleil AIA & 2020 president AIA SB.

Steering Committee: Alex Pujo AIA; Amy Fitzgerald-Tripp AIA; Paul Rupp AIA; Dennis Thompson FAIA; John Campanella; Karen Feeney, Hon. AIASB; Nina Johnson; Tony Tomasello; Jasper Jacobs P.E.

"2020 Awards for Responsive Works to COVID-19~Artists' Stipends" by County of SB Office of Arts & Culture

In recognition of artists' essential social contributions, 20 local artists received stipends of \$500 each for creating work in response to this unprecedented time of COVID-19.

Project Coordinator: Sarah York Rubin, Executive Director

Project Participants: Dennis Smitherman, County Arts Commission; Karen Kerns, SB Bowl Foundation

Artist recipients were selected from over 100 applicants. They include: Nathan Appel, Patricia Clarke, Jim Davis, David Diamant, Andrew Gartner, Chanté Glover, Mark Hirsch, Stephen Holland, Nathan Huff, Michael Long, Mary Nohr, Elisa Ortega Montilla, Juan Manuel Perez Salazar, Pecos Pryor, Irene Ramirez, Leticia Resch, Cecily Stewart, Sio Tepper, Andrew Thill, and Ethan Turpin

"#WeMakeEvents Campaign / #RedAlertRESTART" Event

Showing support for the live entertainment industry during the COVID-19 pandemic, local venues participated in the nationwide event illuminating performing arts and culture venues on September 1st, 2020.

Project Coordinator: Christopher Darling

Host Facility Sponsors: SB Bowl: Rick Boller, Executive Director; Eric Shiflett, Program Director. Arlington Theater: Tammy Steuart (Metro Theaters)

Since 1965, Santa Barbara Beautiful has planted over 13,000 trees, and provided over \$500,000 in grants to support local art and design projects, funded scholarships to students majoring in environmental horticulture and architectural design; celebrated numerous individuals, residences, and businesses that have demonstrated exceptional efforts to make Santa Barbara beautiful.



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Santa Barbara Bowl



Photos courtesy of Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture



SB County Arts Commission 2020 Responsive Works Award
Top: *Essential* by Chanté Glover. Acrylic paint and gold leaf on wood.
Bottom: *The Rona 2020: portrait of a virus* (detail) by David Diamant. Hand drawn pen/ink and digital collage developed on photographic paper.

