

Santa Barbara Beautiful

Serenading Santa Barbara

Honoring people and projects in our community

By **Jeanette Casillas** / CASA

ON A SUNNY AFTERNOON IN SEPTEMBER, amidst the lush greenery of the Music Academy of the West garden, honorees, local representatives, Board Members, and guests gathered for the 47th annual Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards that single out exemplary properties that expand the beauty of Santa Barbara as well as individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the fabric of Santa Barbara.

“Each year the Santa Barbara Beautiful Annual Awards event provides an opportunity for the community to gather together to highlight and celebrate the latest stunning architectural structures, public art projects, and spectacular landscape designs,” shared Ginny Brush, President, Santa Barbara Beautiful. “These awards, and those given to outstanding individuals, underscore Santa Barbara’s great legacy of community engagement and dedication to preserving the beauty and quality of life in our natural and built environment.”

Prior to the awards presentation, over 240 guests enjoyed savory appetizers provided by Lorraine Lim Catering while sipping wine by Kunin Wines and listening to the music of Grupo Sol Y Mar. Guests also had an opportunity to walk the red carpet and be interviewed by local television personality John Palminteri.

Then guests adjourned to Hahn Hall for the awards ceremony where five individual awards and nine property awards were presented. The program included a short montage highlighting Santa Barbara Beautiful’s (SBB) year round activities in the community and videos featuring the award winning properties. Videos were produced by Dana Morrow of RoadShow Media and narrated by the Hon. George Eskin and Maria Elena McCall.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Hannah Beth Jackson kept the pace quick as various property teams and individual honorees took to the stage to receive recognition.

Ginny Brush, 2011 President of Santa Barbara Beautiful, welcomed guests and thanked the planning team, headed up by Robert Adams and the entire SBB Executive committee for their efforts throughout the year. Following came welcoming remarks by Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider and a poem by Santa Barbara Poet Laureate Paul J. Willis.



John Clark, SB Airport Commissioner and **Ginny Brush**, Santa Barbara Beautiful President

The first award presented that evening recognized Lady Leslie Ridley-Tree, with the Jacaranda

Award for Outstanding Community Service for her commitment, service, and gracious gifts that have honored so many people. She has engaged her unique talents to meet the needs

of numerous organizations and individuals, to improve, enlighten, and strengthen our community. The award was presented by SBB Immediate Past President Kerry Methner.

Property awards are an important focus of the annual event. First up was the Open Public Space Award which went to Elings Park, a 230-

acre privately funded, non-profit park that opened to the public in 1985. It was recognized for adding much needed sports fields, hiking trails, day-camps, and event spaces for the community, all while remaining environmentally responsible.



Lady Leslie Ridley-Tree, recipient of the Jacaranda Award for Outstanding Community Service

As the evening continued, individual and property awards were interspersed, with video presentations of each property.

The Business in Art Award that originates with the City Arts Advisory Committee has found a home at Santa Barbara Beautiful’s Annual Awards. The award was presented to Gary Atkins of Gary Atkins Sound Systems for creating a stronger, more vibrant arts environment in Santa Barbara, enriching and directly impacting lives through his love of the arts and his commitment to quality sound enhancement. Phyllis de Picciotto of the City Arts Advisory Committee presented Atkins an assemblage piece, by local artist Dan Levin, complete with an old radio with antennas to commemorate the award.

For a fifth year, Santa Barbara Beautiful bestowed The Playa de Santa Barbara Award for Environmental Stewardship. This year the Community Environmental Council (CEC) was recognized for inspiring our community through education and partnerships to affect and implement real-world solutions for pressing environmental issues since its inception in 1970. SB Beautiful CFO Christie Gallagher presented the award.

The next Individual Award was the Heritage Oak Award for Lifetime Achievement. The honoree, SB Airport Director Karen Ramsdell,

received the award for her dedication in overseeing the completion of significant airport capital improvements during her tenure as Airport Director. Many of these projects enhanced the safety and functionality of the airport. Ramsdell’s dedication to a truly collaborative process culminated in the construction of the new airline terminal, a career long goal. The new terminal includes a significant public art component and is the largest construction project undertaken



Santa Barbara Airport Director **Karen Ramsdell**, recipient of the Heritage Oak Award for Lifetime Achievement



Mistress of Ceremonies **Hannah-Beth Jackson**, and Hon. **George Eskin**, who assisted with the video presentation

by the city in the last 60 years. Hazel Johns, City of Santa Barbara Airport Department, presented the award.

Ginny Brush presented the President’s Award which went to the new Santa Barbara Airport Terminal. “It is my great honor on behalf of the Board of Directors of Santa Barbara Beautiful to present this year’s President’s Award to the new Santa Barbara Airport Terminal,” said Brush. “The architects, artisans, and fabricators through their vision and inspired creations have brought traditional materials and techniques to a new terminal for a new century.

They’ve done so with a contemporary sensibility and great authenticity that looks forward to future generations who will arrive and depart from this glorious space.” A short video of the completed project illustrated the new elegant details and public art by local artists.

Other awards included: Built Green Resource Center, Historic Revitalization; West Cabrillo Boulevard Mosaic Tiles, Hugh Petersen Award for Art in Public Places; San Ysidro Ranch, Commercial Building; Santa Barbara Harbor Entrance, Commercial Sign; Chuck’s Waterfront Grill-Patio Sail Structure, Architectural Feature; Artisan Court, Multi-Family Residence; 1057 Arbolado Road, Single Family Residence-Small; and 770 Ladera Lane, Single Family Residence-Large.

Following the awards ceremony, guests gathered at the front courtyard of Hahn Hall for a champagne toast. *Cheers to all of the 2011 Santa Barbara Beautiful award winners!*

For more information about Santa Barbara Beautiful call 965-8867 or visit www.sbbbeautiful.org.



Brian Fahnestock, CEC Board Member; **Megan Birney**, CEC Renewable Energy Specialist; **Dave Davis**, CEC CEO/Exec. Dir.; **Kim Kimbell**, CEC Board Member from the **Community Environmental Council (CEC)** who received the Playa de Santa Barbara Award for Environmental Stewardship with **Christie Gallagher**; SBB CFO and **Ginny Brush**, SBB President



Santa Barbara Beautiful Board of Directors 2011: (back) **Mark Whitehurst**; **Billy Goodnick**; **Jacqueline Dyson**; **David Gress**; **Robert F. Adams**; **Randy Figgins**; **Kate Kurlas**; **Leslee Sipress**; **Courtney Seepie**; and **Carol Terry**. (front) **Donnis Galvan**; **Suzanne Fairly-Green**; **Jeanette Casillas**; **Maury Treman**; **Lesley Wiscomb**; **Ginny Brush**; **Christie Gallagher**; **Kerry Methner**; **Jo Ann Mermis**; and **David Jacoby**. (Not pictured: **Dorothy Blasing**, **Carol Bornstein**, **Karen Christman**, **Ken Doss**, **Randy Fritz**, **Patti Jacquemain**, **Charles Kelly**, **Suzanne Mellichamp**, **Desmond O’Neill**, and **Bruce Van Dyke**)

Photo by Lynn Houston



The President's Award –

Santa Barbara Airport Terminal,
500 James Fowler Rd

Property Owner: City of Santa Barbara; Architect: Joseph Grogan, HNTB; Architect: Fred Sweeney, PMSM Architects; Builder: Emanuel Yashari, EMMA Corporation; Landscape Architect: Pamela Burton & Company; Landscape Contractor: Advanced Landscape 2000, Inc.; Landscape Maintenance: City of Santa Barbara Airport Department



The President's Award Team: **John Clark**, SB Airport Commissioner; **Ginny Brush**, SBB President; **Roger Phillips**, PMSM Architects; **Patricia Griffin**; **Karen Ramsdell**, City of Santa Barbara Airport Director; and **Hazel Johns**, City of Santa Barbara Airport Department



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Historic Revitalization –

Built Green Resource Center, 914-A Santa Barbara St

Property Owner: Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation - State of California; Builder: Dan George, DL George Construction; Board of Directors: Santa Barbara Contractors Association; Board of Directors: Built Green Santa Barbara



Historic Revitalization – Commercial Team: Dr. **Jarrell Jackman**, Exec. Dir. of the SB Trust for Historic Preservation and **Dan George**, DL George Construction



Open Public Space Team: **Steen Hudson**, Exec. Dir. Elings Park Foundation and Steve Katz, President Board of Directors

Open Public Space – Elings Park, 1298 Las Positas Rd

Owner - Administrator: Elings Park Foundation



Photo by Wayne McCall

Hugh Petersen Award For Art In Public Places –
West Cabrillo Boulevard Mosaic Tiles

Artists: Richard Irvine & Rafael Perea de la Cabada, IrvineCabada ArtDesign (ICAD); Fabricator: Dan Patterson, Santa Barbara Forge + Iron; Fabricator: Alfred Ramirez Tile; Fabricator: Sean McLean, California Pottery & Tile Works



Hugh Petersen Award for Art in Public Places Team: (back) **Sean McLean**, California Pottery & Tile Works; and **Alfred Ramirez**, Alfred Ramirez Tile. (front) **Rafael Perea de la Cabada**, IrvineCabada ArtDesign (ICAD); and **Richard Irvine**, IrvineCabada ArtDesign (ICAD)



Commercial Building Team: **Laurie Lewis**, Laurie Lewis Design; **Manuel Jimenez**, Jimenez Nursery & Landscapes; and **Marc Appleton**, Appleton & Associates

Commercial Building – San Ysidro Ranch, 900 San Ysidro Rd

Property Owner: Ty Warner, San Ysidro BB Property LLC; Architect: Marc Appleton, Appleton & Associates; Builder: Peter McCoy, McCoy Construction; Landscape Design: Laurie Lewis and Sally Paul, Laurie Lewis Design; Landscape Maintenance: Manuel Jimenez, Jimenez Nursery & Landscapes

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2011 Annual Awards Judging Committee

Committee Co-Chairs: **David Gress** & **David Jacoby**;
Judging Coordinator: **Kerry Methner**. Judges: **Peter Becker**, **David Black**, **Marty Blum**, **Ryan Brown**, **Joe Campanelli**, **Nancy Clare Caponi**, **Erin Carroll**, **Chris Casebeer**, **Ricardo Castellanos**, **Yvonne Chin**, **Libby Easterday**, **Derrick Eichelberger**, **Rita Ferri**, **Charmaine Jacobs**, **Mort Maizlish**, **Dale Monchamp**, **Norm Nebroski**, **Valerie Oesterling**, **Leon Olson**, **Michael Patrick Porter**, **Dennis Thompson**, **Connie Townsend**, **John Whitehurst**, and **Barry Winick**

Photo by Jeannette Castillas



Commercial Sign –

Santa Barbara Harbor Entrance,
West Cabrillo Boulevard & Harbor Way

Property Owner: City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department;
Designer: SKA Design; Landscape Architect: Bob Cunningham,
Arcadia Studio



Commercial Sign Team: **Joseph Stoddard**, SKA Design and **Brian Slagle**, City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department



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Architectural Feature–

Chuck's Waterfront Grill-Patio Sail Structure, 113 Harbor Way

Property Owner: City of Santa Barbara; Managing Partner: Steve Hyslop, Chuck's Waterfront Grill; Architect: David VanHoy, David VanHoy Architect, Inc.; Builder: DD Ford Construction, Inc.; Landscape Architect: Kiesel Design; Landscape Contractor: Steve Hanson Landscaping



Architectural Feature Team: (back) **Steve Hyslop**, Managing Partner, Chuck's Waterfront Grill; **Doug Ford**, D.D. Ford Construction and **Jack Kiesel**, Kiesel Design (front) **David VanHoy**, David VanHoy Architect, Inc.; **Nan Allison-Stone** and **Larry Stone**, Managing Partners, Chuck's Waterfront Grill (Allison-Stone was involved in the design and construction of the Patio)

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Single Family Residence-Large –

770 Ladera Lane

Property Owner: John R. and Dorothy H. Gardner; Architect: Barton Myers, Barton Myers Associates; Builder: Mark Caputo, Caputo Construction; Landscape Architect: Mark Rios, Rios Clementi Hale Studios; Landscape Contractor & Maintenance: Deborah Shaw, Deborah Shaw Restoration + Landscape



Single Family Residence-Large Team: **John R. Gardner**, owner; **Barton Myers**, Barton Myers Associates; and **Mark Caputo**, Caputo Construction. (front) **Dorothy H. Gardner**, owner and **Deborah Shaw**, Deborah Shaw Restoration + Landscape



Multi-Family Residence –

Artisan Court, 416-424 East Cota St

Property Owner: Housing Authority, City of Santa Barbara; Architects: Christine Pierron and Mark Wienke, CP=MW:JV; Builder: Stephen McGillivray; Landscape Architect: David R. Black, David Black & Associates; Landscape Contractor: Gaspar Villasenor, Pyramid Landscape; Landscape Maintenance: Housing Authority, City of Santa Barbara



Multi-Family Residence Team: (back) **Rob Fredericks**, Deputy Exec. Dir. -Administration; **Skip Szymanski**, Deputy Exec. Dir. -Operations; and **Robert Pearson**, Exec. Dir. Housing Authority City of SB (middle) **David R. Black**, David Black & Associates and **Mark Wienke**, CP=MW:JV (front) **Christine Pierron**, CP=MW:JV and **Mary Johnston**, Vice Chairperson, Housing Authority Commission

Photo by Jim Bartsch



Single Family Residence-Small – 1057 Arbolado Road

Property Owner: Paul P. and Ann S. de Bruyn Kops; Architect: Jeff Shelton, Jeff Shelton Architect; Builder: Dan Upton, Dan Upton Construction; Landscape Design: Thomas Cole, Cold Springs Aloes Plant Nursery; Landscape Contractor: Rosenda Valencia, Valencia Tree & Landscape



Single Family Residence-Small Team: (back) **Dan Upton**, Dan Upton Construction; **David Shelton**, David Shelton Design LLC; and **Paul P. de Bruyn Kops**, owner. (front) **Ann S. de Bruyn Kops**, owner and **Jeff Shelton**, Jeff Shelton Architect