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## Historic Preservation Achievements

# STATE PARKS ANNOUNCES GOVERNOR'S AWARDS

SACRAMENTO – Recipients of this year's Governor's Historic Preservation Awards were announced today by the Office of Historic Preservation of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The awards are presented annually under the sponsorship of the OHP to organizations and groups, and federal, state and local agencies whose contributions demonstrate outstanding commitment to excellence in historic preservation. The awards were presented in a ceremony in the governor's office at the Capitol.

Recipients of the awards for this year include:

- ?? **The Tuolumne County Board Of Supervisors** : Tuolumne County, one of California's original 27 counties, completed construction of the Carlo M. DeFerrari Archive Building in early 2000. Named after the county's official historian, the facility provides space for the preservation and organization of the county's historic records and documents dating back to 1849, and offers access for the public to these treasured historic records.
  
- ?? **The U.S. Department Of Defense Office Of Historic Preservation, Foster Wheeler Environmental Corp., JRP Historical Consulting** : Instrumental in preparation of a statewide historic context study of themes and property types for military installations in California, which began in August 1997 and was completed in March 2000. The report covers the Spanish, Mexican, and American military activities in California between the years 1769 to 1989. This four-volume document analyzes the way in which historic buildings and structures have been evaluated by various military branches in California and provides a methodological contextual framework to guide future work.

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- ?? **Berkeley Historical Society:** Since its inception in 1978, the Berkeley Historical Society has published several books about particular aspects of the city's history. In 2000 the Society published Burl Willes' *Tales of the Elmwood; A Community Memory*. The book recounts almost a century's worth of stories about people and events, using oral histories, photographs, and local trivia. The book is currently in its third edition
- ?? **Lemon Grove Historical Society:** The Lemon Grove Historical Society devoted over three years and thousands of hours of volunteer labor to restore a church built in 1897 as the City of Lemon Grove's first museum. Volunteers transformed the weather-beaten structure into a beautiful, public facility that draws visitors from near and far to view informative and attractive exhibits related to local and regional history.
- ?? **Cloverdale Historical Society:** The restoration of Cloverdale's oldest brick home began in 1996 with a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and matching funds from the Cloverdale Historical Society. In 1997, seismic rehabilitation began. All funds were generated from the community, special patrons, and volunteers working to restore the Gould-Shaw House Museum. The Historical Society also reconstructed an Old English garden around the house.
- ?? **College Of The Redwoods:** The College of the Redwoods' "Historic Preservation & Restoration Technology Program" began in 1996. HPRT is the only structured hands-on, two-semester certificate program west of the Mississippi. Students in the program have worked to restore the "Ricks House" which is being used as the college's continuing education center. Through a grant, the students constructed a new foundation and made the house handicap accessible. This preservation and restoration program also provides viable job skills as well as employment opportunities for the students.
- ?? **Yorba Linda Heritage Museum and Historical Society:** The Yorba Linda Heritage Museum and Historical Society has done an exemplary job of restoring the Susan Bixby-Bryant Ranch House and transforming it into a local history museum. By recreating a portion of the historic Bixby-Bryant botanical garden, the Yorba Linda Heritage Museum and Historical Society has developed a facility that teaches local history while introducing visitors to the unique horticulture of California native plants.
- ?? **Blas Aguilar Adobe Foundation:** The Blas Aguilar Adobe Foundation has been instrumental in preserving and maintaining the Blas Aguilar Adobe, a significant historic landmark dating to 1794. By developing the adobe into a museum, the Blas Aguilar Adobe Foundation intends to create a unique education center where visitors may learn of the rich history of San Juan Capistrano and its surrounding area.
- ?? **The Rock Art Archive at UCLA's Cotsen Institute of Archaeology:** Instrumental in recording, preserving and disseminating information on rock art elements throughout California. Under the direction of Dr. JoAnne Van Tilberg, this unique, all-volunteer project employs the latest in digital mapping methods, establishing a new standard in the field of rock art preservation.

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- ?? **Redevelopment Agency, City Of Santa Barbara:** The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Barbara has been instrumental in the restoration and seismic upgrading of the City's 1905 Mission Revival railroad station. The restoration of the station and its historic landscaping is evidence of the strong advocacy role the Redevelopment Agency plays in local historic preservation. The Agency's commitment to historic preservation has protected an important cultural landmark for present and future generations.
- ?? **City Of San Diego and San Diego Unified Port District:** The City of San Diego's Historical Resources Board and the San Diego Unified Port District have demonstrated a strong commitment to historic preservation through the creation of the "Quieter Home Program." Under a programmatic agreement, this program will protect the architectural integrity of historic homes being treated for noise abatement in the residential communities surrounding San Diego International Airport.
- ?? **City Of Monterey:** Monterey's recently revised Historic Preservation Ordinance, adopted by the City Council, is a model for all California cities with a strong commitment to historic preservation at the local level. By incorporating the preservation ordinance into the local land-use planning process, the City has ensured its historic resources will be protected and enjoyed by present and future generations.

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