

Santa Barbara Beautiful Honoring Beautification

A RED CARPET WAS ROLLED OUT for honorees and those involved in preserving, beautifying, and designing a more beautiful Santa Barbara at the 44th annual Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards presentation at the Granada Theatre on September 28th.

Five special awards and nine property awards were part of the evening that began with a pre-awards reception featuring energized jazz by *Les Gendarmes du Swing* and tasty delights by Mondial. After reveling in the beauty



Courtney Seepie, President, Santa Barbara Beautiful and Alex Seepie

and opulence of the award winning setting at the Granada, the crowd adjourned to the theatre itself. The awards presentation began with a montage highlighting Santa Barbara Beautiful's (SBB) year round activities in the community, as well as video presentations of award winning properties produced by Dana Morrow of RoadShow Media and narrated by the Hon. George Eskin. After the video presentation, Courtney Seepie, President of Santa Barbara Beautiful offered a cordial welcome. John Palminteri, Master of Ceremonies, provided a few chuckles as he was "delayed" in taking the stage, eventually arriving in a smashing maroon dinner jacket.

Special Guest Host Ryan Brown, of Bravo TV soon joined Palminteri in handing out awards, noting that he grew up near Santa Barbara and "regularly visits for architectural inspiration!"

Local dignitaries, including Santa Barbara Mayor



Left to right: Judy Nilsen; Cay Sanchez; Ginny Brush. The Business in Art Award, presented by the City Arts Advisory Committee, went to Art From Scrap



California Senate Candidate Hannah-Beth Jackson and SB Mayor Marty Blum



The President's Award: Peter Frisch; Roger Phillips; Michel Towbes; Mark Melchiori; Steve Melsch; and Iya Falcone.

Marty Blum and Supervisor Janet Wolf, congratulated both individuals and property award winners.

First up was **Business in Art Award** an award originating from the **City Arts Advisory Committee**. The committee selected **Art From Scrap** as their fourth annual recipient. The award was presented by **Judy Nilsen**, Santa Barbara City Arts Advisory Committee and **Ginny Brush** of the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission. **Cay Sanchez** of Art From Scrap accepted the award for the program's contributions to educational outreach, recycling and reuse efforts, and the artistic community as a whole. The Business in Art Award is given to an individual or entity that conducts business in the Santa Barbara area and exhibits outstanding support of arts activity in the community, creating a stronger, more vibrant arts environment in Santa Barbara and enriching the lives of both residents and visitors. A handmade plaque by **Dug Uyesaka** was presented to commemorate the award.



Next up, Courtney Seepie, President of Santa Barbara Beautiful, presented the President's Award to The Granada Theatre. **Peter Frisch**, Executive Director of the Granada accepted the award. A video presentation by Road Show Media about the Granada Restoration Project was part of the presentation which honored the theatre for its grand vision that culminated in the restoration of a community treasure. The Granada, a performing arts cultural and entertainment landmark, now celebrates its opening after ten years of making a community dream come true.

The Santa Barbara Center for the Performing Arts spearheaded this restoration project lead by **Harriet Miller**, president of the board of directors; the individual Board Members; and Peter Frisch, Executive Director.

This world-class performance venue has brought back to life the glamour of the 1924 opening with dazzling detail in dramatically sweeping Spanish staircases, classic Moorish arches, and lavish lounges. The enormous chandelier, long stored away, is once again featured in its place of honor.

Three Santa Barbara Beautiful special awards began with the **Heritage Oak Award for Lifetime Achievement** being presented to architect **Bill Mahan, AIA** by **Robert F. Adams**.



William Mahan, AIA received the Heritage Oak Award for Lifetime Achievement, which was presented by Robert Adams.



JoAnn Mermis presented the Jacaranda Award for Outstanding Community Service to Virginia Hayes.



Patti Jacquemain presented the Playa de Santa Barbara Award for Environmental Stewardship to the Wildlife Care Network. Joanne St. John accepted the award.

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Santa Barbara Beautiful Board of Directors 2008: (alphabetical order) Robert Adams, Dorothy Blasing, Carol Bornstein, Ginny Brush, Mike Bush, Ricardo Castellanos, Karen Christman, Ken Doss, Jacqueline Dyson, Randy Figgins, Randy Fritz, Christie Gallagher, David Gress, Vickie Hawks, David Jacoby, Patti Jacquemain, Charles Kelly, Suzanne Mellichamp, Jo Ann Mermis, Kerry Methner, Desmond O'Neill, Courtney Seepie, Carol Terry, Maury Treman, Bruce Van Dyke, Tom Walsh, Diane Waterhouse, Mark Whitehurst, and Andrew Wyatt



Celebrity Guest **Ryan Brown**, Landscape Architect **Sam Maphis**, and Landscape Contractor **Dean Nydam**



Commercial Building:

Eastside Medical Clinic 915 Milpas
 Property Owner Santa Barbara
 Neighborhood Clinics; Architect **Vadim Hsu** AIA, LEED A; General Contractor **Dennis Allen**, Allen Associates; Builder Superintendent **Ben Cervantes**, Allen Associate, **Larry Bird**, Allen Associates; Project Engineer **Mike Gones**, Mike Gones CE; Landscape Architect **Charles S. McClure**, Charles McClure, Landscape Architect & Associates, Inc.



Celebrity Guest **Ryan Brown**, with **Cynder Sinclair** (Exec Director SBNC); **Dennis Allen**; **Charles McClure**; **Larry Bird**; and **Courney Seepie**, SBB

Single Family Residence-Large: 3475 Marina Drive

Property Owners **Stephen** and **Deborah Stark**; Architect **Andrew Roteman** of Roteman, Eberhard & Associates; Builder **AK Huddleston**, AK Huddleston Construction; Landscape Architect **Sam Maphis**, Earthform Design; Landscape Contractor **Dean Nydam**, Nydam Landscape Construction



Historic Restoration: "The Olives" at 2121 Garden Street

Property Owner **Steven** and **Prudy Handelman**; Project Engineer **Jeff Doubet**, Design by Doubet; Landscape Maintenance **Benito Miranda**; Ornamental Iron Work; & Stained Glass **Steve Handelman**, Steve Handelman Studio



Prudy Handelman, **Steven Handelman**, **Jeff Doubet**, and Celebrity Guest **Ryan Brown**



2008 PROPERTY AWARD WINNERS

Santa Barbara Beautiful is an organization of volunteers dedicated to beautifying the area in a variety of ways not only by working independently but also by cooperating with city departments, neighborhood associations, and other agencies. Formed in 1965 by concerned civic leaders, Santa Barbara Beautiful is a non-political, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation. Contributions are tax-deductible. For information visit www.sbbeautiful.org.



Bob Burns, **Justin Van Mullen**, **Keith Nolan**, and **Randy Wilson**

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 Script was written by **Donnis Galvan** & **Kerry Methner**



Single Family Residence-Small: 2201 State Street

Property Owners **Edward Cella** and **Daniel Scott**; Architect **Michael Patrick Porter**; Builder **Mike Fahrenkrug**, **Kris Fahrenkrug**, and **Matt Van Dyke** of KM Custom Builders; Landscape Architect **Philip Suding**, Suding Design Landscape Architects; Landscape Design **Rob Maday**, Suding Design Landscape Architects



(From the Left) **Phil Suding**, Owners **Edward Cella** and **Danny Scott**, **Mike Fahrenkrug**, **Kris Fahrenkrug**, (back); **Michael Patrick Porter**; **Matt Van Dyk**; and **Rob Maday**



Multiple Dwellings: Las Palmas Viejas • 4366-4388 Modoc Road

Property Owner **Bob Burns**, Tremigo, Inc.; Architects **Keith Nolan**, ON Design **Justin Van Mullen**, ON Design; Builder **Bob Burns**, SBC Builders; Project Engineer **Mike Caccese**, MAC Design Associates; Landscape Architect **Katie O'Reilly Rogers**, The Office of Katie O'Reilly Rogers; Landscape Contractor & Maintenance **Randy Wilson**, Wilson Landscapes



SBB President **Courtney Seepie** with **Diane Waterhouse**, and Celebrity Guest **Ryan Brown**

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Mahan was chapter president of the AIA and was appointed a Director of the AIA California Council. He has served on the planning commission, the state of California Board of Architectural Examiners; was a Director of the Chamber of Commerce; Chair of the City's Architectural Board of Review for 13 years; served on the Outer State Street Guidelines Committee; the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance Task Force; the airport improvement task force; and headed up the James Osborne Craig Cross Restoration Project. He currently chairs the new Santa Barbara Single Family Design Review Board and serves on the Architectural Foundation Board of Directors.

Architectural or Natural Feature:

1424 State Street • Courtyard & Fountain: Property Owner Metropolitan Life; Landscape Maintenance Trugreen Land Care



Jenny Hawkins, Store Manager and **Brittany Ice**

Commercial Sign:

Lucky Brand Jeans 805 State Street Business Owner Lucky Brand Jeans; Sign Design **Gene Montesano**, Lucky Brand Jeans; **Barry Perlman**, Lucky Brand Jeans; Lucky Brand Jeans; Sign Fabrication Lucky Brand Jeans

Rounding out his achievements, Mahan is also a skilled watercolorist who paints Santa Barbara's historic buildings, gardens, and paseos. **Virginia Hayes** was honored with **The Jacaranda Award for Community Service** with a plaque presented by **Jo Ann Mermis**. Hayes has devoted both her education and career to plants, and remains fascinated by the infinite number of elegant solutions they bring to the challenges of surviving and thriving nearly everywhere on the planet. Curator of the Living Collection of our beloved local treasure, Ganna Walska Lotusland, Virginia Hayes is an authority on lotus, and has expanded the rich local variety of aquatic flora available. She also presents outreach talks on sustainable gardening throughout California, and her popular gardening column for the Santa Barbara Independent educates the community.



The Open Public Space Award went to the Arroyo Burro Wetlands Restoration. Front left to right: SB Mayor **Marty Blum**; **Cameron Benson**; **Iya Falcone**; **Helene Schneider**; **Nancy Rapp**; **Peter Lapidus**. Back: **George Johnson**, **Johanna Kisner**, **Douglas Wasson**, and **Hilary Lapidus**.

For a second year, Santa Barbara Beautiful bestowed **The Playa de Santa Barbara Award for Environmental Stewardship**. Presented by **Patti Jacquemain** to **Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network** the award was accepted by **Joanne St. John**, President for the Network's efforts to rescue, protect, and rehabilitate injured wild birds and native animals along the vast coastline and within the urban forest of Santa Barbara. Assisting wildlife is a way of caring for the beauty and diversity of Santa Barbara.

Open Public Space:

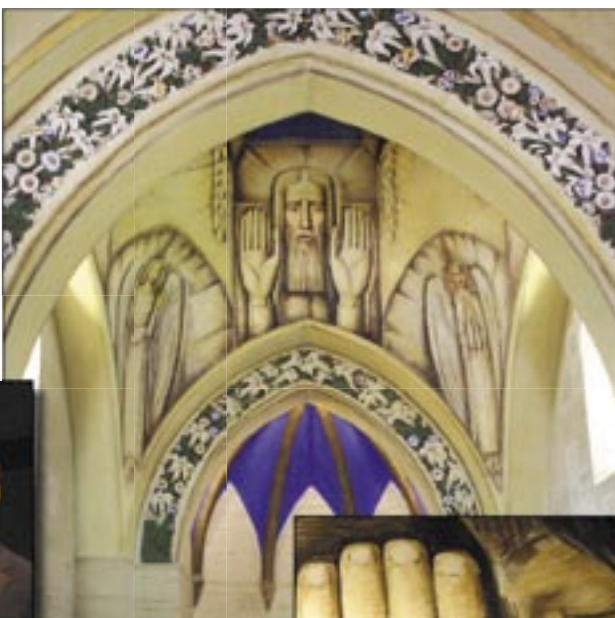
Arroyo Burro-Mesa Creek Wetlands Cliff Drive at Las Positas Rd. Property Owner City of Santa Barbara; Project Development City Parks & Recreations Department; City Parks & Recreations Department, Creeks Division; General Contractor **Peter Lapidus**, Peter Lapidus Construction, Inc.; Project Engineer **Craig Steward**, Penfield & Smith, Inc.; Landscape Architect **Johanna Kisner**, URS Corporation; **John Gray**, URS Corporation (In Memoriam); **David R. Black**, David Black & Associates; Landscape Contractor & Maintenance **Doug Wasson**, Plowboy Landscapes, Inc.

After this individual properties were recognized in each of nine categories, including: Architectural & Natural Feature: Courtyard & Fountain at 1438 State Street; Art in Public Places: Cemetery Chapel (Interior) Fresco Paintings at 901 Channel Drive; Commercial Building: SB Neighborhood Clinic at 915 North Milpas; Commercial Sign: Lucky Brand Jeans at 805 State Street; Historic Restoration: "The Olives" AKA "Brinkerhoff Mansion" at 2121 Garden Street; Multiple Dwellings: "Las Palmas Viejas" located at 4366 to 4388 Modoc Road; Open Public Space: Arroyo Burro/Mesa Creek Wetlands at Cliff Drive and Las Positas; Single Family Residence-Large at 3475 Marina Drive; and Single Family Residence-Small at 2201 State Street.

For more information on Santa Barbara Beautiful visit www.sbbeautiful.org.



Celebrity Guest **Ryan Brown** with **Randy Thwing**, SB Cemetery Association; and SBB President **Courtney Seepie**



Hugh Petersen Award For Art in Public Places:

Chapel Mural - Santa Barbara Cemetery • 901 Channel Dr. Property Owner Santa Barbara Cemetery Association



Awards 2008 Judging Committee

Committee Co-Chairs: **Karen Christman** & **Charles Kelly**; Special Consultant: **Jake Jacobus**, Urban Historian City of Santa Barbara; **David Black**, **Susan Bower**, **Nancy Clare Caponi**, **Leigh "Lou" Christman**, **Natalie Cope**, **Bob Cunningham**, **Rifa Feni**, **Billy Goodnick**, **Steve Hausz**, **Brian Hofer**, **Vadim Hsu**, **Rick Longpre**, **Mort Maizlish**, **Sam Maphis**, **Gavin Moores**, **Lance Parker**, **Richard Redmond**, **Carl Schneider**, **Dennis Thompson**, **Meg Tibbits**, **Kimberly True**, **Michael Vining**, **Denise Woolery**

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Dianna Baldwin, Gwen Stauffer, and Tom Baldwin

Master of Ceremonies John Palminteri with Celebrity Guest Ryan Brown



Robert Adams and Das Williams



Joan Kent and Helene Schneider



Clair Waterhouse, Ralph Waterhouse, and Diane Waterhouse with Lee Walsh and Tom Walsh