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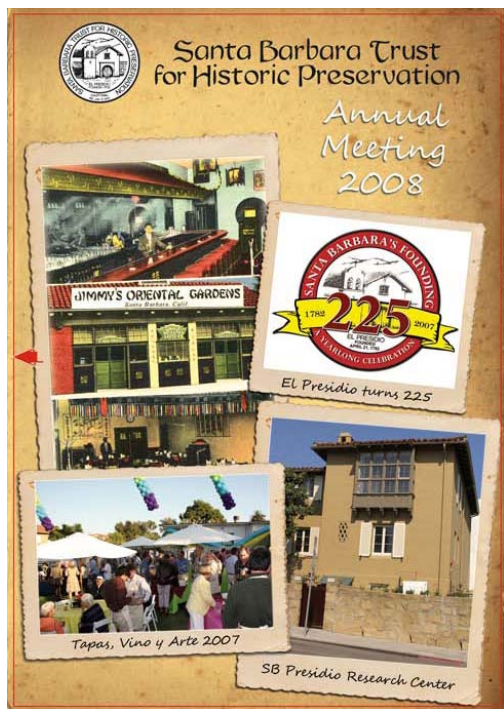
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Community awards presentation highlights Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation's 45th Annual Meeting – Chung Family, Consul General of Spain, State Historic Preservation Officer, and others honored



(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation is celebrating 45 years as a nonprofit organization with its **Annual Meeting and Community Awards Presentation** on **Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 2:00 pm** in the **Historic Presidio Chapel** at El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park.

Featuring guest speaker, **Assembly Member Pedro Nava**, the Trust will present the ***George and Vie Obern Preservation Stewardship Award*** to the **Chung Family** for their contribution to the development and preservation of **Jimmy's Oriental Gardens** as a vibrant and diverse gathering place in the hub of the Presidio Neighborhood. **State Historic**

Preservation Officer Milford Wayne Donaldson will receive the prestigious ***Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award*** for his lifetime of leadership in historic

preservation and the adaptive reuse of existing structures in Santa Barbara and throughout the state of California.

Consul General of Spain in Los Angeles Inocencio F. Arias will be designated a *Life Honorary Member* for his ongoing support of the Trust and his efforts to strengthen the ties between Spain and the city of Santa Barbara. Former Board President **James D. Scheinfeld** will be named a *Life Honorary Trustee* for his significant contributions to the Trust over his eleven years of service on the Board of Directors.

Sponsored in part by Montecito Bank and Trust, The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf and Santa Barbara Olive Company. The afternoon will conclude with a reception at Jimmy's Oriental Gardens and *El Cuartel*—part of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park, *El Cuartel* is the oldest standing building in Santa Barbara, the oldest building in the State Park system, and the second oldest building in California.

ABOUT the Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award - Each year the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation presents the Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award to a deserving community member or organization who has dedicated themselves to the values that Dr. Chase stood for in the fields of historic preservation and conservation. This annual lifetime achievement award serves as a tribute to the life and work of Pearl Chase, the famous leader of community activism and preservation in Santa Barbara, and to the work that continues today as a result of the inspiration she provided.

ABOUT the George and Vivian Obern Preservation Stewardship Award – This annual award from the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation recognizes an individual(s) or organization(s) that demonstrates outstanding preservation work in connection with a specific project in and around Santa Barbara County. This prestigious award was named in honor of George and Vivian Obern in 2006 for their lifelong preservation work, including their successful efforts to save the Thomas Hope House (built 1875, added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978), condemned by the county of Santa Barbara but saved by the Oberns.

ABOUT State Assembly Member Pedro Nava – Pedro was elected to the State Assembly on November 2nd, 2004. He currently serves as Chair of both the Assembly Transportation Committee, and the Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security. He is a member of Appropriations, the committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, and Water Parks and Wildlife, the California Transportation Commission and the Select Committee on Ports. Pedro also serves on the California Ocean Protection Council,

which is charged with coordinating and improving protection and management of California's ocean and coastal resources; the Little Hoover Commission, an independent state oversight agency that works to promote economy, efficiency, and improved services in the transaction of the public business; and the California Emergency Council, which serves as the official advisory body to the Governor during times of emergency and on matters pertaining to emergency preparedness.

ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation – Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization working to preserve, restore, reconstruct and interpret historic sites within Santa Barbara County. The Trust is the primary force behind the reconstruction and preservation of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park and the restoration of Casa de la Guerra in downtown Santa Barbara. The Trust is also preserving and restoring the Santa Inés Mission Mills—the site of a future California State Park and recently purchased the building that housed Jimmy's Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara's Asian community in the Presidio neighborhood. The Trust is currently reconstructing the Northwest Corner of El Presidio de Santa Barbara, the eighteenth-century Spanish colonial fort that is Santa Barbara's birthplace. Using over 50,000 adobe bricks made on site, these additions will eventually house the new Presidio visitors' center, and with the help of the new Santa Barbara Presidio Research Center, serve to interpret the city's Hispanic heritage and the larger multi-cultural heritage of the surrounding Presidio neighborhood from the eighteenth century to the present. **For more information visit www.sbthp.org**

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