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Community awards presentation highlights

Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation's 46th Annual Meeting

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP)



celebrates 46 years as a nonprofit organization with its

Annual Meeting and Community Awards

Presentation on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 2:00

P.M. in the **Presidio Chapel** at El Presidio de Santa

Barbara State Historic Park. Featuring a business

meeting to elect Trustees to the organization and a

review of the Annual Report for 2008, the **community**

awards presentation highlights the afternoon.

This year SBTHP will present the **Pearl Chase Preservation and Conservation Award** to **Dr. Glenn Price**, who worked with Pearl Chase in the 1950s in preparing a feasibility study of the Santa Barbara Presidio as a potential State Historic Park. Following a recent visit to Santa Barbara after almost a 50-year hiatus, Dr. Price brought with him all the materials he collected to prepare the feasibility study; he also **donated original 19th Century documents of Hugo Reid, Pablo de la Guerra, and other historical personages from that era to the Santa Barbara Presidio Research Center.**

Father Michael Mahoney of Mission Santa Inés is being designated **Life Honorary Member** for his commitment to and cooperation with SBTHP in establishing permanent trail easements from the Mission to the Santa Inés Mills in Solvang, California. **The George and Vivian Obern Preservation Stewardship Award** is being presented to **Channel Coast Corporation** for its outstanding work in reconstructing four rooms of the Northwest Corner of the Presidio and in restoring the Presidio Research Center. **Dr. Barbara Lindemann** is being named **Honorary Life Director** for providing leadership to SBTHP through her two terms as President that included adoption of a strategic plan and completion of the **Pearl Chase Video project**.

Certificates of Appreciation are being awarded to the following for their exceptional work: **Shelley Bookspan** (Pearl Chase Video project), **Anola Dohrman** (Cataloguing in the Research Center), **Xiaojian Zhao** (Chinese American history of Santa Barbara), **M. Kay Van Horn** (Service on the Events Committee and help with Japanese American oral history interviews), **Elizabeth Hvolboll** (Annual *Las Posadas* Event), **Glenn Zimmerman** (Casa de la Guerra Attendant and SBTHP Ambassador), **Elvira Tafoya** (Revival of *La Pastorela*) **Mary Triplett Ayres** (Service on Events and Genealogy/Descendants Committees), **Jeannie Davis** (Creation of commemorative Tile Plaque for El Presidio), **Jim Higman** (*Los Distinguidos* endowment support), **Patti West and SIMA Management Company** (Ranchero Room Restoration), and **Mary Ellen Tiffany** (Service on the Board and Development Committee).

“These awards represent a snapshot of all that we do and achieve at SBTHP. It is a pleasure to know and work with all of our well-deserved award honorees,” remarked Dr. Jarrell C. Jackman, Executive Director.

Sponsored in part by Montecito Bank and Trust, the afternoon will conclude with a **reception at *El Cuartel***—part of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park, *El Cuartel* is the oldest 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 SBTHP 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 Oborn Preservation Stewardship Award – This annual award 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 Oborn 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 Oborns.

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CALENDAR LISTING

SBTHP 46th Annual Meeting & Community Awards Presentation

DATE & TIME

Saturday, January 17, 2009

WHERE

Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Barbara SHP

123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

ADMISSION

Free public event

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.sbthp.org or call (805) 965-0093

SHORT DESCRIPTION

The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) celebrates 46 years as a nonprofit organization with its Annual Meeting and Community Awards Presentation.

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ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) – 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. SBTHP 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. SBTHP 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. **SBTHP is currently reconstructing the Northwest Corner of El Presidio de Santa Barbara, the**

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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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