



# Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

*El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP • Casa de la Guerra  
Santa Inés Mission Mills • Jimmy's Oriental Gardens*

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## **Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation Hosts 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting**

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) hosted the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting on January 27, 2024, in the Chapel at El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park. SBTHP members voted to elect new members Michael Drury and Jeffrey Sherwood to the board for a three-year term.

Following the election, SBTHP presented annual community awards and certificates of appreciation. Pam Post & Tim Hazeltine received the Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award for their 40 years of work helping designate historic buildings throughout the City of Santa Barbara and county-wide; Manuel Unzueta received the George and Vivian Obern Preservation Stewardship Award for his historical murals and work to preserve public art throughout Santa Barbara; Jeff Garfinkle received the Sue Higman Volunteer of the Year Award for his extensive volunteer work in the past year at Our Communities, Our Stories, Historical Games Day, Archaeology Day, and Día de los Muertos; the UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center received the Partnership Award for their work with SBTHP's Public Engagement Department since 2019 and most recently their collaboration on a week-long teacher training: "The Making of Monuments;" and Luis Moreno was chosen as Life Honorary Member for his long work supporting SBTHP's numerous public programs.

SBTHP awarded certificates of appreciation to Simon Kerry for his work to keep Pearl Chase's legacy alive through his recent biography; Michael Montenegro for his sustained efforts to share Chicano history of Santa Barbara, celebration of public art, and his participation in SBTHP events and programs; and Chris Parker for his service to SBTHP's Property Management Committee.

## **2024 AWARDEES**

### **PAM POST & TIM HAZELTINE**

Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award

### **MANUEL UNZUETA**

George and Vivian Obern Preservation Stewardship Award

**JEFF GARFINKLE**

Sue Higman Volunteer of the Year Award

**UCSB INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMANITIES CENTER**

Partnership Award

**LUIS MORENO**

Life Honorary Member

**SIMON KERRY**

Certificate of Appreciation

**MICHAEL MONTENEGRO**

Certificate of Appreciation

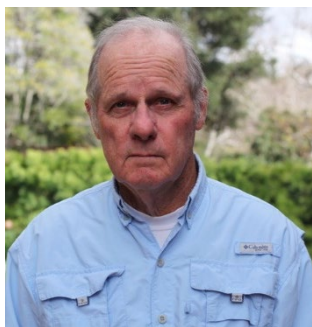
**CHRIS PARKER**

Certificate of Appreciation

For a full list of award winners, please visit [<u>sbthp.org/award-winners >>](http://sbthp.org/award-winners)

**BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED****MICHAEL DRURY**

Michael Drury was born and raised in Santa Barbara. He was educated in public schools here, worked on a ranch north of Gaviota for many years, met Ray Strong in 1970, received a B.A. in art studio from UCSB College of Creative Studies in 1983, and an MFA from UCSB in 1985. He is a co-founder of the OAK Group, an environmentally active group of landscape painters, and currently serves on the Historic Landmarks Commission.

**JEFFREY SHERWOOD**

Jeff Sherwood and his wife Jae moved to Santa Barbara over three years ago from Annapolis, Maryland to be closer to children and grandchildren. A California native, Jeff graduated from Colby College and Stanford Law School. He had a national law practice based in Washington, D.C. and received numerous honors and recognitions for his courtroom work – primarily defense of patent infringement lawsuits. He is now fully retired and enjoying life in Santa Barbara, midway between family to the north and the south. He is a regular volunteer at Lotusland, The Ensemble Theater Company and the Santa Barbara Foodbank. Jeff served three terms as the Parliamentarian for the Santa Barbara Newcomers Club. He is excited to be part of the SBTHP team. Jeff's pastimes include tennis, music, golf and painting.

## **BOARD MEMBERS RE-ELECTED TO A NEW THREE-YEAR TERM**

Cody A. Makela  
Kyle Slattery  
Andrea Steward  
Kai Tepper

## **THE BOARD ELECTED THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM**

Michael Neal Arnold, President  
Cody A. Makela, First Vice President  
Kyle Slattery, Second Vice President  
James Krautmann, Secretary  
Shelley Bookspan, Treasurer  
Anthony Grumbine, Immediate Past President

*To view the entire Board of Directors, please visit [<u>sbthp.org/staff</u>](http://sbthp.org/staff)>>*

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### **ABOUT THE PEARL CHASE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION AWARD**

Each year the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation seeks to present the Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award to a deserving community member or organization dedicated 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**

The George and Vivian Obern Preservation Stewardship Award recognizes individuals or organizations that demonstrate 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 THE SUE HIGMAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

This award is given to an individual or individuals who have made outstanding contributions of their time to SBTHP over the course of a year. Established in 2010, the award is named in honor of longtime SBTHP supporter and friend, Sue Higman.

### **ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP AWARD**

Created in 2019, this award recognizes the value of partnership as adopted by SBTHP in 2018. The Partnership Award celebrates individuals or organizations who have participated in collaborative efforts that support SBTHP's mission and made a significant impact toward that end.

### **ABOUT LIFE HONORARY MEMBERS**

Life Honorary Members are selected by the Board of Directors in honor of their distinguished service to SBTHP.

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## **ABOUT CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

Certificates of Appreciation are awarded in recognition for a variety of acts of service towards the mission of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

## **ABOUT THE SANTA BARBARA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase, the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) stewards the past and present of the Presidio Neighborhood and inspires preservation advocacy throughout the County in order to create a more vibrant community. SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park, Santa Barbara's 18th century birthplace, under an agreement with California State Parks. In addition to portions of the Spanish fort, El Presidio SHP includes the Alhecama Theatre (1925) and the campus of the Santa Barbara School of the Arts, and Jimmy's Oriental Gardens (1947) the last visible connection to Santa Barbara's Chinatown. The organization also operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820's adobe home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra, and the Santa Inés Mission Mills near Solvang, CA. SBTHP produces dozens of community and school programs throughout the year to provide access to these special historic places. SBTHP is 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; learn more at [sbthp.org](http://sbthp.org).