

2007 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards

Office of Historic Preservation
California State Parks

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Sacred Springs Restoration Project



Award given to the Gabrieleno/Tongva Springs
Foundation

- Sacred springs flows on the campus of University High School in West Los Angeles

- Gabrieleno/Tongva Springs Foundation originally formed to fight development that would have dried up the springs



- Foundation stayed together to clean up and interpret the springs
- Through the use of State funds and volunteer labor, the springs were cleaned up, interpreted and made accessible to all members of the community

Prehistoric Research and Public Interpretation at Black Creek Site



Award given to the California Department of Transportation

- Award for extraordinary efforts by Caltrans to interpret and archaeological mitigation excavation for the public
- A brochure and website were created to inform the general public about the site and the prehistoric people who created it, the Me-Wuk



- Caltrans provided ways for modern day Me-Wuks to share their perspective and culture, including on-site tours and a brochure telling their story through oral history, archaeology, and ethnography
- Caltrans staff presented the Black Creek study in public forums, lectures, workshops, school presentations, and professional meetings

Preservation and Interpretation Efforts in the Town of Trona



Award given to the Searles Valley Historical
Society

- Searles Valley Historical Society has been active since 1979
- Has preserved several buildings from the early 1900s, when Trona was a company town
- Maintains an archive and museum for this remote community of approximately 1800 residents



- With a membership of roughly 300 people, this historic society rivals similar groups in much larger communities
- As a historic preservation advocate, museum operator, archives repository, and interpretive group, the historical society is a “jack of all trades” in this community

Living History Cemetery Program



Award given to the Santa Ana Historical
Preservation Society

- Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society has for 33 years created programs celebrating Santa Ana and early Orange County history
- Living History Cemetery Tour at Fairhaven Memorial Park offers vignettes organized on a theme featuring local student actors



- Scripts are researched and written by Society members and professional script writers who donate their services
- Now in its tenth year, the cemetery tour is an annual fund raiser for the Society

Evening Strolls



Award given to the West Adams Heritage
Association

- WAHA designed a series of evening strolls to highlight the history and architectural gems of the diverse communities represented in the West Adams section of Los Angeles
- Program used a low key, no cost approach to historic preservation requiring only that community members step outside their doors



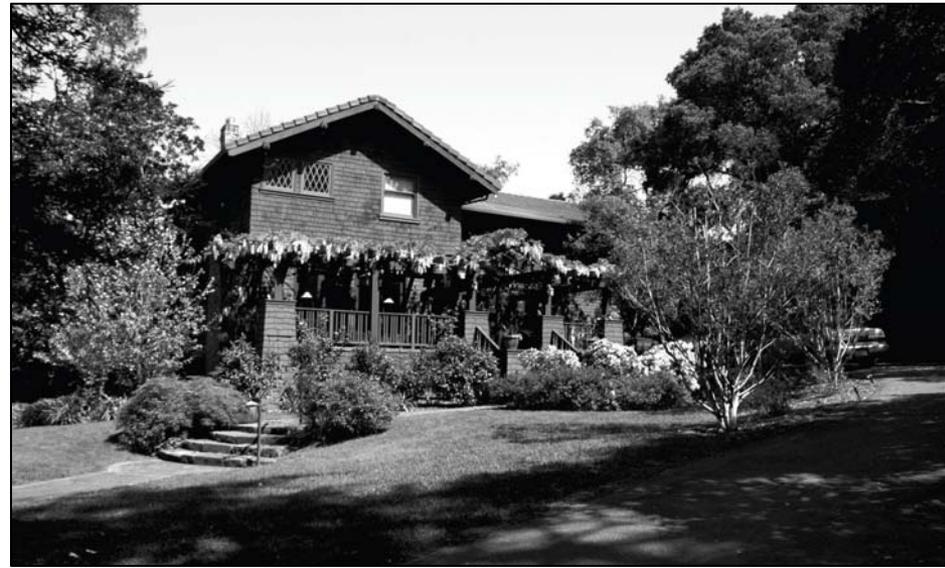
- Members lead tours or contribute historical anecdotes to strollers happy to discover their neighborhoods are safer than they thought

Historic Houses Project



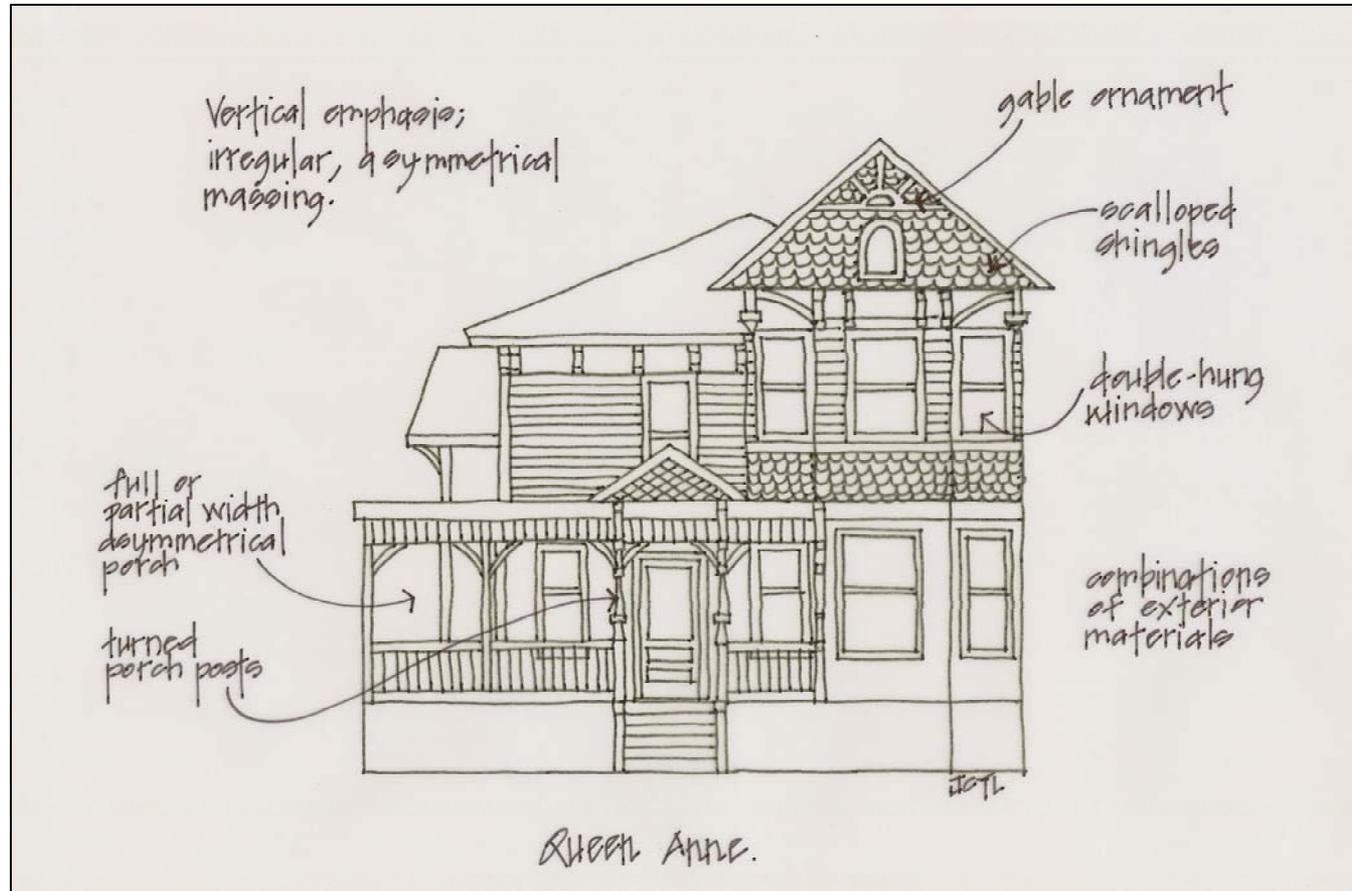
**Award given to the Historic House Committee,
Stanford Historical Society**

- This project of the Stanford Historical Society documented the historical significance of early faculty housing on the campus
- Volunteer researchers have produced four increasingly detailed volumes on early houses, including information on architects and early residents



- Annual tours of the houses have attracted 400 to 500 attendees; 2007 was the third
- Regularly maintained web site contains background data, access to three historic houses volumes, information about research and documentation

Historic Design Guidelines for Residential Buildings



Award given to the City of Campbell

- Historic Design Guidelines are to help owners of historic homes restore and preserve homes on the city's Historic Resources Inventory

- Sensitive rehabilitation approaches will ensure that Campbell's older neighborhoods maintain their distinctive character



- Adoption of the Guidelines allows the City Planning Department to collaborate with owners of historic homes before and during restoration and remodeling

Historic Preservation Ordinance



Award given to the City of Huntington Park

- In 2006, the City of Huntington Park's 100th anniversary, the City adopted a historic preservation ordinance establishing regulatory criteria for historic preservation and a Historic Preservation Commission



- The ordinance was the culmination of three years' work by City officials, staff, and consultants
- Adoption of such an ordinance is unique in being one of the first in recent years and one of the first in a predominantly Hispanic community

Rosie the Riveter, World War II Home Front National Park



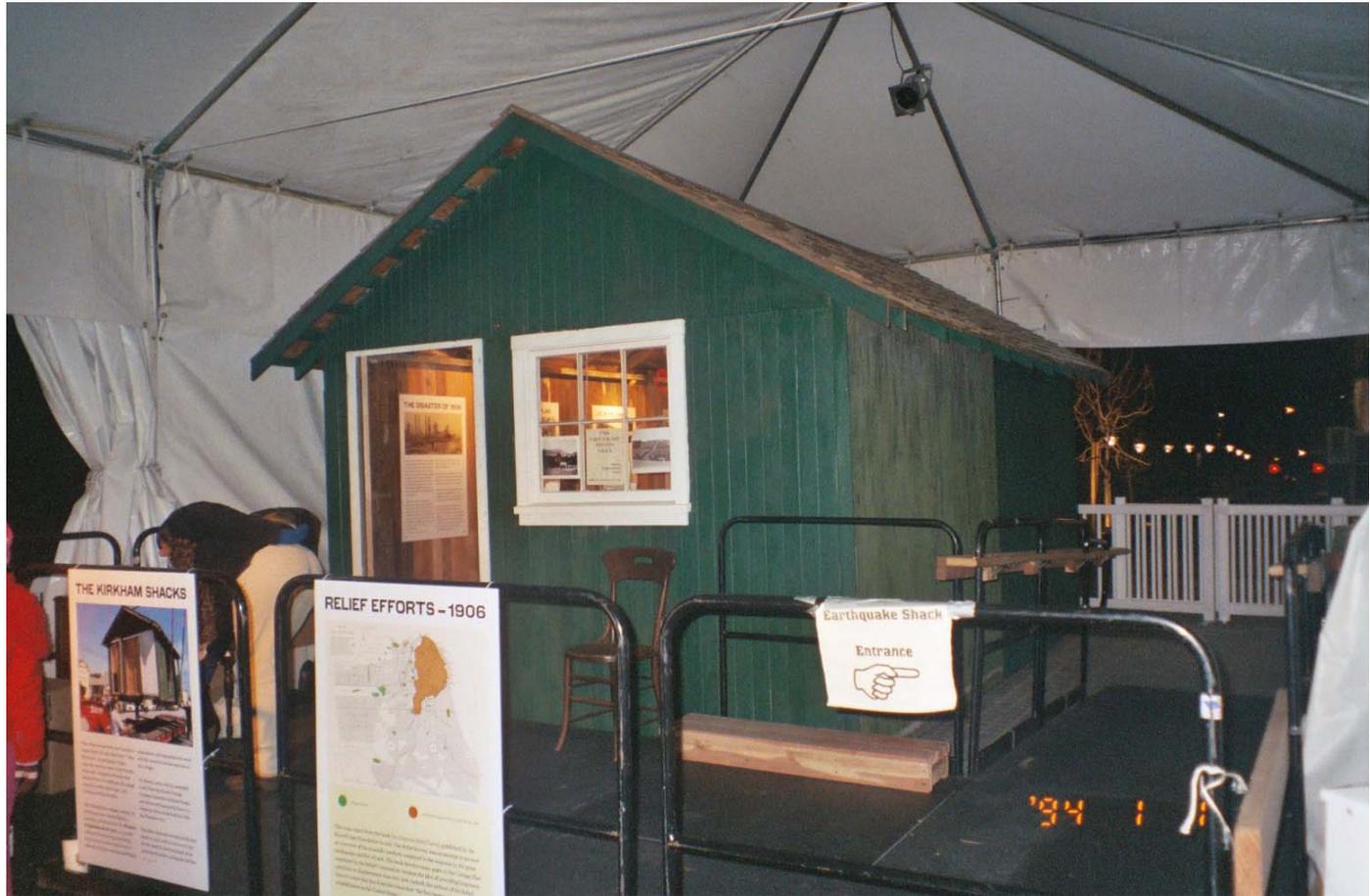
Award given to the Partners of Rosie the Riveter
National Park

- Rosie the Riveter is the official World War II homefront national park.
- National Park Service relies on partners to build and maintain the park
- The City of Richmond completed the \$40 million rehabilitation of the Ford Assembly Plant, built a memorial and four waterfront public parks



- Richmond Museum Association, \$1 million, and hundreds of volunteers are restoring the Red Oak Victory Ship
- Rosie the Riveter Trust raised millions to restore a WWII child development center

Restoration of 1906 Refugee Shacks



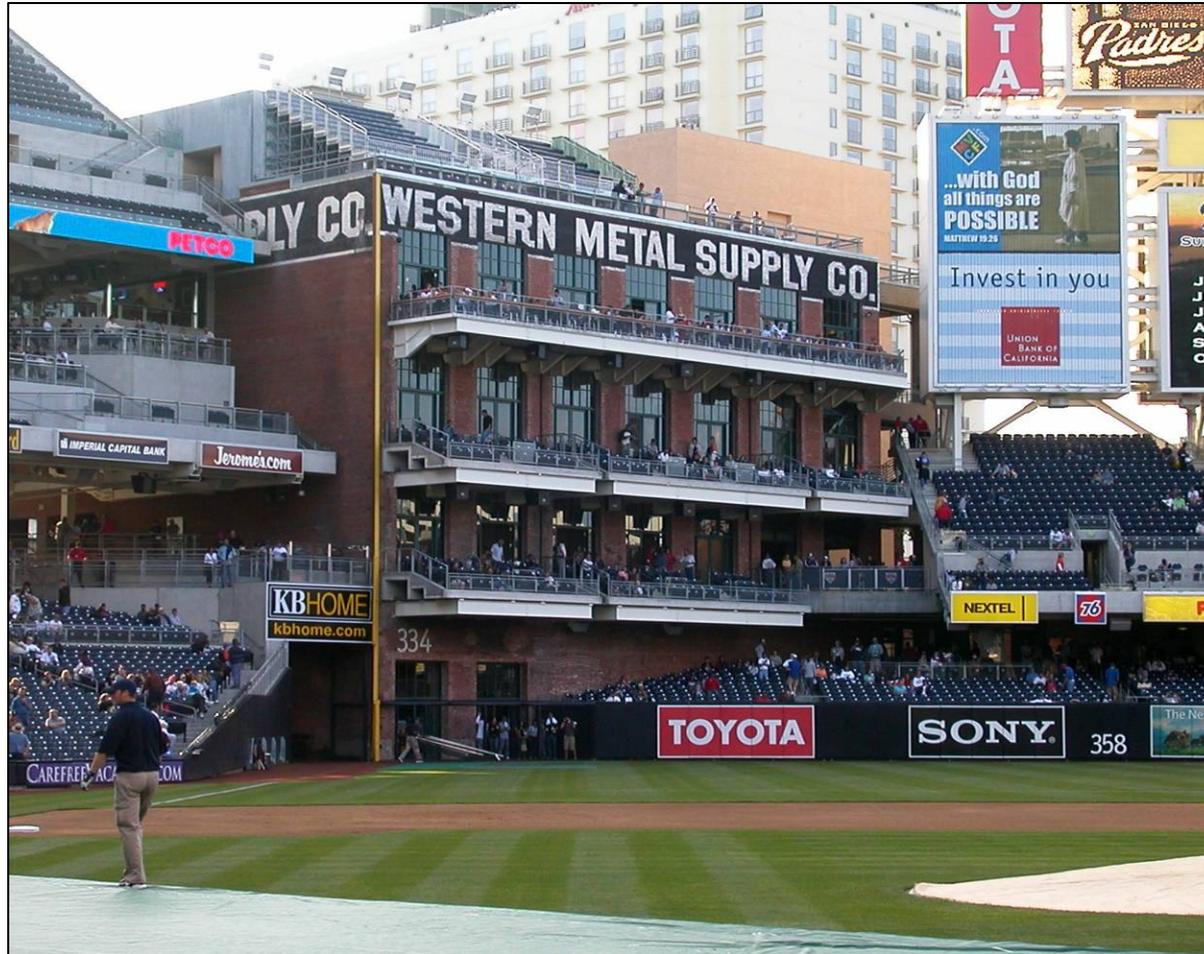
Award given to the Western Neighborhoods
Project

- Award is for the preservation of a unique California building: the 1906 refugee shack.
- Over 5000 wooden cottages were built by the City of San Francisco to house temporarily those displaced by the 1906 earthquake and fire
- As camps closed in 1907, the shacks were sold off and moved



- Western Neighborhoods Project was organized to preserve four cottages slated for demolition in the Sunset
- Cottages were rehabilitated and will likely be moved to permanent sites

Western Metal Supply Company Rehabilitation



Award given to San Diego Padres

- This is the first Governor's Award to be given to a professional athletic team
- Project involved construction of Petco Park, home to the San Diego Padres, at the site of a 1909 warehouse – the Western Metal Supply Company Building



- The historic warehouse was integrated fully into the ballpark and made part of left field seating
- The combination of historic preservation and ballpark design is unique in California and highly unusual nationally

Spreckels Organ Pavilion Lighting Restoration



Award given to San Diego Parks and Recreation

- Spreckels Organ Pavilion was a spectacular part of the original 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition
- Lighting was a key part of the original design
- By 2004, more than a quarter of the 1734 fixtures were no longer functional



- The rehabilitation by San Diego Parks and Recreation restored the glowing presence of this landmark in the park

Crystal Cove Rehabilitation



Award given to California State Parks

- Award is for rehabilitation of dozens of beach cottages at Crystal Cove State Park
- Cottages were built in the 1920s and 1930, to very temporary standards
- When State Parks decided to rehabilitate them, the cottages were in sad condition, as shown below



- The restored cottages, as shown above, retain the feel if not all of the original material of the old cottages
- Cottages are among the most popular attractions in the State Park system

Rehabilitation of Lightkeepers' Residences



Award given to the Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers
Association and California State Parks

- Award is the rehabilitation of Lightkeepers' Residence at Point Cabrillo Light Station
- Light station and buildings date to 1909
- Property is now owned by State Parks but managed by Lightkeepers' Association, a non-profit partner



- Buildings were rehabilitated in 2005 and 2006
- Principal keepers' house and associated outbuildings are now a popular bed and breakfast
- Project is an excellent illustration of public-non-profit partnership

Santa Fe Depot, San Bernardino



**Award given to the San Bernardino Associated
Governments and City of San Bernardino**

- Award is for historic preservation and community revitalization
- Built in 1918, this 65,000 square-foot Mission Revival depot was one of the largest in the Western United States
- Two-year, \$8 million project was funded chiefly through federal grants and local match



- The restoration was undertaken by the San Bernardino Associated Governments, the owner and principal tenant of the restored building
- Project was successful on many fronts: as a historic rehabilitation, as a transit project, and for helping to revitalize a distressed part of town

Leland Stanford Mansion Restoration



Award given to California State Parks and Leland
Stanford Mansion Foundation

- Leland Stanford Mansion is a National Historic Landmark and one of the most important historic properties in California
- It is significant as the home of Governor Leland Stanford and as an official governor's mansion
- It is also an excellent example of Second Empire architecture



- The \$22 million rehabilitation was one of the most extensive and expensive preservation projects in California
- The work was funded through major private fundraising as well as substantial public funding
- Building is now the official protocol center for the State of California