

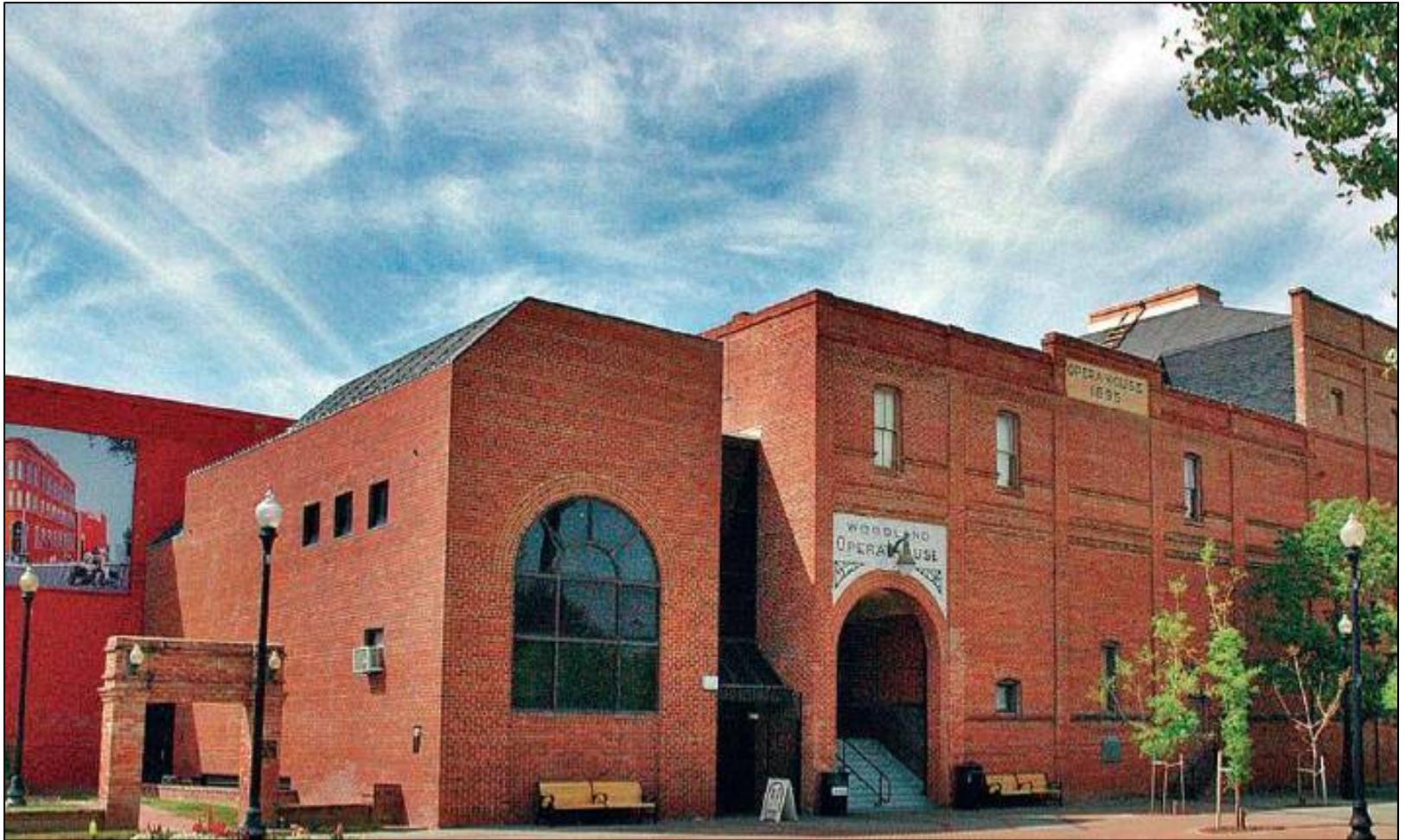
2008 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards

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Explore Historic Woodland Guidebook



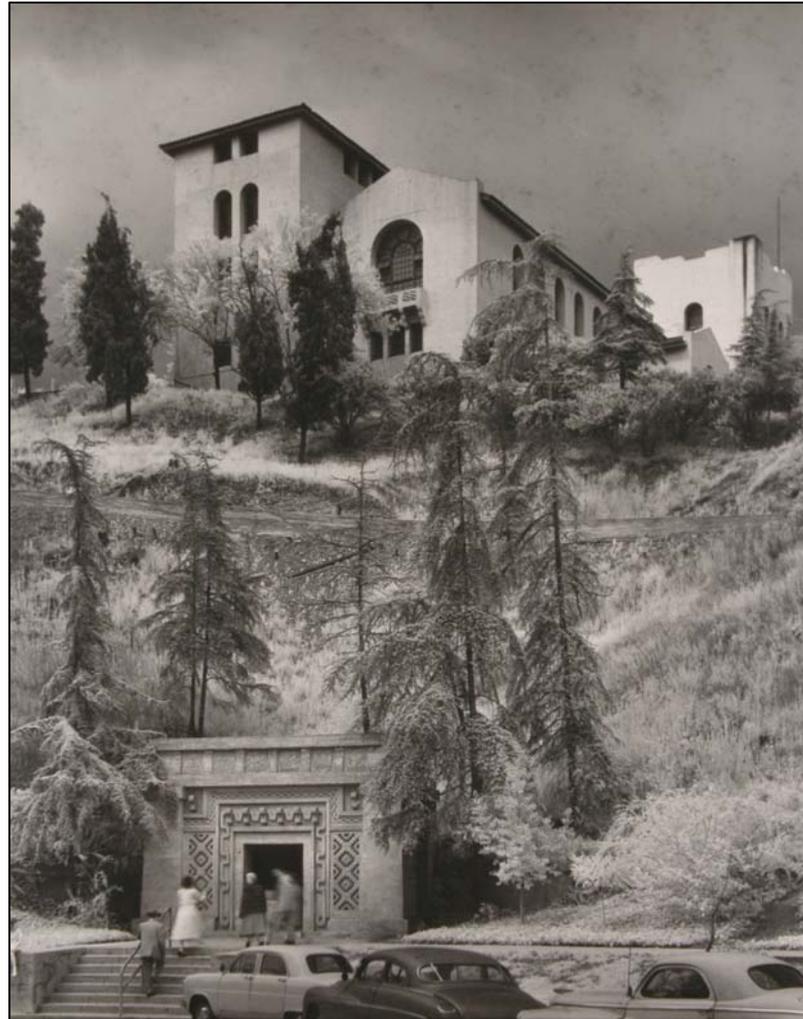
Award given to the City of Woodland

- For 20 years, Woodland has sponsored a “Stroll Through History.”
- Each year a different neighborhood is featured.
- After 20 years, nearly every part of town has been visited.
- This award is for a book, “Explore Historic Woodland,” which compiles all of these tours.



- More than 400 buildings are highlighted, with detailed historical and architectural information about each.
- Excellent example of how public awareness campaigns can promote historic preservation.

Mt. Washington Voices Project

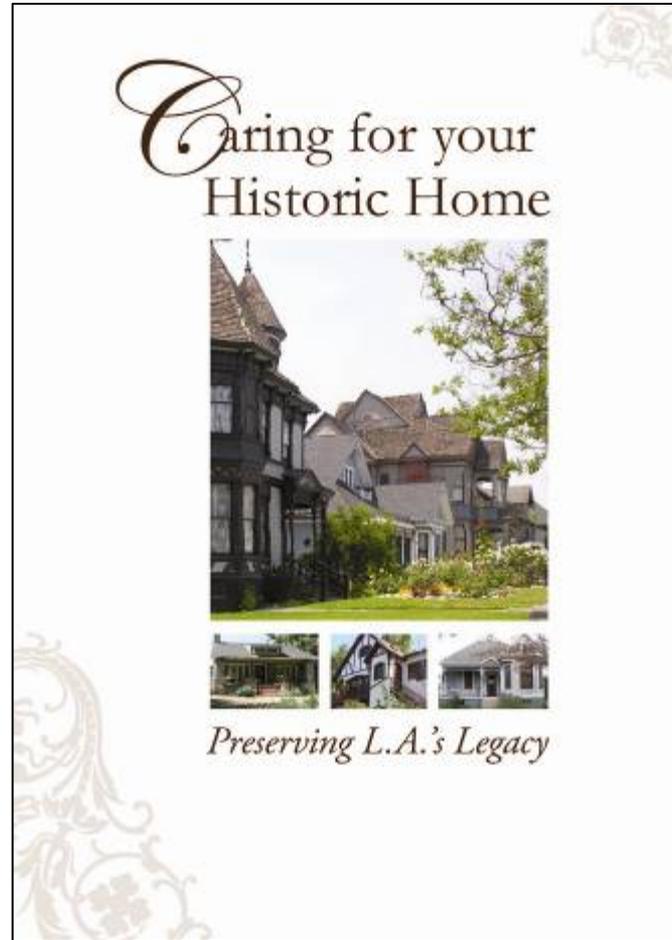


Award given to the Mt. Washington
Homeowners' Association



- Funded by California Council for the Humanities, “Stories” program.
- Mount Washington is a hillside community of Los Angeles.
- Although close to downtown, area largely uninhabited until the early 20th century.
- Stories focus on: Mt. Washington Hotel, later the Self-Realization Fellowship; the Southwest Museum of Charles Lummis; the extension of the “Arroyo Culture.”
- An excellent example of how capturing stories captures a sense of place, a prelude to effective historic preservation.

Los Angeles Historic Homeowner Education Program



**Award given to the Los Angeles Department of
City Planning**

The Front Door is one of a building's most important architectural features, typically highlighted by its central location and decorative surrounds, sidelights, or fanlights. Because it is difficult to find "off the shelf" doors that match historic doors, replacements must often be custom built. Maintaining historic doors makes good economic sense. Most problems, like draftiness and sticking, are easy to repair by applying weather stripping or sanding down the bottom of a door.

Do



This wide door with square panes of glass & sidelights is typical of Craftsman architecture.



The narrow door with a transom window above is common in Victorian architecture.

- Preserve your existing historic door opening and original door.
- Match the new door to the original door and the style of your building.
- Keep the original hardware, including hinges, doorknockers, latches and locks.
- Match the new hardware to the original if you have to replace them.

Don't



This door opening has been altered to install double doors.



The central door opening has been filled-in & a new door has been placed off-center.

- Don't fill in or alter the size of a historic door opening.
- Don't replace a historic door with an "off the shelf" door, especially in a different style.
- Don't install a metal security door that blocks your door from view.

- City of Los Angeles has created 22 historic districts through its Historic Preservation Overlay Zone program.
- Districts include more than 1400 buildings, most of them residential.
- To educate homeowners and neighborhood councils, the City produced guidelines for common problems: paint methods and colors; window replacement; repair of wooden siding.
- Four-page pamphlets show common "do's" and "don'ts."
- City recently published all booklets as a large booklet, "Caring for Your Historic Home."
- Excellent example of empowering local groups through solid preservation guidance.

Hotel Fresno Rehabilitation Feasibility Study



Award given to the City of Fresno

- Award is for efforts by the City of Fresno to save a key downtown landmark.
- Hotel Fresno was the grandest building in town as recently as 1962.
- In recent years, fell on very hard times.
- City of Fresno commissioned a study of rehabilitation options for this privately-owned building.



- Options include reuse as a hotel or for low-income housing.
- Program exemplifies forward thinking on the part of the City of Fresno, paving the way for private-sector rehabilitation work in the future.

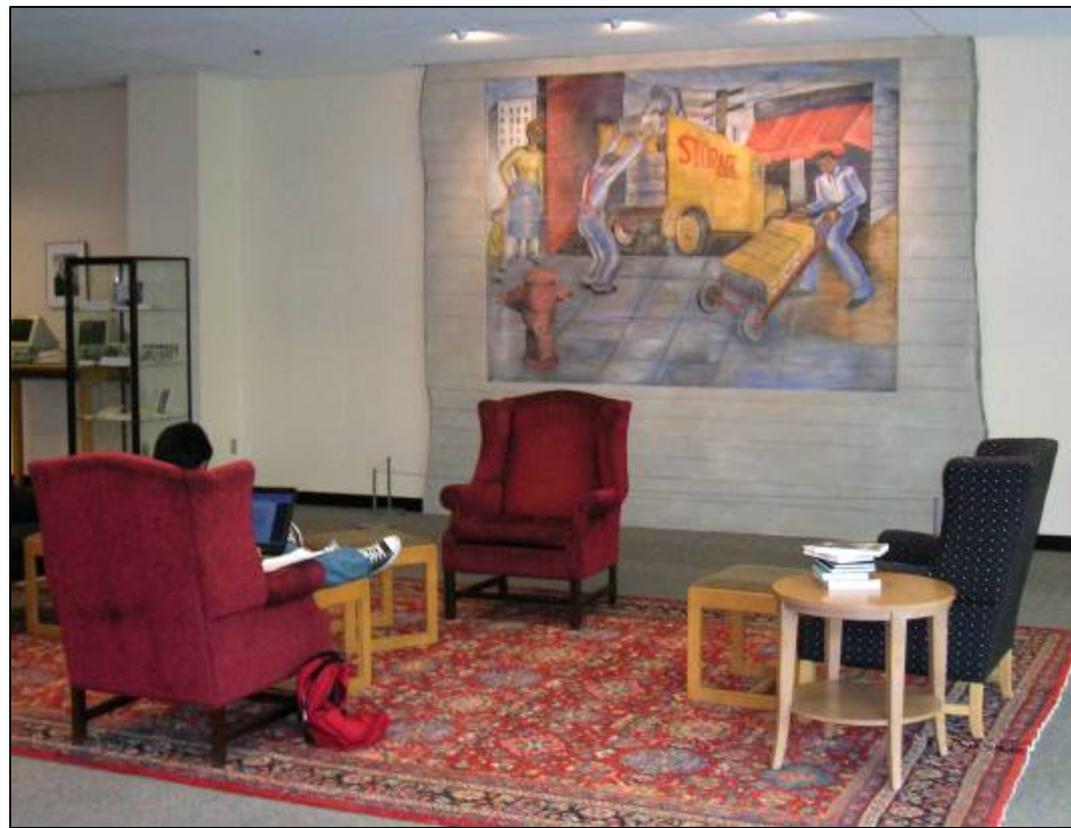


WPA-Era Mural Restoration & Relocation



Award given to San Diego State University

- Award for the efforts of San Diego State to preserve a piece of campus history thought to be lost.
- Resource was a WPA mural from the 1930s, hidden behind a drop ceiling. Discovered accidentally by maintenance staff.



- Mural depicts delivery of NRA Relief packages to starving families.
- Mural was peeled off its original surface, using the “stappo” system.
- The mural was conserved and missing pieces were recreated from historic photographs.
- The restored mural was re-installed in the lobby of the modern campus library.

Historic Wall Treatment & Interpretation at the de la Osa Adobe

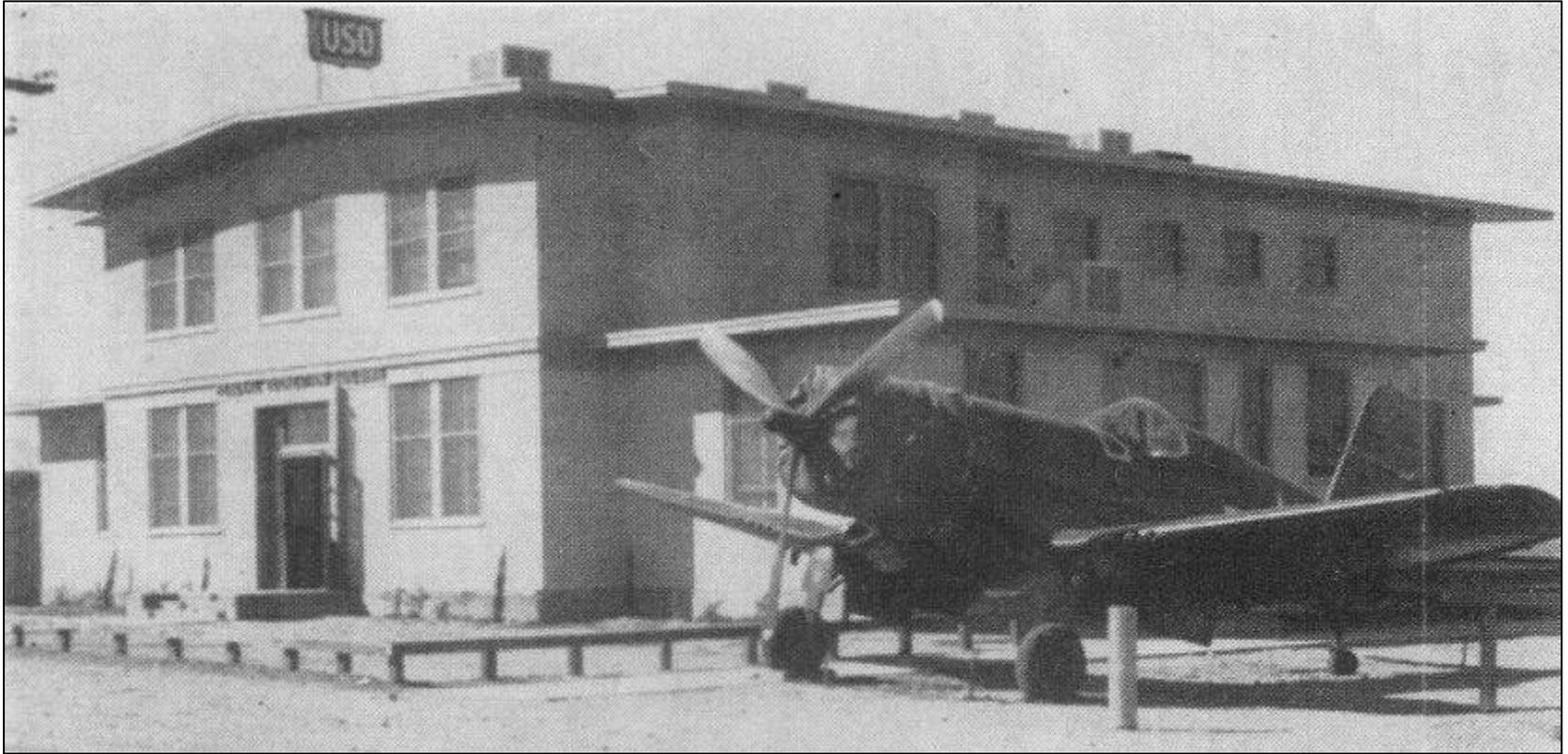


Award given to Los Encinos State Historic Park



- Award given to staff of Los Encinos State Park for restoring and interpreting the interior walls of de la Oso Adobe.
- Adobe was damaged in Northridge earthquake, cracking plaster in *sala* (living room).
- Cracked plaster revealed elegant *faux* marble, painted during late 19th century, when adobe was owned by French-born Garnier family.
- Portions of painted marble were exposed for interpretive purposes.
- Other interpretive panels indicate how the elegant *salon* would have appeared in historic times.
- Project illustrates how to make the best of a natural calamity.

Restoration of Historic World War II USO Building



Award given to the Historical Society of the
Upper Mojave Desert



- After the war, building transferred to local government, then abandoned.
- Historical Society offered to repair the building in return for ownership.
- Using fundraisers and volunteer labor, building restored and transferred to Historical Society in 2007.

- Award for grassroots effort to save an abandoned World War II USO building.
- In 1943, Navy moved test station to Ridgecrest, population 100.
- Thousands of uniformed and civilian personnel flooded to the area, overwhelming the services of this little town.
- For recreation, Navy built a large USO building.
- May be the only extant, unmodified USO building in California.



Riverview Union High School Building



Award given to the Antioch Historical
Society & Museum

- Award for preserving historic Riverview Union High School Building as a historical museum.
- High school built in 1908 to serve both Antioch and Pittsburg.
- By the 1920s, both towns had their own schools.



- Riverview used by various businesses and agencies before it was abandoned in 1994 and transferred to Historical Society in 1999.
- Using fundraisers and volunteer labor, Society restored the building and installed historical exhibits.
- One floor devoted to general local history.
- Another floor devoted to a local Sports Hall of Fame.
- Illustrates how building uses can evolve in the interest of historic preservation.

Rehabilitation of Noe Valley Library



Award given to Carey & Co., the Friends of Noe Valley Library, the Friends of San Francisco Public Library, the San Francisco Department of Public Works & the San Francisco Public Library



- Rehabilitation included seismic, accessibility, mechanical, and masonry cleaning.
- Excellent example of rehabilitation of small neighborhood landmark.

- Award for sensitive rehabilitation of neighborhood library.
- Building designed in 1916 by John Reid, Jr.



Rehabilitation of Schooner C.A. Thayer



Award given to National Park Service, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

- Award to National Park Service for restoring the National Historic Landmark schooner *C.A. Thayer*.
- Used to haul lumber from Humboldt County to San Francisco.
- By the 1930s, used in a fishing fleet in Alaska, then as a barge during World War II.



- Purchased by State Parks in 1957 and put on display at Hyde Street Pier.
- Transferred to NPS in the 1970s.
- By 2004, fundamental rehabilitation was needed.
- Work proceeded for three years and tens of millions of dollars.
- The *Thayer* has returned to the Hyde Street Pier.

