

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION 2014 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Governor's Historic Preservation Awards are presented annually, under the sponsorship of the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), to individuals, organizations, companies, and public agencies whose contributions demonstrate significant achievements in preserving the heritage of California. The purpose of the awards is to recognize meaningful achievements in historic preservation through increased public awareness, appreciation, and support for historic preservation throughout the state.

We invite you to participate in celebrating the preservation of California's heritage by nominating individuals, organizations, firms, or agencies you believe are deserving of the Governor's Historic Preservation Award.

Award recipients will be selected by a jury of distinguished professionals representing a cross-section of disciplines in the field of historic preservation. Presentation of the awards will take place in Sacramento in November.

ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

1. Projects

- A. Restoration, rehabilitation or adaptive use of historic buildings, structures, sites, or cultural landscapes. Projects shall have been completed (or, for large-scale, phased projects, had a substantial portion completed) within the last three years and not later than January 31, 2014.
- B. Activities related to the identification, protection, and interpretation of historic and prehistoric resources.
 - Innovative efforts in historic preservation education or interpretive programs.
 - Exemplary historic preservation planning documents, including design guidelines, general plan elements, and local ordinances.
 - Surveys or National Register nominations that significantly contribute to statewide knowledge of historic resources and/or contexts.
 - Projects that demonstrate new or novel approaches to the protection of historic and/or prehistoric archaeological sites.
 - Exemplary historical research projects, including oral histories.

2. Individuals, Organizations, and Agencies

Any individual, organization, company, or local, state or federal agency involved in historic preservation is eligible to be nominated. Eligible nominees will have made significant contributions over time to the advancement of historic preservation and/or the preservation of historical resources in California. Nominations of those individuals and groups working at a grassroots level are especially encouraged. *Individuals may not self-nominate.*

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Nominations should demonstrate creative solutions to the preservation and/or interpretation of California historic and/or prehistoric resources.

Nominations of public agencies shall clearly demonstrate how the reason(s) for nomination is distinguished from those projects or activities that would normally fall within the agency's mandate to execute.

Nominations of firms or companies shall clearly demonstrate involvement beyond contractual scope.

For projects that were completed in compliance with local, state, or federal law, consideration will only be given to those that exceed the legal requirements, include meaningful public participation, and demonstrate creative solutions to compliance requirements.

Nominations must demonstrate that the project or activity conforms to applicable professional standards, such as the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation, or other standards for archaeology, interpretation, oral history, and other types of projects or activities.

Awards for the drafting of legislation, be it local, county, or statewide, will be presented to the elected official who carried it, along with those responsible for researching and drafting the legislation.

Special consideration will be given to historic preservation projects/activities that:

- Demonstrate successful public-private partnerships;
- Promote sustainability and "green" design while preserving the historic fabric of a resource;
- Broaden the ethnic and cultural diversity of historic preservation activities; or,
- Have not been recognized previously by other organizations or awards programs.

Nominee must not be involved in any preservation-related violations, lawsuits, or complaints. Compliance checking will be conducted to ensure all awards are appropriate.

Note: The Office of Historic Preservation, in consultation with the awards jury panel, reserves the right to present each award to any or all of the organizations, agencies, companies, and/or individuals responsible.

NOMINATION CHECKLIST

All materials must be received or postmarked by the submission due date and materials other than photographs may be submitted as hard copy or on a disc (photographs must be on a disc). A complete nomination packet must include:

- A completed Nomination Form
- A **Summary Statement** (150 words maximum) giving a brief verbal snapshot of the nomination
- A **Narrative Statement** (2,000 words maximum) that discusses:
 - For **Projects**:
 - The history and significance of the historical resources involved in the project;
 - The community's involvement in the project;
 - The project's impact on or benefit to the community;
 - The specific set(s) of treatment standards used for the project and how they were met;
 - The conditions and challenges posed by the project;
 - The funding involved in the project and its sources;
 - The project team and each individual or organization's contributions to the project.
 - For **Individuals/Organizations/Agencies**:
 - The reasons for nomination, showing the significance of the individual's or organization's contributions over time to the preservation of historical resources;
 - The nominee's impact on or benefit to the community and historic preservation;
 - The nominee's mission statement (for organizations and agencies);
 - For public agencies, an explanation of how the agency clearly went above and beyond its mandated responsibilities.
- Photographs** - Include six or more high quality photographs with descriptive information in a separate document. Photos must be in TIFF or JPEG format and must be at least 1,500 pixels on their longest edge (3" x 5" at 300 dpi/ppi). Prints of images are **not** acceptable, nor are photographs inserted or embedded in other file formats such as Word documents, PDFs, and PowerPoint presentations. Photograph files must be submitted on disc.

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- ❑ A letter certifying that the nominee or nominated project is not involved in any preservation-related violations, lawsuits or complaints.
- ❑ **Supporting Documentation** may be of any length and may include:
 - For building projects: Photographs, plans, and other documentation sufficient to illustrate the property before and after the nominated activity.
 - Letters of support, which are especially encouraged for nominations of individuals, organizations, or agencies.
 - Video footage documenting an event or activity or highlighting features of a building rehabilitation or reuse, research project, or interpretation of a building, artifact, or historic or prehistoric archaeological resource are also encouraged.
 - For interpretive/educational projects: A copy of the material, such as a book, brochure, DVD/CD, website links, or photographs of exhibits or activities.
 - Copies of other materials, such as news clippings or other commendations that support the case for noteworthiness of the project or activity.

Nomination packets, including photographs, will become the property of OHP. Submission of photographs entitles OHP to copy, reproduce, use, and publish the photographs in promoting the awards program, or historic preservation in general.

Submit nomination by mail, or hand-deliver, to:

California Office of Historic Preservation
Attention: Governor's Awards Program
1725 23rd Street, Suite 100
Sacramento CA 95816-7100

Nominations must be postmarked (or hand-delivered) on or before May 12, 2014. Fax or email submissions will not be accepted. OHP reserves the right to limit the number of awards.

Questions concerning the awards program may be directed to Diane Barclay, Outreach and Communications Coordinator, at (916) 445-7026 or Diane.Barclay@parks.ca.gov.