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Historic Preservation Achievements

STATE PARKS ANNOUNCES 2002 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS

SACRAMENTO – Recipients of this year's Governor's Historic Preservation Awards were announced today by the Office of Historic Preservation of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The awards are presented annually under the sponsorship of the Office of Historic Preservation to organizations and groups, and federal, state and local agencies whose contributions demonstrate outstanding commitment to excellence in historic preservation. The awards are presented in a ceremony in the governor's office at the Capitol.

Recipients of the awards for this year include:

* **Fine Art/Drafting Department, Colfax High School:** For 21 years, the students of the Fine Art/Drafting Department of Colfax High School have done the sorting, drawing, and publishing for a calendar which is sold throughout the foothills.

* **California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program:** The CASSP is one of the few historic preservation programs that reach out to all public land users. So far it has enrolled over 140 people throughout the state to actively serve as site stewards to monitor the condition of archaeological and historic resources.

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* **City of Clayton:** In 1994, the Clayton Heritage Preservation Task Force recommended that the city restore the 135-year-old Endeavor Hall. The building served as a community meeting place for most of Clayton's history. The work was started in 1998 and completed in February 2001.

* **City of Riverside Planning Department:** The City has developed a Microsoft Access Historic Resources Inventory Database which is unique in its ability to capture, store, and search various types of data to provide a complete information history on an historic resource.

* **City of Santa Cruz, Swenson/Ow Del Mar Joint Venture, Lerner and Associates Architects and The Nickelodeon Theaters, Inc.:** The City Redevelopment Agency purchased the blighted facility in June 2001. A partnership of two local investors along with the Redevelopment Agency facilitated the remodel, renovation, and lease of the historic Del Mar Theater.

* **Danville Town Council and Heritage Resource Commission:** The Council and Commission have greatly strengthened the Town of Danville's commitment to the preservation of the town's historic character and small-town charm by creating and adopting a set of user-friendly Design Guidelines for Historic Resources. These guidelines will assist property and business owners to adaptively use their historic resources in an economically viable manner while retaining their historic integrity.

* **Highland Park Heritage Trust:** The Trust developed a new educational approach – create an educational video series encompassing various historic preservation topics for the local community.

* **Presidio Trust and Golden Gate National Park Association:** The Garbology 101 Archaeology Education Program is a partnership educational program between the Trust and the GGNPA, with assistance from the National Park Service. Crissy Field has a long and interesting history as a garbage dump – from Ohlone-era shell mound to rubble from the 1906 earthquake to military landfill. This program is geared to grade-levels two through five.

* **Questers De Anza Chapter #827:** Members of the Santa Cruz Missionary Baptist Church requested assistance from the local Questers chapter. The local Questers obtained matching funds from

the State Questers and hired a contractor to replace the south wall, duplicating original materials. Exterior painting necessitated more funds, making the Questers' total contribution \$11,000.

* **Rancho Santa Fe Gold Club:** The book "70 Years at Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club" chronicles the club's contribution to preserving the history of historic Rancho Santa Fe.

* **Temple of Kwan Tai Trustees:** The Taoist Temple of Kwan Tai, built in 1854, is one of the last intact Chinese Joss Houses on the Pacific North Coast. The same local Hee family had owned the Temple for four generations until 1991 when it became a non-profit entity. The Temple was in precarious condition due to its age, wind, and rain damage. After years of fundraising by the Trustees, the rehabilitation is complete. The Temple's trustees intend the Temple to teach the history of the Chinese contributions to the region and to their lives in Mendocino.

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