



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** February 12, 2013

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Planning Division, Community Development Department

**SUBJECT:** 2013 Architectural Board Of Review And Historic Landmarks Commission Design Awards

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council join the Architectural Board of Review and the Historic Landmarks Commission in presenting the 2013 Design Awards.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Since 1986, the City's Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) and the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) have jointly selected buildings, landscape features, and people to receive design awards. The award winners are selected by reviewing remodel projects and new buildings constructed throughout the City to determine projects or individuals that deserve recognition. One of the awards, The Saint Barbara Award, is bestowed upon a member of the local community who has demonstrated a strong commitment to enhance and preserve the appearance of the City. It has been several years since these awards were last handed out. The last group of award recipients was honored by Council in 2007. The objectives of the award program are:

- Public awareness of the rich architectural heritage of Santa Barbara;
- Public awareness of the valuable contributions made by the ABR and the HLC in preserving that heritage as reflected in renovation and new construction;
- Recognition of community members that contribute to preserve Santa Barbara; and
- Recognition of architects and designers for excellence in their professions.

Three categories of awards have been established, and may be presented to recipients who have been nominated by a joint subcommittee of ABR and HLC members. The categories are:

1. The Saint Barbara Award for outstanding service to enhance and preserve the built environment of Santa Barbara;
2. The George Washington Smith Award for exemplary design in architecture; and
3. The Lockwood de Forest Award for exemplary design in landscape architecture and non-habitable structures.

Award recipients, including owners of the buildings to be recognized, have been invited to attend the Council presentation (See Attachment 1). The design awards are clay Saltillo tile plaques that have bronze inlay and are enhanced with handcrafted calligraphy lettering by local artist, Leslee Sipress (See Attachment 2).

Santa Barbara has a long tradition of ensuring high quality design while also preserving its architectural heritage. In addition, the City's beauty is significantly enhanced when generous landscaping is provided as a key component of a project's design. The design awards program an important way for the community to honor those who make extra effort to carry forward that tradition. The Architectural Board of Review and the Historic Landmarks Commission request that Council join in the presentation of the 2013 awards.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Photo of Tile Plaque Award
2. List 2013 Award Recipients

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office



**2013 JOINT ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW AND  
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION AWARDS**

**Saint Barbara Award**- individual who has given outstanding service to enhance and preserve built environment

Kellam De Forest - civic activist, historic preservation advocate

**George Washington Smith Award**- exemplary design in architecture

2100 Laguna St- Residential Addition/ Mark Shields- Completed 2009

**Lockwood de Forrest Award**- exemplary design in landscape architecture and non-habitable structures

Historical Society Museum -136 E. De La Guerra St.- Completed 2009  
Martha Degasis/ Arcadia Studio

The awards ceremony will include a brief presentation of each award including photographs of the building and landscape improvements

The Awards Committee consisted of HLC members Don Sharpe, Louise Boucher and ABR members Stephanie Poole, Kirk Gradin. Assistance from Bill Mahan.