2015 Mayoral Historic Preservation Awards

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2015 Historic Preservation Awards



- Mayor's Historic
 Preservation Awards
 Initiated in 2005
- Awards honor individuals and community groups who have demonstrated excellence in the restoration of a historic building, leadership in preservation planning, cultural heritage or neighborhood revitalization-
- 12 separate awards this year; 4 associated with Fresno's Armenian heritage.



Outstanding Rehabilitation of a Residential Property

- Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency for the Armenian Town Project, M and Santa Clara Streets (D3)
- Marlene Murphey, Executive Director-
- Michele Randel, Architect-
- Davis-Moreno Construction Inc. (contractors).









Outstanding Rehabilitation of a Non-Residential Building

- Scott Oliver, for Sham's Rio Grande Service Station, 205 Fulton Street, in Armenian Town (HP#246) (D3)-
- The 1938 Streamline Moderne style building was gutted by fire twice!
- Purchased by property owner across the street and faithfully restored.







Sustainability Award

- City of Fresno Airports (D4), Kevin Meikle and staff-
- Deconstruction of the Hammer Field Barracks in 2014-
- Donation of original windows for an exhibit at the Veteran's Memorial Museum and to Habitat for Humanity-
- Other materials also recycled.





Public Art in Historic Properties

- Fresno Housing Authority and Kiel Schmidt (Pop Up Design and Development) for the Public Art Project at the Droge Building Site (HP#274), 802 Van Ness Avenue (D3)-
- Three panels commissioned and installed which interpreted the history of the site.



Preservation Business Award

- RPM Planing Mill, Inc. 1927
 E. Tyler (D7) Mike Bushell and staff-
- Milling of wood sash windows, doors, siding as needed for historic/older properties since 1948-
- Meux Home, Kearney Mansion, Little Church Oakhurst etc.
- Particularly proud of their reclamation of sinker wood from Shaver Lake Mill pond.







Community Awards

- The Mayor's Historic Preservation Awards also honor individuals and groups for their contributions to history, architectural research and community service.
- Five awards this year.



Mike Harris



-SOLDIER CROSS-



- Mike Harris is the volunteer Deputy Director of the Veteran's Memorial Museum (D3)
- In addition to his dedication to preserving and telling the stories of our local servicemen and women he is a steward of the Veteran's Memorial Building (National Register/HP#052).

Larry Cusick, Ph.D. (D1)

- Historic Preservation is not just about tangible objects, but also about the preservation of our community's cultural heritage-
- Dr. Cusick is a traditional musician who has fostered appreciation for American and Irish music through bi-weekly music sessions and other activities over the past 10 years-





John and Barbara Chookasian Traditional Cultural Artists (D2)



- For the preservation of Armenian music and culture-
- Through presentations over the past 35 years with the Chookasian Armenian Concert Ensemble at schools, colleges and churches-
- Performed in Armenia and the Kennedy Performing Arts Center.



Allan Yeghia Jendian (D2)

- Ordained Deacon of the Armenian Church and active participant in local cultural affairs since 1962-
- Honored today for his volunteer service documenting the history of the local Armenian community though publications, oral histories and walking tours.





Huntington Boulevard Homeowners D5









Horizon Award (D3)

- The Horizon award is given to an individual or group who has made significant contributions to Fresno's history and heritage over the last few years-
- This year's winner, John Rupe-
- Model maker extraordinaire; historic research on Fresno's 19th century buildings led to discovery of The Expositor Building, Fresno's first newspaper.





The Russell and Pat Fey Memorial Preservationist of the Year Award

Scott Vincent, Architect (D2)







Russell and Pat Fey Award

- Award named for Russ and Pat Fey (now both deceased) long time advocates of Fresno's history and architecture-
- **Scott Vincent**, this year's winner, has over thirty years of experience as an architect in designing commercial and multi-family housing-
- And as an architect and volunteer on local preservation projects including past Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.



Scott Vincent

- Local preservation work includes restoration of the Helm Home, the Chandler Airport terminal, the Thomas Home, The Basque Hotel, Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Pacific Southwest Building-
- Generous in providing consultations on numerous projects-
- Expert on the California Historical Building Code.





Scott Vincent: Preservationist of the Year



